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To: Wessel, Ann (ECY)
Subject: WRIA 18

Hi Ann,

I have some questions regarding the over appropriation of water in the Dungeness Valley with respect to the Cost Benefit analysis.

1.)

We have a client who has a 1937 water right to draw water from Matriotti Creek. In the last year he finally obtained an approval to move a pump station location 50 feet on Matriotti Creek after waiting over two years. When this approval came back it has come with some new conditions in which the owner had to prove his watering history which he has done. But, it also came back with a reduction in the water right from .8 cubic feet per second (CFS) to .55 CFS. The water right number for this client is CS2-SWC993.

So the question is, has Department of Ecology completed an assessment of all unused or relinquished water rights in the analysis and provided this as a reduction in the Over Appropriation equation that is being sited?

Please respond to my question with a list of all the relinquished historic Water Rights in the Sequim - Dungeness Valley since the formation of the ditch companies and districts created over 100 years ago.

2.)

We have clients who have wells drilled into all 3 of the aquifers in the Dungeness Valley and we personally live in a home with a well. We know there is a substantial amount of water moving underground out to the Straits. Some of these clients do not live here yet on the property they own with wells drilled and some have property without wells.

My concern is that the WRIA 18 proposed rules are taking a "one size fits all approach" around the State of Washington and we know that is not the case with the Sequim - Dungeness Valley. It would appear that the Cost Benefit analysis is flawed and needs to be redone by a private third party entity for a fair and accurate analysis.

Please comment on the Cost Benefit analysis errors.

Thanks,
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