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Dear California Water Commission (CWC) Commissioners, Los Vaqueros Reservoir Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Directors, Staff and the Public,

This is my 45th letter to the CWC. My first letter was March 2017. Ms. Shoemaker and Commissioner Curtin are the only ones on that letter that remain on the Commission today. Please add this public comment to the 19 Jan 2022 CWC meeting agenda under item 7 public comment.

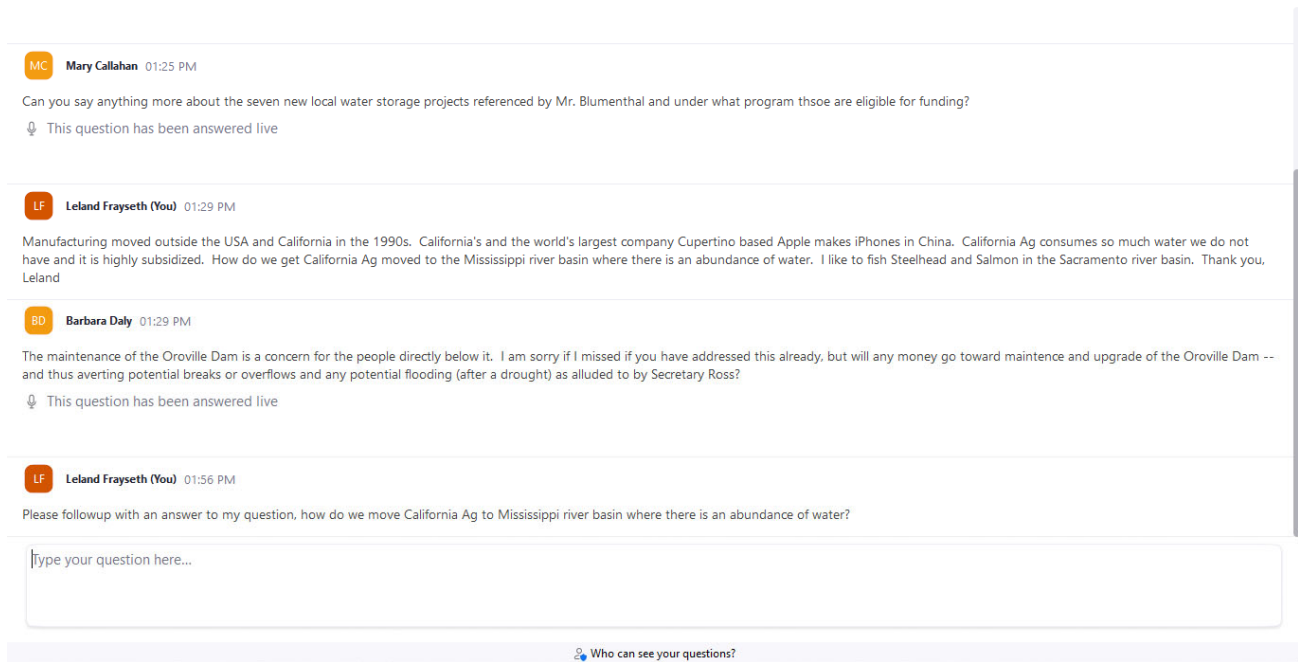
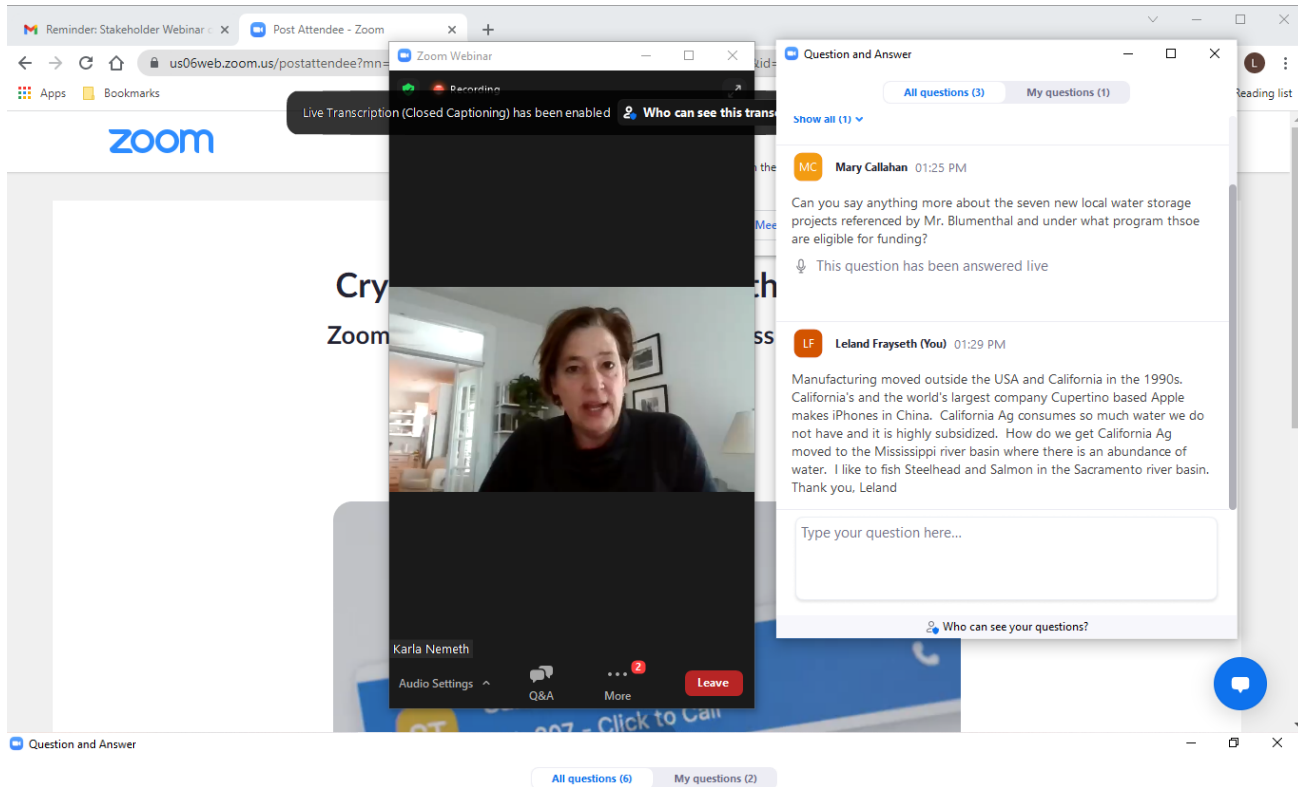
I watched the Dec 2021 meeting with so many public comments including me opposing Sites off stream reservoir continuing eligibility. A petition from Save California Salmon was presented to the CWC Commissioners with 50,000 signatures opposing Sites off stream reservoir. Commissioners unanimously approved Sites. I was devastated. I said I am missing something basic. I cast a wide net for public records of Form 700 Statement of Economic Interests to Natural Resources, Department of Water Resources, Fish and Wildlife, Fair Political Practices Commission and Los Vaqueros off stream reservoir JPA. Many of my public records requests bounced but I just put the requests back in the queue with another agency.

