Antelope Valley Soil Conservation District
Lancaster, California
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Gentlemen:

This is to request assistance from the Water Resources Board in helping to
arrive at a solution to the diminishing water supply in the underground
basin of the Antelope Valley.

The Antelope Valley Soil Conservation District was formed in June, 1964,
and has as its objective the solution of the above-mentioned problem.
Working in close cooperation with the Portal Ridge Soil Conservation Dis-
trict, the following steps have been taken:

1. An advisory committee was organized of the agencies that might be
helpful in solving this problem. They included the State Division of
Water Resources, Los Angeles County Flood Control, Agricultural Ex-
tension Service and the Soil Conservation Service.

2. A water conservation study outline was developed and some progress
has been made in carrying it out. A copy of this outline is attached.

3. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors were petitioned to pass
an ordinance which would help restrict the drilling of new wells for
irrigation of new land. This request was complied with by the passage
of Ordinance No. 4957, a copy of which is attached. While this ordi-
ance has been very beneficial in restricting the drilling of new wells, it
recognized that it is only a temporary affair and that more subdue regu-
lations must be provided.

4. The Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission has taken the
necessary steps to develop a master conservation plan for the basin in this end, they have
devised a committee of interest to work toward this end. A great
number of them have furnished their services to help solve the


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7. A Valley-wide Water Committee composed of representatives from the sixteen organizations in the Valley has been formed. This committee will serve as an Advisory Board to the Directors of the Soil Conservation Districts. They will also keep their organizations advised of developments, thereby being of great assistance in the educational program which will be necessary for the support of a water use program.

The above progress has been given not to imply that we have a preconceived idea of how our problem should be solved, but to show your Board that the residents of the District have a vital interest in this problem and are anxious to have a satisfactory solution. We are in hopes that your Board can be of help to us in solving this problem.

Very truly yours,

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Attachments

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