

RE: Water Issues and Your WEBSITE  
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Sent: Mon 2/11/08 6:35 AM  
To: Bob Cassaro (\*\*\*\*\*r@msn.com)  
Hello Mr. Cassaro,

I see that you are bringing our discussion to a close. Before we part, I will take a moment to comment on what is implied in your last response.

The community needs water and the community has no responsibility to go without water in order to maintain the value of the two private wells. The owners of those wells have made clear that their water is not available to the community unless the community buys the water company. That the K2 well will ruin their plans shouldn't be a consideration.

On the topic of gambling, all water drilling in this area is risky. We will all be dead and buried before it isn't risky. Mike Ploughe, who has quite a reputation in the area as being a man who knows where the water is, has said that this is a good site. Three other hydrologists have agreed.

It is worth considering what will happen to the \$300,000 if it isn't used to drill for water. With a takeover of the PSWID and the stoppage of the K2 project, that \$300,000 will evaporate into lawyer fees. There will be the breach of contract with PWCo to deal with. The RCW plan is to try and avoid having to petition the landowners for the conversion to the water district. More lawyer fees to get around that. Then, having side stepped the democratic process on the petition, they will have to figure out how to float a bond without the vote of the property owners. More lawyer fees.

There is some risk to drilling and if it doesn't come in then the money is gone. With the alternative it is a 100% chance that the money won't go to improving the water supply.

As to your last sentence, I am going to assume that it isn't a personal threat on your part. I assume that you are trying to ask whether I will take responsibility if K2 is not successful. I can't tell with any more certainty that there is water there than the hydrologists that have studied the site. If it is unsuccessful, then a lot of people have been wrong. Even if it is unsuccessful, I will continue to contend that the effort was the right one and that the money was well spent.

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Sam            So You are GAMBLING with TAXPAYER money to decrease the value of two private wells - BRILLIANT. Best get Your Plane tickets in case IT DOES NOT COME IN !!