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Oppose BCWA Unregulated Monopoly, Rate Hikes & Dam Removal

About this petition

The BCWA raised rates 15% last year and proposed to raise rates again 5% this year and 3% for the next 10 years to pay for Dam removal & projects. This is during a pandemic where citizens are suffering from extreme unemployment. To add insult to injury, they are giving themselves a 3.5% salary increase. Unlike all other RI utility companies, BCWA is NOT regulated by the state Public Utilities Commission (PUC) or any municipal government as a result of a controversial legislation enacted 40+ years ago. Therefore this unique entity, enjoys the freedom from external oversight, raising the appearance of conflict of interest, which has eroded the confidence of the community. As a result, it empowers them to spend with impunity without any effective check and balance of our earned money because they have a 100% monopoly on the most basic element of life - Water.

Sign the petition to OPPOSE unregulated oversight of BCWA activities, rate increases and dam removal ! Join us in encouraging our elected officials to support our a low interest subsidized private well proposal to East Bay residents.

Send Comments Opposing Rate Hikes and Dam Removal To: pmarchand@bcwari.com

Go Fund Me: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/bcwa-community-dam-removal-risk-mitigation>

INTRODUCTION:

The existence of a dam structure at this location has been in place for the past 450+ years. The strategic value for dams in this area was recognized in the 1600s when native Americans first built primitive weirs of stone and wood to control channel flow to harvest the abundant fish. After King Phillip's War, the nation's first English settlers from Plymouth MA erected a dam to harness hydraulic energy to power grain milling and to control salt water inundation of the up stream fertile farm land. Finally, in the 1800s an engineered dam was constructed by the Water Company to supply freshwater to the community.

PROBLEM STATEMENT:

In 2014 Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) issued Notice of Violation (NOV) to the Bristol County Water Authority (BCWA). The causation cites health and/or safety risk was for unsatisfactory compliance to RIDEM regulations to maintain two (2) dams on the Kickemuit Reservoir.

Despite imposing dozens of rate hikes over the years on the community to support and sustain infrastructure, a controversial pension program and miss-management is has been alleged. Despite the rate hikes to support and maintain infrastructure, they never once invested to maintain the dams to ensure proper flow and function of sluice gates. Without proper water flow to support controlled purging, the body of water has become stagnant and polluted with high levels of fecal matter due to cesspools and septic systems. The Child St dam has prevented additional pollution from further contaminating the beautiful Mt Hope Bay and area critical to the Shell fishing industry.



As a result of the pollution that they festered, this body of water which was once used as a unique freshwater supply for the community, wildlife and marine life, has since been abandoned by the BCWA. Despite the active violation, the BCWA defies requests to fix/repair the dams. Instead, solely in the pure fiscal interest of the BCWA, they recently issued a plan to regulatory agencies to remove both dams.

The cost associated with remediation of dams to comply with regulatory requirements is said to be approximately equal to the removal of the dams. The BCWA incentive is that they will enjoy and benefit from long term profits from elimination of reoccurring overhead expenditures to maintain RIDEM compliance. The removal of both dams will impact the community with 8 key risk factors.

In analogy, the diagnosis is difficulty breathing due/lack of oxygen. The cause is suffocation as a result of lack of water flow at the hands of the BCWA. The prognosis/ recovery of the habitat is very high if simple conventional treatment options are prescribed. Such as stop strangling the patient and permit oxygen flow. By no means is the patient in critical condition and any beyond basic standard of care capabilities.

A post discharge summary would summarize this case that the patient's care has been at the hands and mercy of a health insurance company (not a medical provider), whose sole interest is motivated profit, not health of the patient. In fact, the life of the patient directly contradicts the interest of the insurance company. As such, terminating the patient grants the insurance company a greater profit margin after the patient dies, which in a court of law could prove to be not only negligent but potentially criminal. However the probability of indictment and prosecution they feel is low because of lack of independent regulating oversight as a result of controversial C# 00210 – Public Law, 1981 Chapter 102.

In summary, the strategy of BCWA is to transfer their financial risk burden of non compliance, ultimately materializing in real and sustained risk to the community in terms of; health, safety, environment, financial, and historical risk elements as outlined below.

