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Dear Kari:

Thank you for the additional information provided during our follow-up phone call. I hope the following information assures the El Paso County Board of Commissioners and staff that Widefield Water and Sanitation District (WWSD) is an award-winning utility in operations and safety. WWSD is a very well designed and operated public water system that has significant sources and emergency connections.

1. PFC's: WWSD was the first public utility in America to pilot, design, and build an Ion Exchange Water Treatment Facility, specific for the removal of PFC's. We currently have two operating PFC Removal Facilities, and we are nearing completion of having our third and final PFC Removal Facility built. **All of our groundwater is treated to remove PFC'S. No customers receive untreated water.**
2. WWSD is a partner in the Fountain Valley Authority, and we receive 1,500-acre feet per year of treated surface water from Pueblo Reservoir. The FVA distribution and storage system has the physical apparatus in place to back-feed water from CSU to WWSD, Security, and the City of Fountain during an emergency. This procedure was tested two years ago and was successful. Therefore, WWSD is already connected to CSU via the FVA, for emergency situations.
3. WWSD has a Master Water Lease to pump water from the Widefield Aquifer. The Master Water Lease is WWSD's groundwater supply. All of the groundwater is treated before being pumped to customers.
4. WWSD is physically connected to Security Water District in order to share Venetucci water. Security Water District is building a treatment plant to treat their twenty-five wells to remove PFC's. WWSD has the ability via a physical connection to receive water from Security Water District. We currently do not use the connection because Security is not currently treating for PFC removal, and we do not have a need for the water at this time. Security put in a "temporary" emergency connection to CSU (which I believe is for three years); therefore, they could serve water that does not contain PFC's. When they finish building their PFC removal plant to treat their twenty-five wells, they will no longer need this connection. Running the pipeline to CSU and paying for that connection and water, cost Security Water District a lot of money.
5. WWSD has a physical connection to the City of Fountain in order to "wheel" water from the Venetucci wells to the City of Fountain. Therefore, WWSD has physical connection to another public utility. The City of Fountain receives its FVA water allocation through FVA, not through a direct connection to SDS or CSU. Therefore, "technically and physically speaking" the City of Fountain currently does not have a direct connection to

CSU, they only have the FVA connection they have always had; which Security and WWSD also have.

6. WWSD is only using 42% of its legal water supply. WWSD is already physically connected to FVA, Security Water District, and the City of Fountain. These connections provide three separate emergency connections apart from our own redundant supplies. WWSD treats all of its groundwater. WWSD has no need to ever make a direct connection to CSU and has no plans to ever do so.

Please forward this to your boss. If I need to forward it to the Board of Commissioners to ease any concerns they may have, please let me know.

Please let me know if you have any more questions.

Sincerely,



Lucas Hale
District Manager