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Respectfully,  
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Eric,

As we discussed on the phone, except for a period of five years, I have resided in this community since 1977. By far the vast majority of those who relocate to this valley do so for reasons of employment prospects. There are only two basic industries here: the Department of Defense and Searles Valley Minerals. The latter employs fewer workers today than it did in the 70's due to automation and other reasons. If the most optimistic jobs scenarios come to fruition, there already exists sufficient land with District water lines for new services to accommodate all the new housing which would be necessary. The additional water transmission line to the Ridgecrest Solar Project would not cause any additional growth. All it may do is shift some of the development from one part of the community to another.

I am not able to issue a statement that the District can or will restrict water use by new services along the future transmission line to the proposed solar power plant. As we discussed, Solar Millennium will complete the line and dedicate the line to the District which then would own it. There is nothing in District rules, regulations, or ordinances that would allow me to do what you are asking. The only developer who has ever been restricted to a maximum amount of water use is Solar Millennium.

Hope this Helps,

Tom Mulvihill

General Manager

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