DAM REMOVAL RISK ASSESSMENT

1. **Public Health:** There is no water main on Serpentine Rd. All properties are on private water wells. Removal of dams will increase hydraulic water pressure on water table and likely to contaminate wells. Water quality degradation may not be identifiable many years after dam removal. Ingestion of contaminated water is highly likely to impact health of community. Lack of water main plus contaminated wells would leave community without any viable water supply.
2. **Environmental Contamination:** Kickemuit Reservoir has high levels of contaminants from upstream cesspool and septic systems. South dam has mitigated existing pollution into My Hope Bay. Removal of dams will inject and sustain contamination into Mt Hope Bay, which may impact shell fishing and recreational activity for generations.
3. **Life Safety:** Serpentine Rd already is inundated with flooding issues. Specific risks include impediment to community hurricane emergency evacuation in addition to first responder's emergency response. No water main is provided to community. Fire Dept. uses fresh water from reservoir to supply pumps for fire suppression. Saltwater will degrade engine/pump performance and reliability, therefore reducing the frequency and practical application for fire suppression training with real world environmental conditions due to the lack of natural freshwater supply in area, ultimately degrading operational readiness.



4. FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA): FEMA has identified this area as Base Flood Elevation (BFE)-12' for SFHA risk. Many dwellings are currently in X Zone, no flood insurance required. Dam removal will likely trigger a new FEMA firm analysis. New analysis results may place many properties in SFHA. As such, would burden home owners with an average of \$2,000 per month for the life of a mortgage loan x 30 = \$60,000.00.

5. Private Property Devaluation: Dam removal without 1 way check valves in culverts will inundate property with salt water as evidenced in URI and CRMC SLAMM analysis. Saltwater marsh will decrease overall property value. For agricultural plots, it will decrease overall annual harvest yield (Hay) and monetary loss. Unharvest-able land due to salt marsh would decrease current qualified agricultural "area usage" and potentially disqualify current Farm status designation with RIDEM. Removal of farm status would remove properties from annual municipal tax credits.

6. Land Erosion: Acceptance of Mt Hope Bay and its natural tidal flow, will accelerate erosion. These banks are home to an abundance of historical artifacts, still being found today. Many areas on Serpentine Rd likely to be undermined including Serpentine Rd base. Tidal erosion will likely impact historical Kickemuit Cemetery, believed to be on ancient native American burial ground and currently memorializing graves of the nations first settlers and veterans of King Philips War.

7. Historical Preservation: This area has very significant historical and cultural importance. It is the flashpoint site of King Phillips war and has the oldest cemetery in RI Has 400+ burials; include veterans of King Philip War, 1675-1676, including that of John Luther (1697). RI Governor Josiah Lyndon, last Colonial Governor from 1768-1769. There are over 300 unknown remains believed to be native American. Hydraulic pressure and rising of water table likely to flood ancient graves at Kickemuit Cemetery (RI Historical Cemetery Warren #3).

8. Freshwater Habitat / Wildlife: Dam removal will Kill thousands of fresh water species including painted turtles, snapping turtles, bass, perch etc. Furthermore, the abundant wildlife that uses the freshwater in the conservation area will be starved of freshwater. In additional, it will deny the natural migratory patterns for dozens of species of waterfowl and wildlife.



Signatures

1. Name: Robert Botelho on 2021-01-17 21:11:43
Comments:

2. Name: Lindsey Botelho on 2021-01-17 22:11:01
Comments:

3. Name: Alan J Seitz on 2021-01-17 22:22:56
Comments: Negligence, on behalf of the BCWA, for decades of not addressing the required maintenance should not be shamelessly made the burden of the home/landowners that will be affected.

4. Name: Lawrence Spaulding on 2021-01-17 23:22:26
Comments: No more rate hikes to pay for failed pensions !

5. Name: Mary Anne Pastor on 2021-01-17 23:25:43
Comments: The risks identified are to critical and significant, and an audit should be conducted to assess the level of negligence of the water co that put us in this position today !

6. Name: Randal Perry on 2021-01-17 23:27:52
Comments: No not eradicate the hundreds of endangered freshwater species in this unique habitat for the profits of the BCWA !! No more corporate GREED !

