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We were watchful of your environmental assessments. We are looking forward to your E.I.R., C.E.Q.A. and L.A.F.C.O. hearings, which Kern County will require for any type of development, especially in the face of the county's new specific plan for the Indian Wells Valley. During these hearings, we will be asking you to address all issues that could affect us.

Water is the biggest issue as that is a valley wide concern, especially now, after all the problems written in the newspapers about the Indian Wells Valley Water District. Guided by the professional influences of Pierre St.Amand and Mike Stoner of the US Navy, the collective water interests hold the position that the valley's water basin is in a severe overdraft, a position that has been touted for over 25 years. These local water authorities along with Searles Valley Minerals (the only exporter of water besides the indirect export through agricultural crops) will be protective of this most precious limited resource. Larry Mead (your farm consultant) has supported the Carl Austin theory that there is plenty of water and doesn't seem to support the overdraft position, but we feel they are not professionals in the field of groundwater.

We encourage you to take your ideas to the Indian Wells Valley Cooperative Water Management Group where information and data is shared to help plan the best use of the valley's water resources.

### Friends of the Valley

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