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To whom it may concern:

I have a few comments I would like to make regarding the water issues in the Pahvant Valley.

1. I think any study, or decision, should be made with real data in hand. Therefore, it seems to me that we should know how much water irrigators, municipalities, golf courses, commercial users, and private uses consume each year. I all saw in the Fillmore presentation was estimates based on satellite fly overs, or models, but no real data. And I do not recall any conversation about municipalities, golf courses, or commercial users. I would propose that meters are the only way to know how much water is actually used. I would propose that all irrigators install meters so that we know how much water is used. I would also propose that at lease one year is needed, if not two years, to understand how much water farmers use.

2. It seems to me that any committee to study or make recommendations to the State Water engineer include at very least-

- Representatives from each municipality involved.
- Representatives from each irrigation district for well irrigators, and surface irrigators, and those who use supplemental water rights.
- Representative from private parties in the valley.
- Representative from wildlife.
- Representative from relevant government agencies.
- Other Representatives who may have a valid interest.

3. It also seems important to me that we know what the actual capacity of the aquifer really is. During the study period it seems important that all concerned feel that they are comfortable that the aquifer is understood.

4. It seems important to understand that the Pahvant Valley is very large, and that each water district may or may not flow to different destinations. It seems like we should understand where the water from each district actually flows to. For instance, water from Kanosh may very well end up at a different place than water from McCornick.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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