

July 15th, 2014

State of California

Department of Fish and Wildlife

ATTN: Fish and Game Commission

Dear Commissioners,

As we struggle through this water drought there is an opportunity to do some house cleaning that falls under the category of common sense.

There are two obvious water sources that most rural dwellers utilize, a well or a natural spring. As a regulatory agency that is dependent on water resources, it would seem logical to discern who utilizes a well and who is affecting the riparian habitats through their use of a natural spring. My suggestion is to validate these uses by requiring property owners provide a copy of their state required Well Completion Report or a physical inspection the natural spring water source.

These verified disclosures will result in rectifying two issues: a noncompliant well or a spring feed storage tank system that does not return the overflow to the natural down stream flow. Currently, there are many health and wildlife violations that go unchecked and when rectified these improvements will have an immediate benefit to all who make use of this resource.

Respectfully,

George Sullivan

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