



Idaho Votes to Join the Left Coast

During this season of Flag-waving and parades, you might consider what is happening to farmers in East-Central Idaho: the Idaho Department of Water Management has just shut down irrigation for over 500,000 acres of Idaho farmland. That's right: a half a million acres!

Press reports are calling this a "water war," as if there were opposing interests fighting over scarce water resources. But it's not. There is plenty of water and no one is fighting over it. It's just government bureaucrats who insist that farmers must comply with the rules - the rules they have decided to enforce.

As a topic I introduced in Issue #3 of this paper, the Idaho Legislature has declared everything an emergency. If you went to our website: savebenewahcounty.com, you would have discovered that this was a legislative rubber-stamping of Governor Brad Little's Executive Order 2022-04 which called for re-routing state administrative actions through the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), Idaho's state-level FEMA. This is exactly the legal mechanism that was used in California and Oregon to create the bureaucratic madhouse we are witnessing in those states today.

The rationale? "Prevention."

State agencies are going to be used to regulate your normal living activity to "prevent" you from causing an emergency. You can't be trusted. You might be incompetent; you might be a miscreant.

Get ready. It's coming.

Did the County Commissioners Just Open the Door to the Mob?

Changing land use regulations and zoning is the local equivalent of amending the Constitution in terms of impact on your life. That is why safeguards are in place and why there must be a long and labored process of public disclosure and approval.

The County Commissioners have no respect for that process, but change the rules as it suits them. An example of that disregard was their response to the anti-zoning protests in 2014. When we weren't looking, they passed County Ordinance 2013-135 which imposed UN mandates on local building codes.

Just this month, they amended the Code again to accommodate the land grabs of developers who promise increased tax revenues for the county. Anyone who monitors the results of "Metrocrat governance" will recognize that these promises are a perennial lie.

But what is more worrisome is that they loosened the strings for membership on the zoning board so that they could appoint "talented" and connected individuals who will help "get things done."

That is how the mob always does it: they get the local bumpkins to change the rules to get them in the door; then they get their people on the inside to guide the process of changing more rules until they have taken over. The rules

are there to protect you. Changing the rules will usually harm you.

More next issue.

Is the Climate Really Changing?

Yep, but it has nothing to do with what you are doing. The climate always changes and the Sun is usually the cause of it.

We are at the peak of the Sun's 11-Year Cycle. It is Solar Cycle #25 and it's crackling. We don't just get photons from the Sun. We get radiation too. It affects Earth's upper atmosphere, creating storms and changes in the jet streams. Expect more weird weather over the next couple of years.

Gardening for 2024

Have you tried growing wheat? Since we have farmers all around us, what's the point?

Glyphosates that they spray on wheat are making some of us sick. Glyphosate-free grain is in high demand, especially among people who need a gluten-free diet. Local farmers should take note.

Wheat is easy to grow here. Harvesting and processing it on small acreage is the challenge. I put in a half-acre . . . chemical-free. It looks good. But am I going to harvest it with a scythe? Beat it with a broom on a tarp? Doesn't sound like fun. Not like the story of the Little Red Hen! I'll pass on what I find out.

If you missed the previous issues of this newsletter, you can find them at the website: savebenewahcounty.com

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