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**Santa Clarita Organization for Planning the Environment**

TO PROMOTE, PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE ENVIRONMENT, ECOLOGY  
AND QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY

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6-9-03

Attn: Paul Murphey  
State Water Resources Control Board  
PO Box 2000  
Sacramento, Ca. 95812

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR – SANTA CLARA RIVER HEARING

PENDING WATER RIGHT HEARING ON APPLICATIONS 30942 AND 31023 IN THE  
SANTA CLARA RIVER VALLEY EAST SUB BASIN

Dear Mr. Murphey:

This is to notify you that we plan to appear at the above stated hearing scheduled for July 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2003. We expect to have no more than two witnesses whom we are unable to identify at this time. The length of their testimony will not exceed 20 minutes. We do not agree to accept electronic service.

Our testimony will consist of maps, pictures and data indicating that the wells operated by the above entities are drawing from the underflow of the Santa Clara River.

Please direct all correspondence to:  
Pat Saletore  
at the above address.

Thank-you for your time

Sincerely,

Pat Saletore

STATE WATER CONTROL BOARD  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA  
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Arthur Baggett, Chair  
State Water Resources Control Board  
PO Box 100  
Sacramento, Ca. 95812

Re: PENDING WATER RIGHT HEARING ON APPLICATIONS 30942 AND 31023 IN  
THE SANTA CLARA RIVER VALLEY EAST SUB BASIN

Application of AB 134 to these actions

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We wish to state that we do not believe AB 134 applies to your determination under the Water Code of whether you have permitting authority over extraction wells in the Santa Clara River. Although this plan states that Castaic Lake Water Agency must complete a ground water management plan by February 2004, that plan must comply with section 10753.1 of the water code, which states:

*Nothing in this part, or any groundwater management plan adopted pursuant to this part, affects surface water rights or the procedures under common law or local groundwater authority, or any provision of the law other than this part that determines or grants surface water rights.*

We regret that the Castaic Lake Water Agency has not chosen to include a representative from the environmental community or any resource agency on its ground water management plan advisory committee. The presence on the Santa Clara River of several aquatic, amphibious and avian endangered species, species dependant on surface flow and/or riparian habitat would seem to make this necessity obvious. Excessive pumping from water agency wells has caused die back of vegetation, dried out year round pools that served as *refugia* for aquatic species in summer months and reduced fresh water flows to the point where treatment plant effluent has become the predominant water source, thus changing the water quality. Nor has CLWA included the Public Trust as an issue area needful of a water allocation.

SWRCB has the fiduciary duty to oversee and protect the public trust. This duty was not set aside by AB134.

Thank-you in advance for your careful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

*Pat Salefore*  
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