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RE: AB 366 AND 367 – REINSTATING ALLOWANCE OF HAULED WATER

LVEDA has been working on this issue for many years since San Bernardino County Dept. of Environmental Health Services adopted an internal department policy prohibiting water hauling for new residential development – even from a licensed hauler and legal source. Said policy was never adopted as a County ordinance nor so specified in the Development Code. Land owners could not obtain a building permit even where hauled water was the only viable source – where significant areas within the County are zoned to allow new homes – but overly areas with no groundwater, or not potable, or where an expensive well might not produce an adequate supply or quality. This policy was not only unreasonable and unnecessary – it constituted a “property right taking”.

Last year the State enshrined this misguided policy into SB 1263 – prohibiting water hauling for any new residences – now a state-wide “property right taking”.

We heartily support Assemblyman Obernolte’s AB 366 and 367 to right this wrong – to allow hauled water to new single-family homes on existing parcels – from a licensed hauler and legal/registered water source.