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I apologize if this email is a duplicate but I want to be sure to reach as many neighbors as possible. Thanks.

Hi canyon friends,

Pardon the intrusion, but we believe the upcoming election for EID Trustees is important enough, that we would like to offer a personal endorsement, based on facts. As 30-year Emigration Canyon residents, who have lived through the entire recent history of the Canyon prior to, during, and since the adoption of a centralized water system, we believe we have a fair grasp of the issues and their implications.

Let's be clear: our overwhelming recommendation is to retain Mike Hughes and Dave Bradford as EID Trustees. Our goal is not to re-state all of the issues in a letter; that information is available for you to read on the candidates' various websites.
(eidc.org / emigrationwater.org).

For nearly twenty of the thirty years our family has lived in the Canyon the five homes in our PUD managed to get by on a "well" that produced barely 3 1/2 gallons per hour. The water was of such poor quality it smothered virtually any plant life it touched. It was so undrinkable we all had to plumb a second cold water line to our homes and use bottled water. (Forget that, without suitable hydrant coverage we were all sitting ducks for even the smallest type of fire, let alone the wildfire that nearly destroyed our homes in 1988.)

Sometime during the early '90s we learned that the Emigration Improvement District was trying to find a way to supply a reliable, quality supply of water to the upper Canyon and, at the same time, limit what had the potential to be virtually unlimited development in Emigration Oaks. That seemed like a great project, so we began attending those meetings and witnessed what would turn out to be a tedious, highly technical process of developing a precious water resource along with an affordable process to fund such a system (a cost borne primarily by those of us benefitting most). 13 years into the Emigration Canyon water system, that process has yielded untold benefits, in particular fire protection, maintaining home values, security and peace of mind, for a lot of folks.

Mike Hughes and Fred Smolka (later Dave Bradford), Lynn Hales and others architected an elegant solution that was both practical and affordable, and managed to cap the development of Emigration Oaks once and for all. The amount of institutional knowledge gained through this process by the current EID Board and their technical consulting team probably ranks second in value only to the water system itself. We know they would love nothing better than to hand over the reigns to a new group of Board members who are equally passionate and experienced in protecting sustainable water supplies and preserving the open spaces we all treasure.

Whether you are inclined to "clean house" as some might characterize such a ballot, or you simply like to think that new blood could take us in some new, unarticulated direction, please reconsider your choice. Our water resource is in the best shape in the