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TO: LESTER SNOW
CAL-FED

P.S.
SEE MY NOTES ON
INCLOSED PAPERS
AND
SAVE MILLIONS

Dear Mr. Snow;

Yesterday I went to the Sonoma RCD meeting. I arrived at 10AM after working on my property for 5 hours.

The meeting had started at 9:30AM and only 2 property owners were present. They started without a quorum. At 11AM one of the property owners left, saying what a waste of time. About five minutes later one more board member showed up and ten minutes later another showed up. So at 11:15 they finally had a quorum. But, still only TWO(2) Property owners present. They had 2 projects with large amounts of leftover money and didn't know what to do with it. I ask if it could be used for LEVEE repair. NO was the answer so they went on to say how about a news letter or pamphlets ETC. property owners said return

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it. This RCD is funding itself and doing nothing for property owners. I ask 3 different times for help with LEVEE REPAIRS and nobody could address the issue. I went so far as to ask if there was EMERGENCY FUNDS and who could I go to, or if they could help and the response was NOTHING.

All they could talk about was grants, FUNDING AND CAL-FED MONEY. And even discussed a 2 MILLION DOLLAR ENDOWMENT FOR ELLIS CREEK. There is no water in Ellis creek. Don't be conned by City of Petaluma out of these valuable funds by these smooth talking planners.

In my opinion, giving any money to this RCD would be like throwing it in the toilet.

Remember only two (2) property owners at meeting and object to 90% of this. Also majority of NBAA members feel this would be a waste of money if put in the hands of SONOMA RCD

Thankyou
Harvey Gilbery