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TO: DISTRIBUTION LIST

RE: WATER DISTRICT NO. 63-S HEARING PROCEDURE

Dear Water User:

A meeting to solicit information regarding the possibility of changing the water district boundaries is next Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., as you know from the previous mailing. I wanted to take this opportunity to briefly outline the hearing process to alleviate any concerns that you may have as a water user.

The hearing is the first step in the decision making process. It provides the forum for the department to receive any data and other pertinent testimony on the issue before the department. Additionally, the hearing allows a chance to formally recognize all existing data already in the department files.

The hearing is a vehicle to formally oversee the gathering of information related to an issue. Based on the record established via a hearing, the hearing officer will draft an order for the Director's consideration. Through this process, an order is issued in which a decision is summarized by the findings of fact and conclusions of law resulting from the hearing.

No decision regarding the issue occurs at the hearing - instead, think of this as the beginning of the decision making process. As with any decision issued by this agency, appeals are provided via administrative channels and then through the district court if so desired.

I had hoped to have a data summary available for you prior to the hearing but this has not been feasible due to time constraints and to the varied states in which the data is found at this time (computerized, non-computerized, etc.). However, every opportunity will be provided at the hearing for a full and fair evaluation of all information "on the table". If necessary, the hearing record can be left open for a specified period after the hearing to allow inclusion of additional information and analysis.

I hope this letter addresses any concerns that you may have about this process, and I look forward to seeing all of you at the hearing next week.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Lester".

Steve Lester  
Water Rights Supervisor

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