

WE GOTTA FIGHT THIS, FOLKS!

I think I'm going to go nuts. I already am, you say? OK, I'm going to go even nuts-er. These bureaucrats and government agencies drive me bonkers. The people who staff them produce nontangible products but instead absorb income out of our pockets. And what do we get for this enforced transfer of money from our pockets to theirs? Only a lot of hassle and grief, a lot of nitpicking, and usually demand for even more money in the form of fees (that are actually taxes).

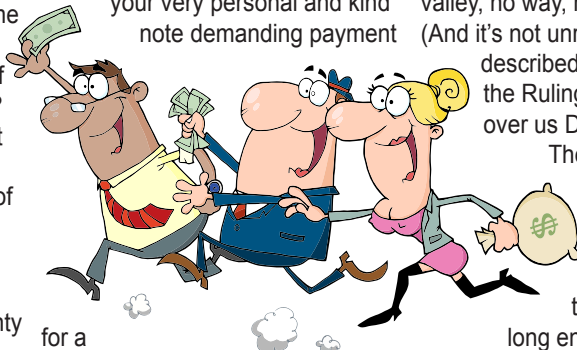
Here are a couple of examples:

In a couple of days, I have to drive down the hill to the SB County offices to protest a \$400 fine for a simple single typo on the labels of two kinds of sandwiches. The inspectors and office people don't seem to realize that sandwiches are sold by eaches, not weight, so if the weight is incorrect on the label, it is simply a typing error, not an overcharge to the customer. And these same people require us to put a weight on the label, even though it is meaningless. Is it worth traveling down the hill to probably lose a protest over \$400? Yes, because they will see that some of us aren't just sighing and taking it.

Then, a few days ago, we received a letter with the headline "DEMAND FOR PAYMENT", accusing us of being delinquent on our payment of annual fees (\$1143) to the California Water Resources Control Board (what a mouthful!). We had paid the fee and mailed

it between Dec. 21-24, but it was not processed by this agency until January 7, triggering their letter of delinquency and threats of fines and criminal charges.

My response to them will tell you all you need to know of my attitude toward such things: "Thank you for your very personal and kind note demanding payment



for a delinquent invoice. Of course, your "accounting office records" that indicate that we have failed to pay the required annual fee are so very accurate, and are not to be doubted. However, forgive us for having the audacity to take issue with your accounting office records, because in fact, the FEE HAS BEEN PAID! Please see the enclosed copy of our cancelled check, which you did not process until 1/7/19, probably because the "accounting office records" were on a paid holiday, at our (the taxpayers') expense. Have a nice day."

And then we have to pay the IRS a penalty of \$900 due to a story too long to tell here, but trust me (Linda Used Car Saleswoman), we do not deserve that penalty but have given up after a year of wrangling. I'm sure many of you know how that is.

So if I've gotten your juices

flowing a little, please keep them flowing long enough to attend the County Board of Supervisors' meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 10AM*. The issue: what we've been fighting about for over two years – we do NOT want industrial scale solar projects carpeting our beautiful valley, no way, no how, nowhere. (And it's not unrelated to my battles described above. The issue: the Ruling Class lording it over us Deplorable Normals.)

The County has ducked and weaved like a boxer in dealing with us, managing to drag out the fight long enough for a number of large solar projects to file applications so that if we ever do win our battle and get our way, they will be grandfathered into the old County requirements, giving the County what it wants (good relations with, and income from, unions). As usual, we are the losers.

Specifically, on Tuesday*, the Board of Supervisors is supposed to decide whether or not to adopt Policy 4.10 as recommended by the Planning Commission, which simply says that these huge power generation projects are not to be located in communities with a Community Plan, which our community does have, or did, until the County altered the playing field. The Com-

munity Plans were drawn up by the County after hours of meetings with locals giving input about what we want our communities to be. Kinda "DUH", huh, to let us decide what we want to be?

Somewhere in the eleven years since we did that, the County diddled, renewable energy became a factor, and unions with lots of clout and \$\$ entered the picture. All of a sudden, the County decided to dance to their tune, not ours. The unions want jobs, even though temporary and distant from the workers' homes, and they don't give a rat's patoot about the effects on local communities. (Ever figure out that California is run by unions collaborating with their elected and bureaucratic buddies?)

Printed below is a flyer put out by one of the most steadfast groups of fighters for our valley, RW Ranch. They have written and circulated legal briefs and presented them to the County many times, at no cost to us locals. They pass out flyers like these on our porches. They

attend and speak at the hearings. We owe them, and the other local leaders who have given much time, a huge debt of gratitude.

If you can go and need a ride*, please see Bill Lembright, who will help figure out a way to get you down there. And please, don't give up the fight. Join in with us to save Lucerne Valley!!

Linda Gammel

NEWSFLASH!!
County Postponed Meeting Again.
See corrected flyer below*

REPLIES TO CUSTOMER REQUESTS

- 1 - We're looking into it.
- 2 - Limited shelf space.
- 3 - Available by special order.
- 4 - Item was out & is back or will be soon.
- 5 - We are putting this in. Thanks.

Unavailable from Suppliers
Can be found in Section #

#5 Birthday Candleq	1
Celestial Seasonings Sleepytime	
Detox Tea	8B .5
Wild Harvest Green Olives	
with Pimientos	9B .5
Swisher Sweets Blunt Cigars	✓
Agave Light Nectar	7B .5
Mello Yello Soda (arrival 1/16)	1A .5
Bang Energy Drink - Georgia	
Sweet Tea - flavor varieties	
sold to big stores, but not to us	✓ 1
Black Jack (Daniels) Cola	1A
Tom's Toothpaste	2,3
Two Old Goats Arthritis Meds	✓
Budweiser Steins	✓
Gordo's Queso Dip	✓
Campbell's Bean & Bacon Soup	8B .5
Skool Long Cut Wintergreen	Front .5
Jimmy Dean Maple Roll Sausage	12B .5
Phillies Titan Blunts	✓
Marie Callender Pie	
Shells (frozen)	11A
Bob's Red Mill Guar Gum	✓
Mint Chip Ice Cream 5 Qt.	✓
Amy's Gluten Free Pizza	✓
Kraft Mayonnaise 30 oz.	9B .5

*Discontinued by manufacturer.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LVEDA Meeting

(Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association)

TUES. FEB. 5, 5 PM.
at the Senior Center

- Supervisors action on Renewable Energy Element Policy 4.10 Postponed to Feb. 28!
- County's proposed rental ordinance on AirBnB.
- Update on the opening of our medical clinic and pharmacy.
- Prospect of hemp farms in L.V.
- How can we make the Leader more community-oriented?

L.V. School Board Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 14, starts at 5:30PM.
At the Alternative Education Center,
8560 Alianto Rd up Highway 18.

ECHO RECYCLING

760-617-5404

On the Northeast side of the parking lot.
Open Mon. - Sat. 9AM - 4PM
Closed for Lunch Noon to 1PM.
Closed Sunday

Aluminum CRV **\$1.70/lb**

#1 Plastic CRV **\$1.24/lb**

Pricing good thru January 30, 2019

IMPORTANT NOTICE

DEAR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS:

OLD HEARING DATE ON POLICY 4.10:
JANUARY 29, 2019

*** NEW HEARING DATE ON POLICY 4.10:**
FEBRUARY 28, 2019

POLICY 4.10
Policy 4.10 Would Ban Large-Scale Energy Projects in Our Rural Communities and Protect Them from Industrialization.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' HEARING ON POLICY 4.10, IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, WHICH HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 29, 2019, HAS NOW BEEN RESCHEDULED TO FEBRUARY 28, 2019

