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To: Board of Directors
Subject: Stark declines in Ag Water Usage

Honorable Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District:

I am deeply concerned that the District Staff has **selectively** presented and emphasized all of its data -- for example, specifically with respect to actual agricultural water usage by **failing to emphasize the steep declines in actual ag water usage (e.g. 2013-present)**. I have already asserted that Staff's projections concerning ag water usage, the Open Space Credit and the monies involved going forward are not only flawed but outlandish because they are not based on actual historical data. **The necessary logical nexus between historical facts and Staff's projections is entirely missing. You cannot trust the future performance of a baseball batter whose historical ball-hitting percentage is zero.**

Accordingly, I have made public records act requests for information relating to **ACTUAL** ag water usage, revenues from such usage and the amounts of the Open Space Credit for the period 1991 to the present. You would expect that this information would have been provided in the Staff's memos and power points in the present context of Staff's extravagant proposal to jack up our rates by 22%. But it is not there. I have looked.

I request some patience as we look at the hard historical facts before we get swept off our feet by Staff's seemingly one-sided, and likely grotesquely misleading projections. Please stay tuned as we on the actual farming business side of the equation continue to do our own diligence on the information that Staff should be expected to provide in a prompt and neutral manner.

Thank you for your attention and patience because I don't think we will have a fair chance to review the actual data by today's session in Gilroy (assuming -- and even if -- we receive the information today).

Respectfully,

Dhruv Khanna for himself and Kirigin Cellars and as a Director of the County Farm Bureau and member of the Ag Water Advisory Committee