

1. Dale Gustin: “As we all know this came about during the drought that hit all of California except maybe Sacramento, and since then, has there been any studies done to see if after the current rainfall, I mean I have a lot out at Oak Shores, and we can’t even use our bottom parking lot because the lake is up so high. So that water basin has got to be not in overdraft at this point. Has anybody done a study to find that out?”
2. Gary Dunnivan: “I was just curious, how much water do the vineyards around here take away from us, out of our water basin? And that would be very interesting to me to find out. You know we have to cut back and cut back and people did a wonderful job of cutting back. With the vineyards I drive out in the country and water is blowing everywhere. So, we’re all out of the same basin right?”
3. Cody Ferguson: “There is one thing I’d like to establish here is the fourteen thousand acre feet per year. That’s truth or consequences. That’ll come out eventually when the final report is issued. There is one important thing, the previous speaker on another subject mentioned the court case that is going on over quiet title. Completely unnecessary court case, nonetheless it has been adjudicated, and during that court case people, one of them being Christopher Alakel, were asked a question on the stand under oath “are we in overdraft.” The answer from both he and Courtney Howard, who is in charge of the water stuff for the County, (and of course Mr. Alakel was recognized as a City employee doing the same type of work) was ‘no, we are not in overdraft.’ And I don’t want that coming out of this meeting that we’re in overdraft. In fact, there is truth or consequences going on, manipulation going on, people are trying to fight over this water all the time. And some of these things get offered up and they aren’t exactly true, but they will be when they are finished. But the one important thing I want you to take to the bank is, it’s been testified to in court by both the City and the County you are not in overdraft.
4. Patty Smith: My concern is the water. There is a constant barrage of complaining we don’t have enough water. Yet Mayor Strong can tell us we have excellent amount of water out of Lake Nacimiento. The flooding this year has been unreal, yet all we as residents get to hear about is cut back, cut back, cut back. Yet every vineyard out there... I understand that Paso Robles is becoming a wine town but at what cost to the people who live here, and are trying to raise families here? You know we’ve got the issue with the water, we have issues with the vineyards, we have the issue with the short term rentals. At what point does the City Council take the people, the residents, people who live here, into consideration and stop cowering to the vineyards and the wineries?