7. Name: Hannah Campbell on 2021-01-17 23:32:39
Comments:

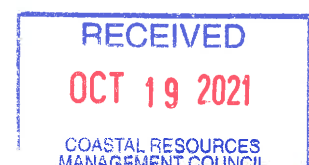
8. Name: Andrew Campbell on 2021-01-18 00:16:35
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9. Name: Cortney Lancaster on 2021-01-18 01:15:17
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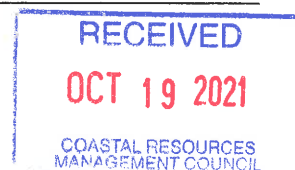
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11. Name: Deone McCarthy on 2021-01-18 01:26:05
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12. Name: Matthew Sylvia on 2021-01-18 01:33:32
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13. Name: Elizabeth Campbell on 2021-01-18 01:42:38
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14. Name: Deborah Chartier on 2021-01-18 01:49:48
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15. Name: Tori Bradley on 2021-01-18 01:51:21
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16. Name: Cynthia OBlenis on 2021-01-18 01:52:58
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17. Name: Haley Goodrich on 2021-01-18 02:08:39
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18. Name: Kurt Chubbuck on 2021-01-18 02:21:52
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19. Name: Giovanni DeSousa on 2021-01-18 02:23:50
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20. Name: Mike Nutini on 2021-01-18 02:29:16
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21. Name: James McNamara on 2021-01-18 02:33:26
Comments: I grew up in warren and enjoyed see the heron spawn into and up the dam.
A true warren heritage
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22. Name: Jason Dalton on 2021-01-18 02:34:50
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23. Name: Diane Rodrigues on 2021-01-18 02:44:02
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24. Name: Leo Eugene Mansi on 2021-01-18 03:02:33
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25. Name: kim sousa on 2021-01-18 03:03:35
Comments: When do companies stop passing on thexcost of their mistakes to citizens.
And they want to pollute the bay on top of that.
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26. Name: Barbara Francis on 2021-01-18 03:04:38

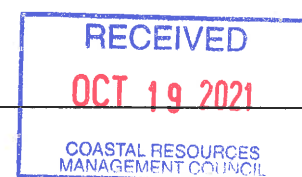


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27. Name: Matthew davis on 2021-01-18 03:05:53
Comments: I been fishing in that spot my whole life if your gonna take it down id like to remove as much turtles and fish as I can and relocate them.
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28. Name: Maria Greenwood on 2021-01-18 03:09:41
Comments:
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29. Name: Robert Ashton on 2021-01-18 03:14:49
Comments: Potential environmental damage to the Kickemuit River water quality
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30. Name: Christina Lachapelle on 2021-01-18 03:30:32
Comments:
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31. Name: Jason Braun on 2021-01-18 03:48:00
Comments: The damage is already done. I have fished here for years as a child and an adult. This year while I was fishing I noticed a lot of turtles on the road around schoolhouse road area. The reason was blue shell crabs have infested the water and killed most of the species in that water already.
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32. Name: Esther L on 2021-01-18 04:00:49
Comments:
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33. Name: Kathleen ibboston on 2021-01-18 04:35:49
Comments: Have read the petition and agree.
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34. Name: Cassie OBlenis on 2021-01-18 06:01:55
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35. Name: Deborah Shears on 2021-01-18 11:38:40
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36. Name: KATHRYN OLIVER on 2021-01-18 11:40:31
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37. Name: kim sadlier on 2021-01-18 12:08:57
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38. Name: Anonymous on 2021-01-18 12:09:07
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39. Name: Horace Barboza on 2021-01-18 12:32:59
Comments: I attended several of the water company meetings. They do not care what happens to the community, all they care about is increasing profit margin. ITS ABOUT TIME THE COMMUNITY STOOD UP TO THIS "AUTHORITY" !
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40. Name: Jeff Daniels on 2021-01-18 12:46:11
Comments: How is this even a good idea ? If the water company was pro-environment they would have maintained the DAM. Only now that they have failed DEM inspections and must pay fines they want to become "environmentalists" and restore to its organic state ! There have been dam structure there for 500 years. This ecosystem is a very unique and treasured resource - we are surrounded by salt water - time to stand up for what is right and stop the reversal of our world at the hands of corporate greed and corruption. Where in the world is the elected officials on this problem ? ??
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41. Name: Andrew Smith on 2021-01-18 12:50:14
Comments: Please don't remove the dam!!!!
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42. Name: Robert Hamel on 2021-01-18 12:52:22
Comments: BCWA has neglected the entire reservoir system. Kickemuit, Shad, Anawan reservoirs as well as the pipes and treatment we left to go fallow when the cross bay pipeline went in. They were mandated to maintain a secondary sourceand did not. Their latest plan is to abandon the Anawan reservoir in Rehoboth
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43. Name: Dawn Perry on 2021-01-18 13:59:14
Comments:
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44. Name: Karen Pacheco on 2021-01-18 14:46:18
Comments: I oppose the removal of the dams
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45. Name: Jill Buxton on 2021-01-18 14:49:07
Comments: Oppose
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46. Name: Matthew braun on 2021-01-18 15:21:34
Comments: Fix it
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47. Name: Warren Barnowski on 2021-01-18 15:31:14
Comments: We should be taking care of the ECO system instead of destroying it....!!
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48. Name: Ryan Sousa on 2021-01-18 15:32:44
Comments:
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49. Name: Diane Braun on 2021-01-18 15:48:48
Comments:
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50. Name: Lindsay Godet on 2021-01-18 15:59:06

