

# Illinois Valley Soil & Water Conservation District

## Community Sentiment Concerns & Solutions

### Use to Write letters

#### Concerns:

- Water Concerns: Water theft/ dry well/ CJ don't sell water to illegal growers/ drought;
- Enforcement, Laws, Corruption: No enforcement/ officials ignore us/ existing laws insufficient;
- Negative Impacts: Water quality/ environment/ way of life/ greed ruining community fabric;
- Codes & Public Health: Sewage/ trash/ pesticides/ degraded structures lower property values;
- Cartels/ Human Rights: Human rights/ racism/ grows are huge and must be eliminated;
- Fear, Danger, Anger: Killing wildlife/ we're scared & intimidated/ bad driving/ constant gun shots.

#### • Solutions:

- Enforcement of laws! – water laws/ building & DEQ codes/ traffic laws/ cannabis laws;
- Legalize cannabis federally to make it unprofitable in the Illinois Valley;
- Only permit people to farm cannabis/ hemp for commercial sales who have water rights on their property;
- 5 year residency requirement for gardens larger than 12 plants;
- Local family agriculture;
- Require city of CJ to sell water only to registered & legal end-users not the water truckers;
- Identify a baseline & the holding capacity of the watershed (availability vs. use) for future planning.

#### Water Use Priorities as noted by the community:

1. Residential/ Commercial (homes & businesses)
2. In-Stream (fish, recreation & fire)
3. Agriculture (legal crops only)

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