

Wheeler Crest Community Service District
129 Willow Rd
Swall Meadows CA, 93514



Date: May 15, 2019

To: Kyle Olcott, Division of Hydropower Licensing

From: Wheeler Crest Community Service District Board of Directors

Subject: Permit application from Premium Energy Holdings, LLC

Dear Mr. Olcott,

The Board of Directors of Wheeler Crest Community Service District (WCCSD) is opposed to granting the Owens Valley Pump Storage project preliminary permit requested by Premium Energy Holding, LLC of Walnut, CA. This project is potentially a danger to the water supply of the residents in our community.

The project request does not address hydrological impact, environmental impact or seismic research for the area covered in the proposed project. WCCSD has two operational water systems in the project boundary and the proposal falsely states that DWP is the only water system within the project boundary.

The Wheeler Crest and Swall Meadows areas are an active earthquake zone being monitored by the US Geological Survey. The dams proposed in the upper area of the Wheeler Crest, Lower Rock gorge and the Owens River gorge could be destroyed in the event of an earthquake and result in major property damage and possible death.

Portions of the project would involve the construction of massive reservoirs and dams in the John Muir Wilderness Area which is one of the most pristine wilderness areas in the United States.

For the reasons stated above, we are strongly opposed to this project moving forward. Please feel free to contact the following individuals if you would like additional information:

Glenn Inouye

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Inouye".

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