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On Tuesday January 20, 2009 I spoke to John Kessler at the energy commission and he referred me to Mark Lindley whom he said was working on the well research for the Ausra Solar sight on the Carrisa Plains.

I explained to Mark that my ancestors homesteaded that piece of ground in 1868, that I was 59 and remembered the drilling and production from that well.

I then went on to explain to Mark that the agricultural well was drilled in approximately 1970 and that the well was approximately 200 feet deep. It flood irrigated 100 acres only of barley, seed alfalfa and carrots on different years and that it was used for short periods of time and never pumped consistently year round. I also went on to explain to Mark that there could not have been any testing done of the well in the last few years as it is not connected to electricity, has no submersible pump.

Mark went on to ask me some questions, what is flood irrigation, which he is not familiar with, did I think that well would pump 13 gallons per minute because that was all of the water that Ausra would need for production on there solar plant and when was the last time that well was in production, which was about 1990 when Dole grew carrots.

Mr. Lindley is quite sure that there would be no water usage problems. I asked Mark why they were even considering usage of the big well if they only needed 13

gallons per minute they should just use the household well which has been used for cattle water in recent years.

As a lifelong resident of the Carrisa Plains there are just too many question marks and snags without answers in this project. There can be no commitments made for the future of our water for our present and productive farms and ranches.

As for commuting supplies for the project Mark said Bitterwater Road. I said have you traveled it lately? He also asked me what I knew about highway 58. I told him that my father retired as supervisor of the Simmler maintenance yard in 1992 at which time maintenance was cut to very limited on 58 from Wilson's corner to the Kern County line and that there are no state funds to maintain it. You may see CalTrans making a run to check the road once a month,

Mark and I also touched on the safety of the valuable livestock, cattle, horses and sheep, that would be affected by the noise factors involved in this project. As I informed him these animals would not be able to tolerate the daily noise levels.

My personal feeling from Mark Lindley is that he is quite sure that there are no problems involved with production, and no problems with well being of our community.



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