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FYI for the comp plan index record. Thanks.

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Clark County Council
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FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD

Re: Clark County aquifer water comes from Tidal Aquifers from Pacific Ocean tides

Dear Councilors,

At a recent councilor meeting, Council Marshall made a comment concerning available water in Clark County. She seemed to have concerns that growth would negatively affect water tables. Clark County Citizens United, Inc. has had numerous discussions with former Clark Public Utilities water manager and Engineer, Eric Beck, who assured CCCU that the only way Clark County would run out of water is if the Pacific Ocean dries up.

He forwarded CCCU the whole water manual, composed by municipal water providers, the Department of Ecology and other scientific researchers, that confirmed what he said was the truth. When the Pacific Ocean tide comes in, it fills the aquifers, most notably within the Columbia and Lewis River systems.

He scoffed at any comments to the contrary, as those folks were incorrect. CCCU has read the manual, and it confirmed his claim. It also claims that personal private

water wells are considered only surface water wells, which were not a concern to the agencies. So when a person's well goes dry, it is not because of the aquifers, but rather how much rain the county has had over time.

Because of these facts, the CPU systems can consistently and dependably provide water for all of the communities and the growth that is expected, because their wells tap into the tidal aquifers for their water source. There is no reason to believe that additional growth in the rural and resource areas will, in any way, negatively affect the water availability and aquifers in Clark County, as there is plenty of water for us all.

Sincerely,

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