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Michael Echanove
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Dear Mr. Echanove:

At the April 16, 2009 PBAC meeting, the Committee considered your recommendation regarding the allocation of PBAC research funding to develop a regional conservation campaign. PBAC agrees that a regionally inclusive campaign is a good idea, and it encourages its member entities to participate fully in integrating efforts to ensure a consistent conservation message is communicated to all water users in the Palouse Basin.

As you are aware, the primary role of the Committee is to encourage member entities to implement the Ground Water Management Plan. According to the Plan, one of the key functions of the Committee is to

... provide a forum for the exchange of successful and effective management policies, strategies, and techniques among the entities and other interested groups and governing bodies.

In addition, according to the 2006 PBAC Mission and Goal statement, a primary goal of PBAC is to

... encourage and facilitate entities in meeting their specific pumping, conservation, efficient use, water recycling and other goals.

PBAC does not have a funding stream dedicated to end-user information campaigns such as you are recommending. And it is not PBAC's practice to use funds specifically dedicated to research to fund non-research activities. But in keeping to the dictates of the Ground Water Management Plan and PBAC goals, we can and do encourage the entities' efforts to develop such a campaign.

PBAC recognizes the importance of a regionally inclusive conservation message, and we support all efforts by its member entities to ensure that all Palouse residents are aware of the importance of conserving our scarce water resources.

On behalf of PBAC, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the CAG for your efforts these past several years. Your contributions have been invaluable and are appreciated. We look forward to continuing to build a strong relationship with the CAG that will ensure that the concerns of all basin residents are included in the dialogue of how best to manage our shared water resource.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Workman".

Mark Workman, Chairman
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