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Dear Jerry,

We the undersigned either had the privilege of attending the meeting that you presented in Price on April 20, or have been briefed on it by those who were there. We are very concerned about the over appropriation of water on the Upper Colorado River. Our overall opinion is that we are opposed to any water project that is fifty years old and has seen no substantial progress. Realizing that you cannot simply deny every project that has reached the fifty-year mark, we offer the following suggestions for developing the criteria for granting extensions:

Firstly, any water project that remains incomplete after fifty years have passed needs to be evaluated on the following points before any extension could be granted:

- Is it as viable as its proponents have stated, and if it is, why hasn't it come to fruition?
- Is the entity holding the filing doing so with no intent of ever developing it, but simply to reserve their right to use the water if someone else does develop another project in the area?
- Is there reason to believe that it will ever be completed, or are there obstacles such as environmental or geological concerns that simply cannot be overcome?
- Does a need for the project still exist after so many years, or are the people driving the project simply pushing it out of habit?
- If there was a perceived need for water fifty years ago, shouldn't there be a massive demand for it at this point?

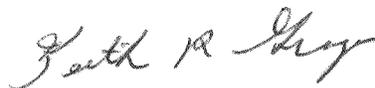
Secondly, if a project is deemed to be worthy of an extension, the following points should be addressed:

- Will the completion of this project jeopardize other water users in the area?
- If existing users are adversely affected, can a justification be made for what some will surely see as taking water away from one group and giving it to another?
- If the watershed from which the project is drawing water is already overdrawn, should the depletion of the proposed project be scaled back to reduce impact on the watershed and the entire Upper Basin?
- Should the filing, and therefore the priority of the filing in the delivery schedule, be re-dated to reflect the tardiness of the proof?

Yours is now the unenviable task of taking these and all the other comments and suggestions and molding them into a workable solution. As you know, this is a very emotional issue, but we have every confidence in you and your staff to create the criteria for granting extensions that will be fair to all of the water users of this state, and we wish you the best on this delicate endeavor.

Sincerely,


Boyd L. Marsing,
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