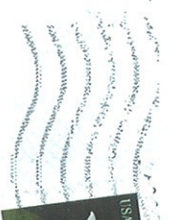




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Dear Mary Jo Borak and other CPUC Members:

I am a resident of Pacific Grove, California and concerned about the Cal Am water desalination project becoming more expensive as the days roll by. They have not been good service providers in general with many unhappy residents and I for one had an experience with hired workers fixing a leak in their system that went to my house. They came a day early from notice intact the same day I was notified, and did the work which involved flushing my system. I arrived home to the hose going full blast right next to my house and flooding the front exterior next to my stairs and going under the house. I had to call out for the worker to shut off the water. My toilet bidet was ruined with dirty sediment the cause. The crew drove off throwing a shovel of tar pavement at the covered up hole they dug in the street, not even bothering to stamp it down. That is not professional service. This is the kind of people they hire. At the same time they destroyed the cement around the water meter cover, with torn pieces of cement scattered at the water meter site. I'm not impressed with Cal Am's oversight.

Anyway, there are secret dealings and Cal Am always ends up winning. I am very frustrated with the fear mongering and the sweet deal the Cal AM Co gives to businesses. It is unfair. I think the current conflict of interest should be addressed with a completely neutral group assessing the slant wells and the other water desal projects should be re examined for a less expensive system for us to pay for and for a much sooner finish date. This peninsula has been strung along long enough with a company that drags its feet and has been slow all along to apply for proper permits, hire people who create conflict of interest, and generally get the job done. We have two viable alternatives for producing the water with a public agency in partnership with the water provider. I was disappointed the Board of Supervisors sold off the legal requirement that a public agency be involved in the desalination project as partner. This was wrong.

I think the slant wells are a nice thing to contemplate but we should not be guinea pigs and should not allow for possible dipping into protected agricultural water that has been legally protected and nurtured for several years.

Please do a comprehensive study of this mess with real outside objective experts and listen to their conclusion.

Sincerely, 
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