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Dear Mr. Marshall:

We are Bear Valley Water District ratepayers. We have followed with concern the regulatory process concerning the water treatment system in our town. We are committed environmentalists, but strongly believe that imposing the huge cost of a tertiary treatment system would be wasteful beyond common sense, and would not serve any rational environmental objective. Bear Valley is a small, remote wilderness village with a population that rarely exceeds a few hundred people except during ski holidays when a few thousand are in town. It is our understanding that there has been no discharge in over ten years, and that only extraordinary and rare events have ever caused a discharge. To impose multi-million dollar costs on a handful of local ratepayers under these circumstances is not justified by even the most aggressive environmental protection policies.

We therefore strongly support the NPDES permit draft requiring secondary treatment. We therefore hope that you will support secondary treatment as the basis for issuing the current NPDES permit.

Thank you for your consideration and service.

Sincerely,

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