

SAVE OUR WATER!

Dear Douglas and Elbert County Well Owners,

Franktown Citizens Coalition II (FCC II) is involved in the Independence Water and Sanitation District fight to protect our precious Upper Dawson aquifer water. The Water Court Referee in this case disregarded almost 400 Opposers' filed objections to Independence's Application. The Referee investigated neither Independence's application to determine the accuracy of the statements nor the statements of opposition as applied to Independence's application. Instead, the Referee granted the motion filed by Independence and entered the proposed ruling exactly as Independence wrote it.

The decree allows Independence to use Upper Dawson water for **in-house, irrigation, domestic, municipal, industrial, commercial, stock watering, fire protection, both on and off the Independence property!** **If Independence's decree is approved by the water court, then there becomes a financial incentive for Independence to move water away to other users.** The amount of water is **24,438,867.39 gallons** per year! If allowed to stand, this could be the beginning by setting a precedent for others to follow suit. We will then be left facing the real threat of what to do when our water runs out.

Because of the Referee's decision, FCC II is entering the phase where attorney-driven legal action is the only way to keep up this fight. To support FCC II's effort, we have to raise \$60,000.00 to cover legal fees for a trial. If we do not raise these funds, then we, the citizens, will have to forfeit the fight. Please understand that FCC II is fighting this battle on behalf of all of us. We need to support them.

This is not just a call to those almost 400 citizens who filed against Independence's decree; it is a call to every well owner in Douglas and Elbert Counties. If everyone pitches in, we can fight this with a minimal hit to our pocketbooks. But we all need to pitch in. We either all pay some now with the possibility of winning or we risk running out of water for ourselves and posterity.

Please...do not wait to contribute to protecting our water. We hate to ask, but to win this court battle, we need a solid understanding of our resources. Let Independence and the Water Court Referee clearly hear that the citizens of Douglas and Elbert Counties call **FOUL!** to the callous dismissal of almost 400 citizen oppositions and the threat to our water source.

Please send your check or money order to the following address:

**Franktown Citizen's Coalition II, Inc.
P.O. Box 667
Franktown, CO 80116**

To donate through PayPal, please visit the site below and click the **DONATE** button:

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There is also a form letter on the website to download and send to the judge. Please make your voices heard.

Thank you for banding together to protect our water

Hilltop Concerned Citizens