

AB 890 Water Quality Assessment Report
Public Hearing – March 5, 2011

PUBLIC TESTIMONY – EXTRACTS OF COURT REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPTS

Note: City Council Comments are Submitted Under Separate Cover

<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
1. Hector Alvarado	4302 E. Slauson Ave. Maywood, CA	No relevant comments on the Report made.
2. Agustin Cevada	3570 E. Slauson Ave. Maywood, CA	A. Wants to know why after 2009, no more Perchlorate was found in the water. B. Will cancer screening be conducted in the affected areas and will the water companies be paying for it?
3. Eugenio Villa	5515 Gifford Ave. Maywood, CA	A. Why should the rest of California have a standard for clean water which is lower than that for Maywood? B. If Maywood's standard is raised, what will that do to the cost of water in Maywood and to the businesses that consume that water?
4. Jader Gonzalez	4440 54 th St. Maywood, CA	A. Are the water companies mixing uncontaminated water from one well with water in a well that is not so contaminated? B. What will be done to lower the level of contamination in the water?
5. Robert Taylor	5934 King Ave. Maywood, CA	When will the water companies fix the water contamination problem?
6. Desiderio Vallez	4047 57 th St. Maywood, CA	No relevant comments on the Report made.
7. Jesus Araparilla	4125 E. 53 rd St. Maywood, CA	A. What is meant by "well profiling?" B. How much would it cost to investigate a well and how long would it take? C. On April 10, 2009 Water Company No. 1 received a letter from DPH that well number 4 was seeing high levels of manganese. Did Water Company No. 2

- receive a similar letter? If so, what requirements were imposed on Water Company No. 2 to reduce manganese levels in the water?
- D. How can higher fees that residents pay for water through Water company No. 2 be justified when the filtration system is not in operation now? We've been paying for this system almost eleven or twelve months.
8. Maribel Lopez 4051 E. 53rd St.
Maywood, CA
- A. I noticed in the Report that you took more samples from areas in Water Company #1 and #3 in contrast to fewer samples from Water Company #2 areas, therefore, you did less testing on #1 and #3 than #2 knowing that #3 had high levels of perchlorate. Why?
 B. I read in the Report that it is costly in the near and long term but you do not show us an amount (cost). Why?
 C. I also noticed that Water Company #1 purchased water from Central Basin but not Water Company #2. What is the cost of buying water from Central Basin?
 D. As you mix water from these different wells, will the result be that there will be no more contaminants, or will we just decrease the level?
 E. At some point will we be able to change the pipes?
9. Luis Arizando 4809 Gifford Ave.
Maywood, CA
- A. How much of the treated water going through our pipes is truly clean?
 B. Are the pipes clean?
 C. Isn't it illegal to sell products that are contaminated?
10. Portillo Lopez 4051 53rd St.
Maywood, CA
- When is the water problem going to be fixed?
11. Ms. S. Martinez 4851 58th St.
Maywood, CA
- I work with a collaborative of neighboring cities in partnership with District 7, City officials, and State agencies such as the EPA. My comments on the Report are:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. The Report does not address anything regarding the delivery system. Why? B. Regarding Water Company #2, I'm having a hard time understanding your long-term plan about piping, creating a pipeline from one well to the other, and funding and getting loans. C. Will the water companies come to the table to discuss funding with the community before any decisions on funding are made? D. AB 890 specifically states that no resident should have an increase for any protrusion, water or anything to do with filtration. We're asking for a breakdown of all charges being billed.
12. Rosa Almeda	4018 E. 58 th St. Maywood, CA	No relevant comments on the Report made.
13. Ediberto Blanca	3526 56 th St. Maywood, CA	They say they're going to decrease all the contaminants by putting good water into bad water. The bad water will still be there. All you're doing is bleaching it. How long must we wait for clean water?
14. Cynthia Babbage	Director of the Del Amo Action Committee	Note: Please see Ms. Babbage's written comments which were submitted under separate cover.
15. Edna Peralta	5956 Gifford St. Maywood, CA	The Report is not complete because it only focuses on certain chemicals such as TCE in Water Company #3 and manganese in Water Companies #1 and #3.
16. Lucia Varela	4634 E. 58 th St. Maywood, CA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. I would like future reports to have analysis of all the chemicals in the water. B. Use terminology in future reports that residents can understand and make reports accessible in Spanish. C. When water is flushed, does the system work or is water simply dumped? Note: Please see Ms. Varela's written comments which were submitted under separate cover.