Comments:

51. Name: Erin McNally on 2021-01-18 16:13:54

Comments: I've been a 23 resident on Serpentine Rd in Warren. The BWA has not done any maintenance on the dams in many yrs they were negligent to the residents and failed to do the right thing for the town and it's residents.

52. Name: James a Sardinha jr on 2021-01-18 16:16:47

Comments:

53. Name: Anne Maio on 2021-01-18 16:56:18

Comments:

54. Name: Richard Kaiser on 2021-01-18 17:03:14

Comments: The community and the wildlife and environment are more important than the bottom line !

55. Name: Alish O'Connor on 2021-01-18 17:12:37

Comments: Fix the dams, restore the freshwater eco system and protect the residential community - Contact your local representatives, we will not laydown anymore for the water company, and we OPPOSE THE RATE HIKES

56. Name: Donna DuPont on 2021-01-18 18:03:09

Comments:

57. Name: Raymond Giblin on 2021-01-18 18:40:39

Comments: This would ruin property values in our area. Leave it alone.

58. Name: Diane Savaria on 2021-01-18 18:50:24

Comments:

59. Name: Mary Beth Vitullo on 2021-01-18 19:01:54

Comments:

60. Name: Kerry Sampson on 2021-01-18 19:51:16

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61. Name: Laurie matias on 2021-01-18 20:06:35

Comments:

62. Name: Dale Dupuis on 2021-01-18 20:10:21

Comments: the kicky is healthy! dont pollute it!



63. Name: Allie Aubrey on 2021-01-18 20:47:53
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64. Name: Lesley Swift on 2021-01-18 21:25:58
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65. Name: Glenn Skalubinski on 2021-01-18 22:01:48
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66. Name: Brian mellor on 2021-01-18 23:25:22
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67. Name: Arlene Palmieri on 2021-01-19 00:25:29
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68. Name: Scott Vitullo on 2021-01-19 00:36:03
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69. Name: Alden Simons on 2021-01-19 01:10:46
Comments:

70. Name: Dalton Gouveia on 2021-01-19 01:18:47
Comments: This makes me so angry that they are thinking of destroying the damn instead of fixing it and saving the environment and habitats of animals. These humans disgust me beyond belief...

71. Name: Angela Downs on 2021-01-19 01:24:14
Comments:

72. Name: Judith Fardig Fardig on 2021-01-19 02:02:49
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73. Name: Donna Mahoney on 2021-01-19 09:37:37
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74. Name: Katelyn on 2021-01-19 12:47:42
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75. Name: Kerri Tweedy on 2021-01-19 13:02:02
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76. Name: Nastassia Swanson on 2021-01-19 14:16:03
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77. Name: Maurice Motta on 2021-01-19 22:46:03
Comments: OPPOSE - No rate hikes for increasing risk and pollution of Mt Hope Bay !
Who or what agency is supporting this ? I am writing to Sen Reed and Sen Whitehouse to investigate.

