



May 15, 2014

Box Elder Planning Commission
Mr. Chad Munns, Chairman
01 South Main
Brigham City, UT 84302

Re: BRWCD's Comment to Box Elder County Planning Commission at the Public Hearing on Thursday May 15th regarding establishing criteria and parameters when establishing new landfill corridors.

Dear Chairman Munns and Commissioners,

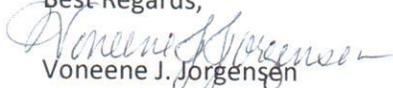
The Bear River Water Conservancy District's boundaries encompass all of Box Elder County. Water in Box Elder County, especially high quality and of culinary grade, is a precious limited resource. Protecting it is critical.

The Bear River Water Conservancy District requests the County establish parameters and criteria that will protect the quality of our water. We support restricting landfill corridors from being located on watersheds, primary and secondary recharge areas, water sources and areas that will impact the quality of our water that is suitable for culinary, municipal, commercial, industrial, agricultural or recreational uses. Landfill corridors should be located in areas such as Little Mountain where the water quality is so poor that it can't be used for any purpose listed above.

The Bear River Water Conservancy District requests Box Elder County establish an ordinance, or amendment to the Land Use Management and Development Code-Construction and Municipal Waste Zones to establish criteria and parameters that will protect the water quality for the health and welfare of the residents of the County. Criteria to be seriously considered include location and proximity to: watersheds, springs and other surface water sources, groundwater wells, primary and secondary recharge areas, sole supply sources, and geology of the area in relation to earthquakes and floods. Other impacts to air quality, increased traffic, property rights, land value, wildlife, recreation areas and the impact to the livelihoods of people who live and work in the vicinity also need to be seriously evaluated.

In an effort to protect the water in the County, Ordinance 350 was passed by the County Commission. It was the intent of the ordinance to protect the County's culinary water supplies from contamination imposed by landfills being located over our watersheds, recharge areas and sole supplies. I appreciate the County Commissioners and the Planning Commissioners who understand and acknowledge the value of protecting our water. Water is the life's blood of our County. Thank You for your time and consideration of the BRWCD's request.

Best Regards,


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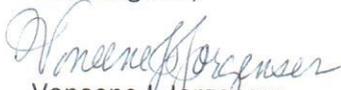
Re: BRWCD's Statement of Opposition to the location of the proposed Franklin Hills Regional Landfill Site.

Dear Chairman Munns and Commissioners,

The Bear River Water Conservancy District adamantly opposes the Franklin Hill Regional Landfill site on the basis of the location and the high probability of contamination to the culinary quality ground water in the northern end of Hansel Valley. The location of the proposed regional landfill is on the north side of I-84 and sits on the secondary recharge area for the water supply of the residents of Hansel Valley. According to the Hydrologic Study by J.W. Hood, Technical Publication No. 33, the water flows from the north to the south towards Salt Wells and the Great Salt Lake. The water quality in the Northern end of Hansel Valley is culinary quality. The TDS is between 450 and 1000 ppm (parts per million). As the water continues to flow south, the water quality degrades significantly to TDS levels as great as 96,000 ppm. It is critical we protect the water in the northern part of Hansel Valley from contamination because of the culinary quality and the limited quantity. This water is the sole source of supply to Hansel Valley for drinking water, irrigation and stocking watering. It is their livelihood and there is no other source of water. The families living and ranching in Hansel Valley have the right to protect their quality of life, their homes, investments in their land and livestock. Their livelihood depends on that unique pocket of high quality water.

Why would we ever risk contamination of an aquifer that produces high quality drinking water unnecessarily as there are other places that are more suitable that could be utilized as a landfill? There is no guarantee that a landfill designed under the strictest regulations and with the state of the art technology will not leak over time and contaminate the groundwater beneath it for generations to come. Landfills should be located in areas where the water quality is so poor that it can't be used for municipal, industrial, commercial, agricultural or recreational purposes. It is the responsibility of us all, working together, to protect the County's precious water resources and to use them for the benefit, health and welfare the residents of Box Elder County.

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