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Action Item Number	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Enter Your Comments	<p>Thank you for you time and attention. I appreciate that the Sweetwater Authority board has formed a committee to prepare for the discussion of the issue of lake access at the Sweetwater and Loveland reservoirs and put that on the agenda for this meeting</p> <p>I would like to add some points for consideration for that discussion tonight:</p> <p>1) All lakes in San Diego County not controlled by the Sweetwater Authority are opened to the extent they were before stay at home orders were put in place and have been opening since May 2nd of 2020. Loveland and Sweetwater</p>

were the first to close and will be the last to open. The county of San Diego recently kicked off a new campaign to encourage hiking , the opportunities that could be provided by the Sweetwater Authority, that we in the public are asking for, are in line with what the broader community of San Diego leadership wants.

2) The Center for Disease Control has maintained consistently throughout the Covid-19 situation that water recreation in impoundments for drinking water supplies poses zero risk for water customers. However, that is precisely what the Sweetwater Authority has been informing the lake users and water customers to be reason for keeping the lakes closed.

3) I asked at the last regular board meeting, and through and Email Exchange with the general manager , to be informed of any agency or institution that was stopping the Sweetwater Authority from opening the lakes. That question was never answered. The public has been asking for the lakes to be open for months. Given that 20 other lakes in the county are opened it would seem that either the Sweetwater Authority deliberately failed at compliance, or simply has no compliance issue obstacles to opening the lakes.

4) The Sweetwater Authority has benefitted from the cost reductions of operating the lakes for 3 months now. The public has born 100% of the burden of them being closed. That inequity needs to be addressed immediately, rather than extended.

5) By Keeping the Loveland Reservoir locked 24/7 The Sweetwater authority is obstructing the easement for access for fishing, hiking , bird watching etc. This easement is from sunrise to sunset. I would like to know how it came about that the Sweetwater Authority has shortened those hours to where the lake is open until 6:00 PM at the latest, even in the Summer.

Thank you all,

Russell Walsh