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I recently received a letter from ECHO, the self-styled Emigration Canyon Home Owners association, dated 3 December, and addressed "Dear Emigration Canyon Home/Property Owner." Among other things, the letter solicited a membership fee of \$85,000 in order to share any attorney fees awarded in a lawsuit between Mark Tracy and the Emigration Improvement District (EID). Perhaps you received the same letter.

I will not be paying such a membership fee, and I don't advise others to do so, either.

As you may recall, in September 2014, Mark Tracy filed a "qui tam" suit against EID (and others), alleging that the EID water system was built with funds fraudulently obtained from the US government. In a qui tam suit, if successful, the person filing retains part of the amount awarded, plus other benefits. The remainder goes to the government. The case has not been resolved.

In 2015, two candidates allied with ECHO were defeated in the EID board election. Had the election gone differently, the two would have constituted a board majority and could have settled the suit - resulting in payments to Mr. Tracy and those supporting his suit.

Earlier this year, EID filed an application with the Utah state engineer to change the locations of some of its water diversions. ECHO objected, as did several residents of Emigration Canyon. The application and objections are subject to a hearing next Wednesday, December 19.

EID's defenses of these legal matters have been paid from fees and taxes collected from canyon residents and water users. Any payments, should the suit be successful, will come from the same sources.

In my opinion, these maneuvers only hurt me, and people like me, who use EID water. A win for ECHO and Mr. Tracy has the potential of shutting down our only water supply. There is no "upside." If you are among those supporting or encouraging these actions, please stop.