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To: House Committee on Water and others

**Re: I SUPPORT [HB 2142] ...Certain "Fees" are still too low...A "Restricted Use FUND is needed.**

The Water Resources Department is grossly understaffed with reference to their increase workload due to demands for water.

For example, the rates charges for "Dams" are exceptionally low.

Irrigation applications (residential housing projects, agricultural uses, et cetera) and irrigation types (water cannons, flood irrigation and drip-irrigation) should be categorized for fee structure considerations.

For example, Farm Crops using excessive amounts of water (both Ground and Surface waters) such as; Hemp, Marijuana and Marijuana Processing requires an enormous amount of water when compared to other crops. The "fee" set by the Water Resources Department should reflect the increased and excessive use.

The fee structure should also include a requisite, periodic "Audit" function of users to monitor compliance.

What is really needed is the construction of a "RESTRICTED USE FUND" for the Water Resources Department to enable the department to conduct its' business without any negative budgetary interferences from the legislature and or our accursed Governor.

The "Appeals" process should not be encumbered with "protest fees" as suggested in the fascist testimony from a self-serving Non-profit Corporation.

[HB 2142] is a good start..however, improvements are required.

Remand [HB 2142] for reconstruction to accommodate the Water Resources Department's additional financial and future needs.

***Respectfully submitted,***

/s/ David S. Wall

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