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**Antelope Valley Soil Conservation District**

**Lancaster, California**

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**Water Resources Board  
Sacramento, California**

**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, 1944, and has as its objective the solution of the above-mentioned problem. Working in close cooperation with the Portal Ridge Soil Conservation District, 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 Extension 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 retard the drilling of new wells for the irrigation of new land. This request was complied with by the passage of Ordinance No. 4457, a copy of which is attached. While this ordinance has been very beneficial in retarding the drilling of new wells, it is recognized that it is only an interim affair and that more substantial regulations must be provided.
4. The Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission has taken steps to develop a master conservation plan. Towards this end, they have set up a committee of interested agencies. They are depending a great deal of information furnished by the Soil Conservation Service.

Soil and land use surveys were completed by the Soil Conservation Service and the data is being used by the Regional Planning Commission.

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,

*V. B. Fairchild*

V. B. Fairchild, President  
Antelope Valley Soil Conservation District

Attachments