78. Name: Richard Barreto on 2021-01-19 22:55:18
Comments: The BCWA has a long history of this cavalier behavior. They are aggressive with this proposal the Dir is leaving in Feb 2021, they are tryin to pass the unpopular issue prior to the new Dir from stepping in. We should be using this opportunity to audit the funding and maintenance history of the infrastructure. FOLLOW THE MONEY. Write to the Public Utility Commission (PUC) and Governor to INVESTIGATE the BCWA. If any person or company fails to comply with the law, and a resultanant casue of harm is inflicted on any one person or enviroment, that is called NEGLEGENCE and they should not be allowed to pay for their fines with our dollars - because that is EXACTLY WHAT THEY ARE DOING !

79. Name: Darrel Phillips on 2021-01-20 14:18:19
Comments: Bristol Country Water Authority (BCWA) raised rates 10% last year, now again they are proposing to increase rates by 5% this year and 3+% for the next 10 more year to come !

80. Name: Jill Fontaine on 2021-01-20 15:16:29
Comments: The unique freshwater species and habitat is cherished, there is NO other such habitat in the area. Every fish, turtle and species would be destroyed. Have they proposed to relocate the living creatures - NO they have not. This area is also a beautiful migratory area for swans and their babies ! please do not remove the dams...

81. Name: JOHN MIRANDA on 2021-01-20 16:51:16
Comments:

82. Name: Roger Silvia on 2021-01-21 13:33:17
Comments: If the state can force landlords not to increase rent or even evict tenants because of high un employment during a pandemic, how can a utility company have the audacity to raise rates for the most basic needs of human life - WATER ! At the scheduled proposed by BCWA = 45+% increase spread out over 11 years. This is atrocious. I will be digging a well.

83. Name: Katie Eagan on 2021-01-21 15:26:09
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84. Name: John Mcdonald on 2021-01-21 21:39:29
Comments:



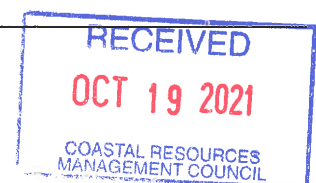
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93. Name: Dan teb on 2021-01-22 00:41:35
Comments: Dam it!
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94. Name: Dick stain on 2021-01-22 00:43:23
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95. Name: Joseph Fortin on 2021-01-22 00:48:41
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105. Name: Susan Olson on 2021-01-22 01:19:22
Comments: I oppose dam removal and rate hikes
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106. Name: Paula Martel on 2021-01-22 01:20:23
Comments: It seems senseless to remove that dam..
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107. Name: Dawn Domingos on 2021-01-22 01:26:48
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108. Name: Angelo Stanzone on 2021-01-22 01:27:17
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113. Name: Daniel Annunziata on 2021-01-22 01:54:56
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114. Name: Cassie Andrade on 2021-01-22 02:00:02
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115. Name: Thomas Sousa JR on 2021-01-22 02:16:34
Comments: Perhaps some new leadership is needed for the BCWA. What an absolute disgrace.
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116. Name: Trump won on 2021-01-22 02:18:28
Comments:
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117. Name: Anti Liberal on 2021-01-22 02:20:27
Comments: Let's make the east bay great again
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118. Name: Riana Forrin on 2021-01-22 02:52:36
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119. Name: Paulette silvia on 2021-01-22 03:10:16
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120. Name: Tiffany Quiterio on 2021-01-22 03:14:32
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124. Name: michael marshall on 2021-01-22 03:55:58
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125. Name: Moises Pereira on 2021-01-22 04:02:30
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126. Name: Mary Lopez on 2021-01-22 10:53:58



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127. Name: Sarah Medeiros on 2021-01-22 12:42:37
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131. Name: Jan Malik on 2021-01-22 14:27:03
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132. Name: Monique Latessa on 2021-01-22 14:44:32
Comments: Please

133. Name: jim rielly on 2021-01-22 15:25:41
Comments:

134. Name: Marcia Hoffer on 2021-01-22 16:02:21
Comments: The BCWA must not be allowed to make these changes unless they take responsibility for the consequences to the citizens of Warren. The health and safety of us and our properties must be protected.

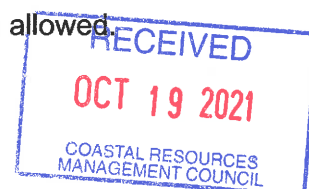
135. Name: Michelle Gempp on 2021-01-22 16:45:26
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136. Name: Kate on 2021-01-22 17:19:38
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137. Name: Joe Asciola on 2021-01-22 18:19:09
Comments:

138. Name: JoAnn DaPonte on 2021-01-22 18:26:49
Comments: Do not let this happen we everyone to sign this petition.

139. Name: Lori Cruz on 2021-01-22 18:56:07
Comments: Very informative. Sounds like a loose, loose situation of this is allowed.