There are big farms on Form 700s so agriculture is represented including cannabis. There is not 1 fisherwoman or fisherman on Form 700s. I do not smoke or drink and I think too many people during the Covid lockdown have over indulged to the point where it is not healthy for them or our society so I am not a fan of water for grapes or marijuana. With the unreliability of rain and snow in California I think farmers should have the sense to know they need water to grow crops and hitch up their wagon and move to the Mississippi river basin and not let the Golden Gate hit them in the butt on the way out. I know there are a couple of Commissioners on the CWC with family farms that will read this but their trajectory is unsustainable. 50% of off stream reservoir dams paid for by the State and 25% by the Feds is wasteful. Farmers have overdrafted groundwater, settling has damaged their canals. I am not paying for canal repairs and the recent \$9 Billion water bond that failed shows the voters are not paying. Agriculture is 2.6% of California GDP. Apple, not the fruit, but the Cupertino company is the economic engine of California and the World and iPhones are made in China. Manufacturing left the USA in the late 1980s, Agriculture can move to the Mississippi river basin where there is an abundance of water today.

I provided public comment at the January 2022 Los Vaqueros Reservoir JPA Board Meeting and they convinced me they do not have their act together and that is going to be a huge waste of money. Their plan is to lop off the top 101 feet of the 2011 dam raise for the 160,000 acre feet expansion and cart all that debris to Cowboy Canyon, one of the arms to the reservoir. Gate 5 was stuck in 2011, CCWD knew about it then and the most recent 2021 Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) inspection shows Gate 5 could not be opened because they were worried they could not close it again. I found the JPA's Chair condescending, impulsive and out of control of her Zoom meeting. My woodworking and astronomy club

meeting hosts can mute others without barking at them to mute themselves. I was on mute when my dogs were barking. It wasn't me.

I was invited to a webinar on California's budget surplus and Natural Resources \$750,000,000 ask of the legislature. The moderator did not ask my question for the panel but you can read it in this screenshot.



Thank you for reading my comments and happy 5 year anniversary to me.
Leland Frayseth