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Citizens of Rumford. As your Town Manager, I felt it imperative to address an issue that was brought to my attention. I do not have an opinion one way or another on the proposed project, however, you deserve to receive accurate information.

There is information being distributed by a group calling themselves, 'Protect Rumford Water'. It is my obligation to inform you the information is misleading and inaccurate. The moratorium against large scale extractions which passed on March 7th, DOES NOT prevent anyone from negotiating a contract. It simply gives the Town of Rumford 180 days in which to develop an ordinance to regulate large scale extraction of water.

You do, in fact, have an opportunity to vote in June on an ordinance that will provide structure and conditions under which water extraction is permitted. However, the ordinance was not proposed by the water district. In fact, the attorney working on behalf of the Town created the language for the ordinance when other proposed ordinances were determined to not to be legal and had potential constitutional issues.

I understand this issue is very important to the residents of Rumford and will continue to provide accurate information as it develops. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Any concerns may be directed to my office by phone 364-4576 or via email, ljbriggs@rumfordme.org

Sincerely

Linda-Jean Briggs
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