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140. Name: Rick Spates on 2021-01-22 19:59:28
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141. Name: Jane Tremblay on 2021-01-22 23:19:02
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143. Name: Mark Davis on 2021-01-23 00:33:55
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144. Name: Thomas Rybak on 2021-01-23 03:41:56
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145. Name: Jill Carmo on 2021-01-23 08:10:03
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146. Name: Nicole Martel on 2021-01-23 12:36:59
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154. Name: Jevin Fortin on 2021-01-24 13:15:04
Comments:

155. Name: Laurie on 2021-01-24 19:20:52
Comments: They need to repair/ rebuild dams to prevent the beautiful bay from looking like it did in the 60's and 70's black from pollution, with people unable to swim or fish. How will that impact Bristol and Warrens waterfront and our ability to attract tourism?

156. Name: Kim Silva on 2021-01-25 03:11:43
Comments:

157. Name: Tina Sylvia on 2021-01-25 09:20:41
Comments:

158. Name: Steve Grossman on 2021-01-25 15:38:28
Comments: How can the state government force private home owners halt evictions due to high unemployment due to pandemic but grant a public utility company the authority to raise rates for the most basic necessities of life – WATER ?

159. Name: F Chris Nelson on 2021-01-25 18:04:38
Comments:

160. Name: Rebecca Oliveira on 2021-01-25 22:55:03
Comments:

161. Name: George Duarte on 2021-01-26 00:09:15
Comments:

162. Name: James mckenna on 2021-01-26 00:31:14
Comments: Don't do it!

163. Name: Christine McGinn on 2021-01-26 00:38:05
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164. Name: Brad Oliver on 2021-01-26 00:39:06
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165. Name: Dan DaSilva on 2021-01-26 00:39:27
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166. Name: Taylor on 2021-01-26 00:47:46



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167. Name: Gregg Burke on 2021-01-26 00:49:35
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168. Name: Brian MacDougall on 2021-01-26 00:55:10
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169. Name: Marlene Botelho on 2021-01-26 00:58:07
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170. Name: Suzanne murtagh on 2021-01-26 00:59:08
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171. Name: Molly Wendt on 2021-01-26 01:26:42
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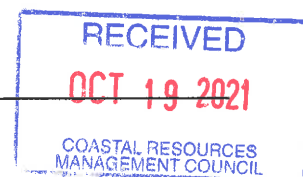
189. Name: Rose Cote on 2021-01-26 10:27:05
Comments:

190. Name: Alicia Joly on 2021-01-26 10:36:47
Comments: This cannot happen. They didn't even mentioned the impact on Waterview
Condominiums or the one across the street. What about the blue shell!

191. Name: Jonathan cambra on 2021-01-26 11:58:16
Comments:

192. Name: Kasey botelho on 2021-01-26 15:44:31
Comments:

193. Name: Mary Almon on 2021-01-26 16:08:14
Comments:



194. Name: Diane Campbell on 2021-01-26 23:03:20
Comments: Let's hang on to the water we have. We should not deliberately get rid of water in favor of potential future sources.
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195. Name: JoAnn Hadfield on 2021-01-26 23:47:35
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196. Name: david reniere on 2021-01-26 23:57:56
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197. Name: Susan Hooper on 2021-01-27 00:06:26
Comments: I cant even imagine the impact of the ecosystem if the dans were removed.
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198. Name: Chad Cote on 2021-01-27 01:09:14
Comments:
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199. Name: Shana Marie Lopez on 2021-01-27 01:41:23
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200. Name: Dom Puniello on 2021-01-27 01:45:42
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201. Name: Richard Kinsella on 2021-01-27 01:48:03
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202. Name: Michael Motta on 2021-01-27 02:14:45
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203. Name: Sheryl Sinclair on 2021-01-27 02:27:49
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204. Name: Rebekah Arruda on 2021-01-27 03:01:02
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205. Name: Louis Fortin on 2021-01-27 04:03:13
Comments: What happens to all the fish and there will be a nasty smell from the mud and the water fowl have no where to have there nest and take care of there young
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206. Name: Peter squatrito on 2021-01-27 13:53:25
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207. Name: Sadie on 2021-01-27 16:31:15



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210. Name: Maria Rocha on 2021-01-27 21:05:05
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212. Name: Melanie Wolfe on 2021-01-28 01:22:46
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213. Name: Lori Smith Dion on 2021-01-28 15:26:17
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214. Name: Rick McDermott on 2021-01-28 18:53:56
Comments: Leave well enough alone. Give us a break.

