

To: Otter Rock Water District Board of Directors
From: Jerry Davis, Otter Rock Resident, 6750 Ellie Ave.
Subject: Issues: 1) A Water Superintendent; 2) Recent Decision to Refund Residents Who Were Charged Water Rates For Renting Additional Dwelling Units; 3) Engineering Consultant
Date: January 24, 2021

Issue #1: It seems to me, and others who I have talked with in the Community, it is very important to have a Water Superintendent who provides professional expertise to the Water Board and the Community, rather than the Water Board providing expertise to a part-time individual. While I know everyone on the Board means well, the Water Board should be focused on Policy rather than operations. It is especially critical now when we are dealing with serious Chloroform and E Coli issues.

Issue #2: I am enclosing a check from myself for \$60.00 for the Board to return to the General Fund. For the Record, I support the concept that water consumption be the measure for charging our residents/water users, when meters are fully installed. I do not support the decision to pay back all residents who were charged extra for water because they rented an additional dwelling unit – over a period of time that records could be found. This decision should have been referred to an attorney for advice.

Issue #3: I support the Water Board to work with Civil West Engineering to the extent possible. When I recently queried my Engineering colleagues that worked with me at Benton County, they all gave Civil West very high marks.

Please share my comments at a future Water Board Meeting or Work Session so they can be entered into the public records of the meeting.



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