



Golden State

Water Company

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Ojai City Council Members

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Ojai, CA 93023

Dear Council Member:

I'm writing to personally invite you to an informational meeting Golden State Water Company is hosting in Ojai on Monday, October 24, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. The location of the meeting is Matilija Junior High School Auditorium at 703 El Paseo Road in Ojai.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide our Ojai customers and community leaders with important factual information regarding the eminent domain process in California and why it is not advisable for a governmental entity to attempt a hostile takeover of GSWC's water system serving its customers in Ojai. Examples of previous takeover efforts by other privately owned water systems will be discussed to demonstrate that the condemnation process is lengthy, costly, divisive and not in the public interest. These facts that will be presented are relevant to the City of Ojai's due diligence process.

We welcome your attendance and participation at the meeting. Our goal is to provide a forum in which we can present the facts and then receive public input and answer questions. To ensure everyone has a chance to be heard, we will be using standard public comment protocols; each resident who wishes to speak will have three minutes to offer comment and ask questions. Prior to opening the meeting up to receiving public input, we will give you an opportunity to ask any questions that you may have regarding our presentation.

You may call me at (805)349-7407 x101 or email at kpetersen@gswater.com to confirm that you will join us for the meeting. We hope you will be able to join us at this important meeting.

Sincerely,

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