215. Name: Jessica Blinkhorn on 2021-01-30 14:11:30
Comments:

216. Name: Stephen Moy on 2021-01-30 16:34:32
Comments: Keep the land for the people that love it

217. Name: Roger Chambers on 2021-02-03 01:38:16
Comments: The BCWA should be regulated by the PUC like all other utility companies in RI, please stop this unchecked company wasting our money

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Comments:

219. Name: Stephen Kennedy on 2021-02-12 09:27:00
Comments: Another sign of rampant mismanagement because of lack of oversight. Warren is notoriously known for the highest price for the worst-tasting "chlorine coolers." Maybe what the State Attorney General has failed to solve, the US Attorney General can. Maybe a call to the Bureau of Indian Affairs can bring in an ally to fight for the Native American burial grounds, which would justify taking it to the federal level.



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Comments: All that is required is to fix south gate and permit water flow, there is no need to remove the south dam - at all !

221. Name: David Foster on 2021-02-22 19:08:51
Comments: BCWA intentionally is depriving the Kiki of oxygen (water flow) to support their financial strategy, with no care for the environment.

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Comments:

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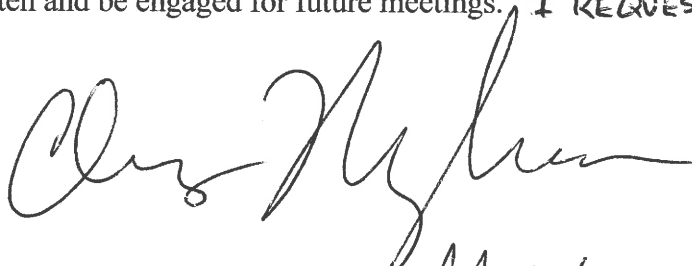
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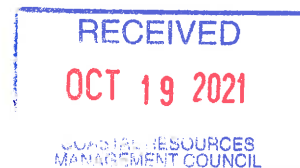
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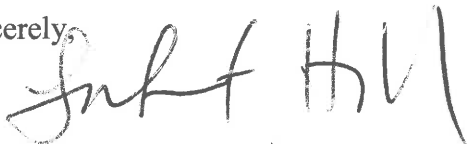
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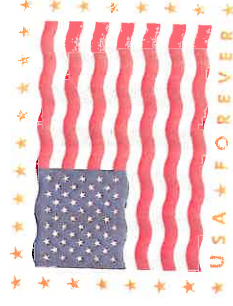
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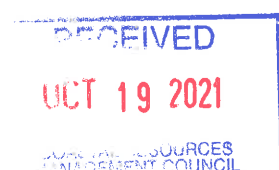
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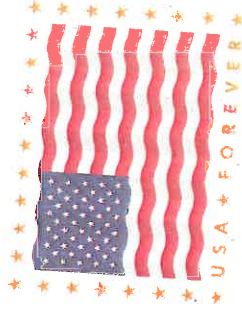
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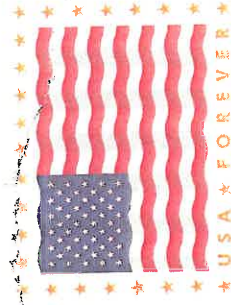
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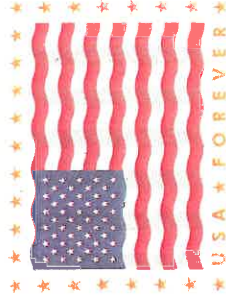
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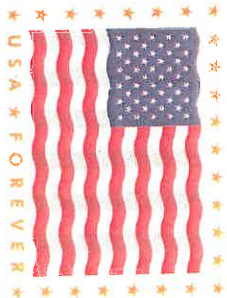
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