

NESTLE WATER RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Nestle Corporation, owners of the Arrowhead Water facility in the San Bernardino mountains, a multi-national food and beverage company based in Switzerland, is also the largest food company in the world, measured by revenues and ranked # 72 on the Fortune Global 500 list. Nestle piped 36 million gallons of water out of the San Bernardino mountains in 2015, while paying the U. S. Forest Service a paltry \$524 annual fee; and

WHEREAS, The state of California is experiencing a multi-year drought, that is adversely affecting the agricultural industry and water availability for California citizens and businesses who are paying significant and growing fees for water usage; and

WHEREAS, Nestle Corporation is exploiting California's increasingly scarce water resource for corporate profits, with no environmental impact studies conducted on the consequences of this huge extraction of water and its economic effects on the region;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the San Bernardino Democratic Party, in conjunction with the Mountain Bears and Morongo Basin Democratic Clubs, demand an independent audit of the environmental and economic effects of the water extraction practices of the Nestle Corporation. The data, collected by the audit, must be available to the general public from the U.S. Forest Service Supervisor's Office, in print and in digital form on the U.S. Forest Service website.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no further extraction shall occur until all studies are complete and results have been verified and reviewed that no detrimental impacts exist. We call upon the U.S Forest Service to have Nestle Corporation cease extracting water in the San Bernardino mountains at this time.

Submitted by the San Bernardino Democratic Party on May 26, 2016