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Jason and Susan: My feeble aging brain would not shut down last night. Is there any chance Pete and the Committee would start new bills for you to replace the now difficult-to-read bills? It would mean letting 65 & 81 be killed or languish in favor of new bills-new language. It may be too cumbersome for the committee or not possible under the new rules of procedure, but it may be worth asking Pete.

On SB 81, I agree with the Big Boys. Incorporate your power not just for Pahrump and Diamond Valley, but in case the severe drought continues, other basins may require the same powers and tools in the future. This may not be a two basin issue. I credit you with trying to take action to correct errors from the past. It is not easy. The Big Boys won't like the following: Some current issues like the one brought up yesterday, about allowing extinguishing/buying out senior ag rights that haven't been put to beneficial use in a specified period of time, should raise eyebrows, but maybe your office should have that option in an Active Groundwater Management Basin? I know legally that would be thought of as a "taking", but we're talking more serious issues if we don't at least consider it.

I still think the state policy needs to change. MAXIMIZING beneficial use is no longer valid. It's what's behind over-appropriation in many places including the Las Vegas Valley, greater Reno Metro area, maybe the Carson Valley, Smith and Mason Valleys and the lower Humboldt. Plentiful water is not the norm any more. We should be erring on the side of caution, wise use and water conservation for the future. That does not extinguish the current allocations but should encourage your office towards more conservative allocations of water. I say get rid of MAXIMIZING.

Finally, I once supported rule-making and a certain amount of it is necessary. I now support the legislative process over rule-making because it is a more public process. I'm not sure that either process is cheap. I remember joining you in front of Senate Finance-Debbie Smith chairman, several years back. Jason you told me and the committee that rulemaking was too expensive because LCB charged you for the process and you didn't have the money. I don't know if that still holds for one or both processes. Maybe you can enlighten me. They say you don't want to see laws or sausages made--both are messy processes. Thank you for making the effort.

OK, the old lady's two bits worth.
Susan