

1 Thank you, ma'am. The
2 next three people, assuming they're
3 here, Christina Surowiec would be
4 next, then Robert Rutledge, and then
5 Kate Bowers. Is Christina Surowiec
6 here, please?

7 S-U-R-O-W-I-E-C, okay.

8 MS. SUROWIEC:

9 Hi. I'm Chris Surowiec,
10 I'm a freelance consultant. I don't
11 live here, but I do live in your
12 watershed and I want to take kind of a
13 wider view as opposed to specific
14 technical issues. I lived out west
15 and I came across a place called the
16 John bay fossil beds.

17 And they have a find
18 there, a perfect tracing in rock of
19 part of an avocado tree. It's 50
20 million years old. The place is like
21 Central America then, and then it was
22 under the sea, and now it's desert.
23 But life persists and we still have
24 those avocados. They're a popular
25 food and a renewable natural resource.

1 And supposedly dinosaurs were the
2 dominant animal on earth for 100
3 million to 150 million years.

4 By contrast, human life
5 creatures have been around maybe a
6 million years at most, and
7 civilization as we know it 10,000
8 years or less. Civilization should be
9 a course of advancing knowledge and
10 wisdom and freedom and happiness. But
11 I see the human project floundering.

12 And right now I feel
13 like without a drastic course of
14 correction, our species is in line to
15 be 150 million times less successful
16 than the dinosaurs.

17 And I ascribe a lot of
18 the problem to an ethic of domination,
19 both domination of humans over other
20 humans, and humans over nature, over
21 creation, if you will, even though
22 it's nature or creation that fosters
23 us and sustains us.

24 And I associate this
25 ethic of domination with both

1 authoritarianism and extractive
2 industry.

3 There's overwhelming
4 scientific consensus that there should
5 be no new fossil fuel development.
6 And I call on the DRBC --- I insist
7 that it disallow not just fracking
8 itself, but all frack-related
9 infrastructure and activities. If it
10 does this, you can say in practical
11 terms, agency resources would be freed
12 up for more positive uses.

13 Protecting the watershed
14 is what is vital. And any
15 accommodation of an extractive and
16 polluting and water squandering
17 late-stage fossil fuel industry would
18 be an unconscionable impairment.
19 Thank you.

20 HEARING OFFICER:

21 Thank you, ma'am.

22 Robert Rutledge, please.
23 And as he moves forward, the next
24 three would be Robert Rutledge, Kate
25 Bowers and Ken Collins. I'm sorry,