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TO: San Juan Water District Board
Re: Division Based Election System
Date: August 3, 2020

Please respond to the following:

What are ramifications to Granite Bay, the Retail Service Area, of not having a separate water board to represent it when the other districts have their own water boards and would also have a representative on the San Juan Water Board?

What are potential consequences to Granite Bay of this change in the makeup of the San Juan Water Board?

Who will represent Granite Bay since the SJW Board represents the RSA now?

Who will be responsible for drawing up a district for Granite Bay since the current SJW Board represents Granite Bay as the RSA?

Please explain in more detail why this is being done during a national pandemic and on a very short time line.

The San Juan Water Board members are currently elected at large and the Wholesale Water Districts have every opportunity to elect members of their choice to the Board. Why is this considered unfair representation?

Will Granite Bay residents be fairly represented under this structure with only one representative on the Board when the Wholesale Service Areas have separate local boards to serve their residents and will also have a representative on the SJWD Board?

Could Granite Bay have more than one representative on the Board to make representation more equal?

Will new board be as protective of the historic water rights and have interests of Granite Bay equal to those of other districts?

The adopted GB Community Plan protects low density, animal keeping, and hobby farms and projects buildout for the area to be around 26,000. Plan assumptions project the Plan area will continue to grow at a low to moderate rate with a strong demand for single-family housing because of the attractive rural character of the area.

How will the Community Plan of GB be protected without equal representation under this new system?

Forming a water district for the GB area would take more time than available under this time line.

Because of Covid-19 virus, the well- attended monthly GB MAC meetings have not been held since March and that is the local entity where something of this importance would have been presented to the community for discussion and input. As a result, GB residents have little knowledge of this major change to the make-up of the SJWD.

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