

MEMO

TO: Water Right Files 25-55B and 25-227
FROM: Cameron Housley CH
DATE: July 9, 2014
RE: Denial of Access for Water District Regulation

On July 9, 2014, I went to the Loertscher property to check the power meters associated with the two pump diversions from Willow Creek. I successfully read the power meters. As I was leaving the property, the owner, Tom Loertscher, drove over to me and asked me what I was doing. I explained that I was there checking the power meters on the pumps. He told me that he did not want me to come back. I tried to explain to him that we needed to take periodic readings of his meters to track his diversions from Willow Creek. We generally read the meters once per month.

Mr. Loertscher asserted that the law required that I treat him fairly. He argued that it is not fair to regulate his pumps and not regulate the other water users on Willow Creek. Mr. Loertscher asked how I got onto his property. I told him that the gate was open. He also questioned the accuracy of just reading the power meter as opposed to making an actual measurement on the pump. To avoid any further conflict, I told him I would have one of the permanent employees from Water District 1 contact him to provide him additional information. He then escorted me off his property and again gave the warning to not come back.