

WR Committee

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Chairperson Gladys Baisa and Committee Members

The proposed changes to existing code taken up today as WR 19 strike me as particularly onerous:

First, they appear to be housekeeping, when in effect they close a person's eyes to the power and distribution of water resources.

Why change the capitol to lower case in identifying the Board of Water Supply? Obviously the status of this citizen oversight responsibility is reduced in a visual way. They will no longer be seen as an appointed group of citizen's overseeing the power of a Director. Their role is visually reduced to that of an "audience" as opposed to active participant in the affairs of the Department.

Secondly, in changing the language at 14.12.040 from "reliable water supply" to "adequate water system capacity" the ability of this ordinary citizen to understand the object of government service is obscured, and this effect places it in the "hands" of a well educated technocrat. So that the status of equality and fairness in receiving water is swallowed up by baffle-gab of a small group of experts who hide behind the obscurity they create and this Council is led to advance by acquiescence . (By reference I ask this committee to review purpose of the rules and regulation of the Department of Water Supply dated 1977 - I have a copy if one is not available)

I hope you will give this matter your undivided attention.

Though, that may be next to impossible given the entertainment value of the Director's performance.

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