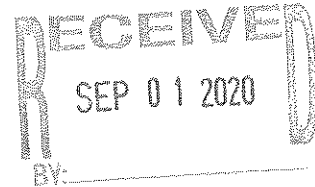




**P.O. Box 111, OXFORD, PENNSYLVANIA 19363**

Chester Water Authority  
Attn: Board of Directors  
P.O. Box 467  
Chester, PA 19016



Directors:

By unanimous resolution the directors of the Elk Creeks Watershed Association (ECWA):

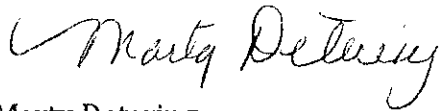
- (1) Strongly supports the Chester Water Authority (CWA) as a valuable asset to our community;
- (2) Opposes the sale and privatization of the CWA, holding that such a sale would represent a serious public policy failure;
- (3) Recommends and supports efforts to place the CWA's holdings in a trust to ensure their protection for the citizens of the Commonwealth now and in the future; and
- (4) Expresses gratitude to CWA for its many years of dedicated stewardship of the Octoraro Reservoir and surrounding lands, and for its history of support of, and co-operation with, our sister organization, the Octoraro Watershed Association.

ECWA is a non-profit organization dedicated to maintaining and enhancing environmental quality in the watersheds of the Big and Little Elk Creeks. The Elk and Octoraro watersheds lie side by side and, for this reason, ECWA considers its interests and objectives as intertwined with those of the CWA and the Octoraro Watershed Association.

While the CWA has a reputation for supplying its customers with water of excellent quality at honest at-cost rates, we note especially its attention to the waters, the landscapes, and the residents of the Octoraro watershed. CWA has protected the 2000 acres of open space that surrounds its reservoir and preserved wildlife habitats. It has partnered with local municipalities and conservation groups to implement riparian buffers and other management practices that protect and enhance water quality. It has provided public access to its reservoir for fishing and boating, and to its lands for recreational uses such as hiking and hunting.

This track record of environmental and civic engagement now stands in serious jeopardy. In the view of the ECWA board, CWA's strengths lie in its status as local municipal authority that is ultimately responsible to the public and the democratic process. These strengths cannot be replicated by investors who have no connection to CWA's service area and no answerability to the residents it serves.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marty Detering".

Marty Detering  
President

cc: Catherine Miller  
Senator Andy Dinnaman  
Senator Tom Killion  
Representative John Lawrence  
Representative Chris Sappey  
Representative Steve Barrar  
Representative Brian Joseph Kirkland  
Blair Fleischmann