

**Comments/Questions Received by Donner Summit PUD**  
February 10-March 13, 2009

Item 1

From: owner-comments@www.dspud.com on behalf of Kathryn Gray [kathryntgray@gmail.com] Sent: Fri 2/13/2009 12:01  
 To: Tom Skjelstad  
 Cc: Kathryn Gray; comments@dspud.com; syrcl@syrcl.org; Jason Rainey; slcwd@oudegeest.com; Wade Freedle; gene.bowles@stanfordalumni.org; Martin Bern; ulrichluscher@sbcglobal.net; Peter Van Zant; Diana C Messina  
 Subject: Re: DSPUD's special inbox for comments regarding draft NPDES permit

Tom,

Thanks for your prompt response. I received an email from Diana Messina at CVRWQCB this morning, and she indicated that they had spoken to you and you would be correcting the problem with the website. As you know, state administrative processes can be confusing, so it would be unfortunate if someone mistakenly felt sending comments to the "Permit and Dilution Credit Comments" email box substituted for providing written comments directly to the state.

Thanks again, and hope to see you soon,

Katie

On Feb 13, 2009, at 10:00 AM, Tom Skjelstad wrote:

Katie,

Your comments are well received. Our intent for this box is to open the flow of communication to and from those who have comments or questions about the DSPUD. We have assigned two people to monitor this email box which will ensure a timely response to the sender while also providing the DSPUD with a method to catalog the comments and questions we may receive about a variety of subjects including, but not limited to, the permitting process. We will make all of these comments and responses public and we will post them to our website by the close of the next business day.

I would hope that those who read the tentative permit follow protocol and realize that official comments should follow the directions stated by the RWQCB. Nonetheless, your assessment may be accurate. A few people might be confused. To head that off, we'll add additional language to clarify what the comments@DSPUD.com mailbox is intended to provide: a more open and simplified manner for the public to ask questions and stay in touch with the DSPUD.

You may also like to know that the changes we have recently made to website are part of an ongoing series of improvements which will include adding tools (such as an RSS feed) to help improve the flow of information to and from the DSPUD.

As always Katie, I appreciate your continued interest. Thanks for attending our February 10 meeting, it was good to see you and Joe.

Thank you.

Tom

(Please note I've copied Diana Messina.)

**From:** Kathryn Gray [<mailto:kathryntgray@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 12, 2009 2:46 PM  
**To:** [comments@dspud.com](mailto:comments@dspud.com); Tom Skjelstad  
**Cc:** [syrcl@syrcl.org](mailto:syrcl@syrcl.org); Jason Rainey; [slcwd@oudegeest.com](mailto:slcwd@oudegeest.com); Wade Freedle; [gene.bowles@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:gene.bowles@stanfordalumni.org); Martin Bern; [ulrichluscher@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ulrichluscher@sbcglobal.net); Peter Van Zant  
**Subject:** DSPUD's special inbox for comments regarding draft NPDES permit

Tom,

I'm very concerned that someone looking at DSPUD's site will mistakenly believe that if they wish to send comments on to CVRWQCB concerning the draft NPDES permit, sending it to DSPUD's special email box for comments will meet the statutory requirements for submitting timely comments. Perhaps it would be helpful if the website carries a disclaimer that actual comments must be sent to CVRWQCB--I believe Diana Messina was the appropriate contact? Also, I'm a little concerned that people might believe, again mistakenly, that DSPUD has pre-approval on comments. Comments to the state from the public will ensure a proper, and productive permitting process, so I'm sure you'll agree with me that it is of utmost necessity to ensure DSPUD's webpage clearly represents state law.

Second, it is my belief that any comments received by DSPUD are public under the California Public Records Act. Will any comments you receive on this email therefore be available to all members of the public in realtime, i.e., will they be posted on DSPUD's website?

Thanks so much for all the work you put into Tuesday night's meeting--it was very informative.

Katie Gray

DSPUD's special email box information follows:

### Permit and Dilution Credit Comments

The District has created a special email box to receive and track comments relative to the permit and dilution credits. Comments can be received via US Mail, fax and email:

Fax: 530-426-3460  
PO Box 610  
Soda Springs, CA 95728

## Item 2

Extra line breaks in this message were removed.

From: owner-comments@www.dspud.com on behalf of Kathryn Gray [ktg@savethesummit.com] Sent: Tue 3/10/2009 9:20 PM  
To: comments@dspud.com; Tom Skjelstad  
Cc:  
Subject: Comments submitted to CVRWQCB

Will you be posting all of the comments submitted to CVRWQCB related to draft permit, since deadline for comments is passed? It would be very informative to see the range of issues in any comments that were submitted.

thanks for information,

Kathryn Gray

## Item 3

-----Original Message-----

From: Tom Skjelstad [mailto:tskjelstad@dspud.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 12:34 PM  
To: 'Kathryn Gray'  
Subject: RE: Comments submitted to CVRWQCB

Hi Katy,

In keeping with DSPUD's commitment to making information easily accessible by the public, we have already planned on making comments received by the RWQCB available on our website. We have to wait until the RWQCB posts the summary of received comments. Then we will place a link to the RWQCB on our website. In the meantime, we will post the ECO:LOGIC comments on behalf of the District, hopefully sometime this week.

On another note, check out our website. We have posted our river sampling results. You may recall this is an ongoing, voluntary effort which will continue through the summer when we aren't discharging.

Thanks as always Katy for your suggestions.

Take care.

Tom

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From: Kathryn Gray [mailto:ktg@savethesummit.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2009 9:20 PM