

Good morning

Honorable Chairperson and Supervisors,

I come to you representing over two dozen members of the Foothill Water Coalition, a group of Yuba County residents concerned about the water, and lack thereof, provided by the North Yuba Water District. In the summer of 2020, the North Yuba Water District, as was customary, sent out its Summer 2020 edition of the newsletter to its customers.

In mid October, during the 2020 General Election, the Water District's General Manager paid a campaign strategist to re-print 2,500 copies of this outdated newsletter and mail it to the District's voter households. Upon reviewing the content and discovering who had received this second round mailing, it became clear it was a campaign tactic deployed to sway the outcome of the General Election in favor of the three incumbents up for election. The Water District paid over \$4,100 to re-print and mass mail out this out-of-date newsletter to voters.

We are concerned because this action has compromised the integrity of the North Yuba Water District's Board due to the lack of a quorum of fairly elected Directors. This incident has been reported to the Fair Political Practices Commission, the Yuba County Grand Jury, and the Yuba County District Attorney. This action by the Water District and its General Manager constitute an unethical political scheme to retain like minded incumbents that have supported the General Manager. This election interference undermines the integrity of the Elections process in Yuba County.

We implore the Supervisors of Yuba County to take action to avoid further tarnishing the reputation of Yuba County Elections process and Yuba County in general.