



**CANE BRAKE  
COUNTY WATER  
DISTRICT**

Date: June 11, 2023

To: Bob Fritz

From: Jerry Bucheit

Re: Correspondence from April 2, 2023

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The Board of Directors takes issue with your statement that the CCWD has been “lax” in providing the necessary reserve storage in a timely manner, has made poor leadership choices and are “weekend” residents” that forget about Canebrake when they leave. We disagree. This board is committed to addressing and solving the issues that occur when running a volunteer system to provide potable water in the middle of the desert. And we are working all year along as you can see reflected in the meeting minutes and updates.

The Board wishes to assure you that it provides water for fire prevention. In response to your letter the board discussed water reserves for firefighting. The minutes of the May 13, 2023, reflect the thought that we are not equipped for fire suppression. Further discussion today fleshed out the idea that if Canebrake wants to fight fires, we will need to work with the CIA and develop a plan to put forward for approval by Cal Fire and the County of San Diego. This is beyond the scope of the CCWD.

In 2022, I contacted Cal Fire in Shelter Valley and Cal Fire of East County and was assured that we are operating in compliance with their needs regarding water supply. The Board believes that there is a significant amount of water in the five miles of water lines and if needed, the CCWD has two wells to access water for firefighting if for some reason our stored water was not sufficient. Moreover, please understand that it is the Board’s extreme desire to have the polyethylene tank up and running as soon as possible.

Thank you for your concerns and we look forward to working together to continue providing water to the residents of Canebrake.