

RE: Water Issues and Your WEBSITE  
From: **Sam Schwalm** (waterforpinestrawberry@hotmail.com)  
Sent: Wed 2/06/08 6:23 PM  
To: Bob Cassaro (\*\*\*\*\*@msn.com)  
Hello Mr. Cassaro,

I know that many people have spent a great deal of time and energy trying to show that Mr. Hardcastle is a crook. Maybe he is, maybe he isn't. In any case, I don't think it is relevant to question of whether we drill the K2 well or not, so I don't spend any time trying to prove or disprove it one way or the other.

The opposition to the K2 is about simple economics. If the K2 well is successful, the potential value of the Milk Ranch Well and Strawberry Hollow wells drops dramatically. The push for the domestic water district will let the private well owners sell water at the price they want since the board will be under their influence and costs can be easily passed through to the rate payers. As it stands now, the ACC caps the amount that PWCo can charge which in turn caps the amount that PWCo can pay for water.

They have harnessed those that are frustrated and angry at the water situation to push their agenda. My observation is that the ones that are driven by anger are only motivated to want to buy the water companies so that they can run Mr. Hardcastle out of town.

If you think you have a case that proves Mr. Hardcastle is a crook, then take it to the proper authorities. If you find that he is playing within the rules and you don't like what happens when he does, then go change the rules. It isn't right to expect your neighbors to go without water and buy you a water company just so you can punish him.

Sam Schwalm

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From: \*\*\*\*\*@MSN.COM  
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Mr. Schwalm: Let Me begin by commending You on Your website. It does provide an avenue for interested people to gather information on this important issue. As You stated in a response to Mr. Werner "I have no association with Brooke" - I also have no association with RCW. I do from time to time provide them with historical information regarding service OR lack thereof from PWC / Brooke. I do this because I believe the direction RCW is headed is THE ONLY way to solve the NEVER ENDING WATER related issues brought upon Us by Brooke Utilities ,Pine Water Co , and Strawberry Water Co. I do check this site often and noticed in Your response to Jane Wilcox regarding hauling charges in which You state:

" This is an unsubstantiated claim by a former employee"

This IS NOT TRUE !

The information is from court documents from Arizona Reporting Service Inc. ([www.az-reporting.com](http://www.az-reporting.com)) ACC docket# W-03512A-06-0407

The information listed in the below court report information was taken while Mr. Hadcastle was on the witness stand UNDER OATH !

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The information provided UNDER OATH by Mr. Hardcastle clearly states that in the summer of 2007 Pine Water Co. was supplying water to Strawberry Water Co. Mr. Hardcastle attempted to justify this practice by stating that Strawberry Water Co was paying Pine Water Co. the "Commodity Rate" for the water used to supply Strawberry. He neglected to state the HIGHEST commodity rate Pine Water charges ANY customer is \$9.045 per thousand gallons.

The cost to HAUL water is between \$60.00 - \$68.00 per thousand gallons depending on distance water is hauled. This equates to Pine Water Customers paying an ADDITIONAL \$51.00 - \$59.00 per thousand gallons of hauled water. The two wells located in Strawberry that did supply water to Strawberry are OWNED by Pine Water Co. They were constructed using Pine Water Co. funds and are currently in Pine Water Co. RATE BASE.

Mr. Schwalm , My intent here is to DOCUMENT that this is ONLY ONE example of the underhanded business practices undertaken by Brooke , there are many more , ALL DOCUMENTED - ONLY BECAUSE four separate parties filed a law suite against Brooke. Many Pine and Strawberry Water Customers have been suspicious of Brooke for many years , now it IS no longer a suspicion , IT IS NOW FACT.

Respectfully submitted.            Bob Cassaro