THE WATERING HOLE” PODCAST DEBUTS WITH CONGRESSMAN DEVIN NUNES AS SPECIAL GUEST

Today Friant Water Authority (FWA) debuted its first episode of “The Watering Hole”, a new podcast hosted by Johnny Amaral, Chief of External Affairs of FWA. Available on the FWA YouTube Channel, the monthly podcast hosts in-depth discussions with notable guests from a wide variety of backgrounds including politics, farming and agriculture, water, science, and many more. Topics include current events, water, and local issues and challenges, along with guest opinions and thoughts about the future. Listeners will also enjoy a glimpse into the lesser known side of the guests, as well as some potentially humorous banter.

In Episode 1, Congressman Devin Nunes joins Johnny to discuss the rancor and tension that permeates every aspect of Washington DC, dive into local water issues, and explore some unexpected topics of which most of the audience may be unaware.

JOHNNY AMARAL INTERVIEWED ON POWERTALK 96.7 FM

Johnny Amaral, FWA Chief of External Affairs, recently joined The Trevor Carey Show on Power Talk 96.7 FM to discuss the bureaucracy challenges California continues to face in trying to establish more balanced, efficient and common sense water conveyance policies.

EVENTS AROUND THE VALLEY

APRIL 26
FWA Finance Committee Meeting
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FWA Board of Directors Meeting
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FWA Finance Committee Meeting
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first episode is accessible on this month’s eWaterline.

As you will see, his first guest was quite a “get”. Johnny was able to schedule time with Congressman Devin Nunes to have a discussion about water and other issues and to take a little bit of a deeper dive than in most interviews on those topics. I think if you listen to the podcast you’ll hear some good information and some insight from the congressman, and a different side of the congressman that you might not have thought existed until hearing the podcast.

Johnny’s plan is to continue to book guests for the podcast who can provide an interesting take on the various issues that we deal with, but it won’t just be politicians. Even though they may think otherwise, politicians don’t always have all the answers!

I hope you enjoy the first episode of “The Watering Hole” as much as I did, and after you listen to it, feel free to share the link. As we continue with this project, we hope that our reach and our audience continues to grow over the next few months and years. You can help make that happen by sharing the YouTube link on your social media platforms, or by simply texting the link to a group of friends from your cell phone.

Enjoy!

Jason Phillips, CEO, Friant Water Authority

In the News

“Valley Lawmakers Ask Newsom to Declare Statewide Water Emergency,” GV Wire (Apr. 7, 2021)

“Amid A Drought, Disinformation Runs Rampant On California’s Waterways,” The Sun (Mar. 17, 2021)

“Farmers Try To Plan for a Critically Dry Year,” The Sun (Apr. 7, 2021)

“Vice President Kamala Harris Warns Of Looming ‘Wars Fought Over Water’,” CBS SF BayArea (Apr. 5, 2021)

Update on FKC Capacity Correction Project

The following is a summary of the design, permitting, and regulatory work completed by the FWA project team in recent months.

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