17. Ruben Guardado	5125 E. 60 th Pl. Maywood, CA	I do not agree with the solution(s) that the water companies present in the Report regarding contaminated water, such as mixing water from different tanks in order to decrease levels of contaminants. I would like the mixing of water to stop.
18. Marisa Graciola	4043 E. 51 st St. Maywood, CA	A. The Report should state that, though the water companies are cleaning up the water, the pipes that carry the water are contaminating it. B. Another solution to consider is bringing uncontaminated water from other wells. Why do you have to mix contaminated water with good water?
19. Kenya Caser	3622 Slauson Ave. Maywood, CA	No relevant comments on the Report made.
20. Sandra Orozco	4108 54 th St. Maywood, CA	A. Why is there more testing in Water Company #1 than in the other companies? B. How efficient is the flushing system? C. There is a water scarcity. Why are we dumping so much water? D. What will happen to the manganese once water well pipes are changed? E. How are pipes going to be cleaned? F. How long will manganese last after intervention is completed? G. How do you balance the health risk with the cost to resolve the problem? H. What results do you have of other water contaminants? Why did you not test the TCE perchlorate of Water Company #1 and #2.
21. Miriam Torres	Program Director Environmental Justice Coalition for Water	What is the purpose of AB 890? Help me better understand AB 890 and why was it drafted? The long-term and short-term options for the most part are poorly prepared. There are no timelines, benchmarks or any statements that give the community a sense that they are seriously being considered. There is no

indication that the community has investigated these options or obtained a number of estimates to assess the economic impacts of the options. The Report can be improved by adding a table of terms, explaining terms like ug/l, acre-feet, and all other technical information not explained.

- A. How often are the water companies conducting other water tests in addition to the WRD schedule?
- B. In regards to the short-term proposals:
 - a. What is the additional cost?
 - b. What would be the impact on the consumer?
 - c. Does your plan include cost estimates?
- C. In regards to the long-term proposals:
 - a. Are you going to buy more water to blend? From where?
 - b. When are the results of the studies going to be ready?
 - c. What steps are you going to take to see if installing a replacement well is possible? Out of all the options what is the best one? The least expensive?
 - d. What other steps are you taking to raise funds?
- D. Questions for Maywood Mutual Water Company #2:
 - a. How many residents are served in total?
 - b. What are your groundwater rights?
 - c. What long-term option has been seriously considered and investigated?
 - d. What entity provided the estimate of 1-1.5 million dollars?
 - e. What alternatives have you considered?
 - f. What have other companies done?
- E. Questions for Maywood Mutual Water Company #3:

- a. What do you mean exactly when stating that production in Prospect well was reduced?

In regards to short-term options:

- b. What are the plans for well #7 that also has high levels of TCE?
- c. What is the protocol for perchlorate?
- d. How many times do you have to re-test when perchlorate is found?
- e. Which of your long-term options have been seriously investigated? What is most appropriate and best for the community? What plans do you have to implement these options? What is your timeline? How many estimates have you received?
- f. Who is collecting the water samples for perchlorate?

22. Mr. Sal. Contreras 4867 61st St.
Maywood, CA

There is no provision in AB 890 for money. Where is Mr. Perez going to get it?

23. Jose Valenzuela 54th St.
Maywood, CA

Who will pay for the AB 890 bill? The water companies? Will rates increase?

24. Hector Alvarado 4302 E. Slauson Ave.
Maywood, CA

- A. Are the water companies in Maywood private?
- B. The report by Water Company #2 was done in 2009. Is it the same report that they are using now?
- C. How many people does Water Company #2 serve?
- D. What rights does Water Company #2 have for groundwater?
- E. Why doesn't Water Company #2 take samples of TCE and perchlorate?
- F. What is the estimate that the Report gives us based on, and what other estimates do you have?
- G. What results are there for other contaminants such as TCE, perchlorate

and organic materials?

- H. What are your plans to better the pipes
and how much will it cost to replace
them?

Water Company #3:

- I. Where does the pollution come from?
J. What are you doing in regards to the
contamination of TCE?
K. What are you doing to resolve the source
of perchlorate?
L. What are you doing about the taste and
smell of chlorine?