



Response to Media Reports

December 13, 2023

Dear Colleagues,

You may have seen or heard media reports about a lawsuit that was filed against the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District by the Padre Dam Municipal Water District. Below is the statement we have sent to local media regarding the case.

Although Padre Dam Municipal Water District has not served its lawsuit and its specific allegations are unknown at this time, we are disappointed to learn that it has been filed. We have been discussing several related water service issues with Padre Dam officials for more than a year in a good-faith attempt to reach a global resolution. It is surprising that under such circumstances Padre Dam would accuse the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District of water “theft” in an effort to distract from Padre Dam’s failure to provide a sufficient water infrastructure.

Padre Dam is responsible for providing a safe and reliable water supply to all its customers. However, it has failed to do so for the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District, likely the largest water customer in the entire Padre Dam district. Over the past several decades, GCCCD purchased far greater water capacity, paying tens of millions of dollars, from Padre Dam than was ever provided.

GCCCD has repeatedly offered to have this issue resolved through mediation to save taxpayers and ratepayers the expense of litigation. We hope the Padre Dam Municipal Water District will work together with us to bring this matter to an amicable resolution, so both districts can focus on meeting the needs of our community.

We will be vigorously contesting this lawsuit. Thank you for your support of our District.

Sincerely,

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