

Talking Points for April 26, 2023 Antelope Valley Watermaster Board

- I'm Nathan Metcalf, representing the developer, The People Concern, related to the proposed development and new production application at the Barrel Springs property.
- This application was first before the Board in September and has been the subject of multiple delays. These delays have proven to be very costly to my client.
- As the record indicates, this project meets all the requirements of the Judgment and the Watermaster Rules and Regulations.
- The Watermaster Engineer has recommended approval of the project.
 - They found that all the requirements for a new production in the Judgment (Sec. 18.5.13.) have been complied with.
 - Specifically they found that:
 - My client has agreed to purchase replacement water, which will be a condition of approval.
 - All conditions for a new production are met under the Judgment and Rules and Regulations
 - No Material Injury will result from the proposed production.
- Likewise the Advisory Committee recommended approval
- In review of prior determinations of the Board, when the conditions for a new production are met, and there is a recommended approval by the Watermaster Engineer and the Advisory Committee, this board always approves a new production.
- Based on the record in this matter and the prior actions by the Board, it would be arbitrary in this case to deny the new production application.