

"The big companies are now locating on the ocean front, like Florida Power at Crystal River. They are using salt water. The companies are smart enough to know that this foolishness of wasting fresh ground-water can't go on."

Johnson can cite facts and figures by the hour to validate his assertion that, barring drastic action in the near future, the lakes of Lakeland and Imperial Polk will die.

The mere assumption seems unbelievable, fantastic. Johnson, a scientific man with axes to grind, concedes that the prediction is all too real, that the hour is already late, much too late.

As an engineer who has spent many years of his life studying the water of Florida, Johnson's hope is that the people will heed the alarm and rise up in righteous anger.

What else will solve the dilemma? What else will save the lakes? Or will the day really come when scrawny corn or weeds will be growing in the acres that once were this county's lakes . . . will the day really come when Dick Pope will be skiing on mud flats at beautiful Cypress Gardens?

History, unfortunately, has recorded civilizations which flourished and then died when once lush acres were turned into arid wastes . . . when the water had come and gone.

DEL MONTE PROPERTIES Co.,
Pebble Beach, Calif., April 25, 1968.

HON. THOMAS H. KUCHEL,
Old Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SIR: As requested in your recent letter, I am elaborating somewhat on the points I raised in my last letter to you.

I would appreciate having you enter into the records the text of this letter.

For many years the National Industrial Sand Association has stressed to their members the great necessity for public relations, with special emphasis being placed on the rehabilitation of depleted lands. Many publications have been issued, at considerable cost, suggesting ultimate land use and, in many instances, showing case examples of actual land uses of depleted deposits.

As a member of this Association, Del Monte Properties Company feels that industrial sand companies should be excluded from meeting the requirements of Senate Bill S3182. Their own past records of conservation and good land planning speak for themselves.

Del Monte Properties Company, especially, who holds some of the most beautiful land in the world in the Del Monte Forest, has been and is very conscious of land use. We have used depleted sand mining areas for portions of golf courses, tasteful residential subdivisions, and dedicated greenbelts.

If, however, industrial sand companies have to be included in this bill, we believe the requirement of posting a bond would create an undue hardship.

As a case in point: we are presently mining sand in an area which has about 80 years of life at our present mining rate. We know that eventually, when the area is depleted, the lands, which are very valuable, will be developed in good taste. But, at this time we do not know whether the area will be utilized for single family dwellings, multiple housing, or even, perhaps, another golf course. To post a bond now to insure future development, in our opinion, would be unrealistic and unfair. Who knows at this time what the best use of lands will be forty, fifty, or even eighty years hence?

Again, it is our feeling that industrial sand companies, because of their past good records, should not be included in this bill.

If, however, they are included, we believe that the bond posting requirement should be waived.

Very truly yours,

HUGH H. BEIN.

Senator METCALF. If no one else wishes to be heard, I now will close the hearings on these bills. Thank you all for your attendance and assistance to us.

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