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Dear All,

As I read this e-mail. I cannot help feeling being used by some mean-spirited people and I need to speak up for myself and set the record straight.

I thoroughly reviewed the WEI report and had discussion with the author, Kristal Davis Fadke. Both of us took field trip to look at the wells she sampled and we made presentations to the Regional Board on October 13, 2006. Regional Board directed staff to work closely with Riverside County Department of Environmental Health. I worked closely with Chuck Strey and supported the Ordinance 871 that banned new conventional septic systems in Cherry Valley Community of Interest (CVCOI).

Mr. Rhodes sent an email to the Regional Board Chairwoman Beswick and I was directed to contact him to find out what his concerns are. Mr. Rhodes is against sewerage of Cherry Valley for economic concerns. He said many people living in Cherry Valley are on fixed income and cannot bear the cost of the sewer connection. I suggested that he took the issue to BCVWD, since Regional Board did not make the decision. Mr. Rhodes thanked me for calling him back because his calls to the County and BCVWD had been ignored. I can see why now.

I want to state that I reviewed both the draft and final reports prepared by WEI and found them credible, as stated in a letter sent to Supervisor Ashley's office on March 11, 2008. From my working experience with the scientists, engineers and geologists at WEI, I consider their work to be of high quality and integrity. The staff members at WEI are professionals and I respect and admire their intellectual vigor. I find the vicious personal attacks on the water resources professionals disturbing and don't want to have any of it.

May I respectfully request my colleagues at the Water Quality Evaluation Committee that there be ground rules for communications that include respect and professionalism. Without basic decency and respect, the outcome of the Task Force is poisoned already.

Sincerely Yours,

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