

## Grant Beck

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**From:** Steve Klein [srklein@fairpoint.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2009 10:50 PM  
**To:** Grant Beck  
**Cc:** Cindy Teixeira; Ron Harding  
**Subject:** Comment due by Friday, May 15th on the MDNS

Dear Mr. Beck,

I am writing my comments on the MDNS as required by May 15th.

I cannot tell you with strong enough voice inflection that this is a travesty against the public you are supposed to serve. To bury this MDNS on the Public Notices page of the city's website and not on the homepage to give the public full access is subterfuge at best. To give only 2 weeks to comment and

one week to appeal is a flagrant "thumbing your nose" at the Yelm Community and clearly shows no intent to involve the community in discourse.

Well, Mr. Beck, I have put the call out to our community via the Yelm Community Blog and to the NVN to let the community know about this absolute violation of public involvement!

My Blog entry for the official record: <http://yelm.com/2009/05/guest-entry-jim-zukowski-says.html>

My comments are as follows:

1. "a total water portfolio for Yelm (both existing and new water rights) of 4,186 acre feet?"  
Jeepers! Yelm has an allocation of 796.66 acre feet per year now from the DOE.  
The city wants to pump 5 times more? This is a complete lack of care for the environment!
2. has anyone ever thought what that much water pumped would do to private water users' wells?  
Or Thompson Creek?  
Some have. **READ THIS!**  
<http://www.mastersconnection.com/index.php/articles/324-the-city-of-yelm-wants-to-supply-its-1200-acre-sw-annex-with-water-from-new-sources>
3. The MDNS says "The City of Yelm as lead agency for this action..."  
WHY is the city the lead agency when the Dept. of Ecology is already on this issue?  
Yelm as lead agency with your past record of ignoring the public is like the fox guarding the hen house!
4. Thurston Highlands is the location of this proposal. Several key questions arise from the locale:
  - Thurston Highlands, LLC is in default, the developers are out of the picture?
  - how do the banks that now own the Highlands land feel about the city wanting to pump water from land they control and is up for public auction June 5th?
  - does the city have an easement or ownership on the Highlands property? (i.e. NO!)  
The city's easements rights expired last year.
  - the Water System Plan is based on land the city does not have a right to access.
  - why is this MDNS even continuing?
5. Pumping 5 times more water than today "does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the

environment. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will not be required..." according to your MDNS?

WHAT ARE YOU PEOPLE THINKING?! You have got to be kidding!

6. NO EIS? I demand one!

**Why is the City of Yelm proceeding with the [Water System Plan](#) when the whole premise of the Plan is no longer valid, since the city's water system expansion is based on serving Master Planned Communities (MPC), the largest one being in default?"**

**People are hurting and wondering why they have to pay for a water plan through increased rates to expand the city's water system to handle a large development – and the developers are now out of the picture.**

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