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## Public Comment

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Meeting Date and Time	7/22/2020 @ 6pm
I wish to speak under public comment:	No
Action Item Number	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Enter Your Comments	<p>Loveland Reservoir's access still closed to all hikers, bird watchers, exercise groups, anglers, rock climbers, etc etc. is unfortunate. Sweetwater Authority needs to do the right thing and re-open public access per the land easement agreement.</p> <p>We miss it and just look forward to reinstating the PRE-Pandemic accessibility.</p> <p>Thank You</p>

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Meeting Date and Time	07/22/2020 6:00 PM
I wish to speak under public comment:	No
Action Item Number	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Enter Your Comments	I would like to address the continued obstruction of the fishing easement at Loveland Reservoir

A week has passed since the Operations committee vetted this topic in a meeting which I attended via zoom. . . Last Thursday, the day after the meeting , I wrote an email for distribution to all participants and sent it to Mr. Garcia and Ms. Perez. I have not gotten one response. There is also no public update regarding the fishing programs on the Sweetwater Authority website.

The three board members assigned to decide on the topic of opening Loveland Reservoir are on public record for being in favor of opening the lake, at least on a partial schedule. I

appreciate the good faith of those supervisors, Mr. Martinez, Ms Calderon-Scott and Mr. Cano. I appreciate the Mr. Martinez was interested in knowing if a partial opening was acceptable to me. However, the suggestion of a soft opening is not really necessary, or justified if we were given the chance to air out the concerns discussed at the Operations meeting, as I attempted to do via my recent email. It is not for me to condone something that diminishes the civil legal powers of the Easement Granted to the US Government in favor of the American Public

The Sweetwater website says the lakes are closed so that the Sweetwater Authority can focus on it's mission to supply safe drinking water to it's water customers. Loveland reservoir usually has one part time caretaker each day. How is that a meaningful hindrance to your mission to supply safe water?

A big topic at the Operations meeting last Wednesday was the cleaning of the porta potties at Loveland Reservoir. I wrote an email for distribution to all participants of the board in attempt to make it clear that other lakes have the exact same system with remote toilets accessible by boat and they are being stocked and cleaned.

In my recent email, I also addressed the concerns Mr. Gaus stated about the dangers of interacting with the public. Unfortunately, it is impossible to cover those topics in 3 minutes, so I hope that my recent correspondence will be read and acknowledged. I know that Sweetwater staff can maintain safe distancing from the public when opening and closing the gate, or when operating the boat or cleaning restrooms, when fishermen are onshore. I have never seen a reason why Sweetwater staff would have to speak closely, face to face with anyone fishing at Loveland or even get near them. It is not typical for Sweetwater staff and the public to conduct any type of transaction or interact in close proximity over any issue. They do not check licenses, bait or any of those types of things. The only time I have seen this was when staff engaged in unofficial chit chat with anglers , or anglers helped a caretaker with boat trouble.

Given simple observation of the situation at other lakes and at other functions in our communities , I do not accept the suggestion that working at Loveland reservoir is so dangerous that it would nullify the Sweetwater Authorities responsibilities towards the fishing program. I don't see how anyone at Sweetwater Authority could draw the conclusion that health and safety issues are your lakes are exceptions to the rule. All the other lakes in San Diego County , all of which are opened for fishing , boating , water skiing etc, according to their programs , have managed to work out these concerns. Only the two lakes controlled by the Sweetwater Authority , with much less

extensive programs and lower public use , remain closed.

Thank you,

Russell Walsh

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