

RE: Is It Brackish Water???

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This letter is to challenge HECA and Buena Vista Water Storage District's (BVWSD) characterization of ground water with TDS between 1000 and 4000 as "brackish". They say it has few uses and produces low crop yield. They therefore justify using this "brackish" water for industrial purposes to cool HECA.

John Romanini and Sons farming operation is in the BVWSD in Buttonwillow. They have 4 irrigation wells along Stockdale Hwy, very near the HECA proposed project, with TDS of 1150, 1370, 1440, and 1700. These figures are from chemist's analytical studies dated between 2008 -2010. These "brackish" water wells are currently irrigating alfalfa, cotton, and pistachio crops. They have recently also irrigated tomatoes.

HECA and BVWSD mischaracterized this water as "brackish". It is actually very usable irrigation water. It's the water we pump all the time. Our historical cotton yields/acre can rival any.... and we are doing it using this water. Crop yields are available from the Farm's Coop Gin.

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Dated: March 19, 2013 _____

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