

Joshua Basin Water District Recharge Project JulieAnne O'Neil to: Charlotte Ely 04/07/2011 04:26 PM Hide Details From: JulieAnne O'Neil <labibliotheque2004@yahoo.com>

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From: JulieAnne O'Neil <labibliotheque2004@yahoo.com> Subject: Joshua Basin Water District Recharge Project To: ely.charlotte@epamail.epa.gov Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2011, 6:49 PM

Dear Ms. Ely,

We are writing you to express our strong opposition to the proposed water recharge basin project in our community of Joshua Tree, California.

550N #1
We are lifelong residents of Joshua Tree, and view the recharge basin as a threat to the environment, which would do significant and irreparable damage to our already fragile desert ecosystem. The project study stated that "no mitigation for growth inducement" was part of the plan, but growth most surely would follow and would be
inappropriate and detrimental to our community this community has no infrastructure to support growth. A recharge basin is not needed, and the JBWD would better serve our community by directing their resources to
repairing and improving the existing aging water systems.

We value our quality of life here, and are tired of seeing our desert used as a dumping ground and being destroyed with over-construction by greedy property speculators and developers. Please consider our desire to preserve what other southwestern states such as Arizona and Nevada are quickly destroying - our fragile, unique American deserts.

Thank you,

Jerry and Julie O'Neil Joshua Tree, California