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## Mike

Peshastin Hi-Up Growers President of the Board Rudy Prey Jr. and I attended the Icicle Strategy Meeting held in Leavenworth on April 20<sup>th</sup>. As the General Manager of a company that packs 50 million pounds of pears annually, I am acutely aware of the value of water. There really isn't anything that is more important to our growers and countless other growers than having a dependable source for irrigation. While Rudy and I came to the meeting with our personal interests in mind, it was great to learn that the Work Group was focused on meeting the needs of all stakeholders through a consensus process.

On April 21<sup>st</sup> our board held its monthly meeting. Rudy and I reported on the Icicle Strategy. Our board was very pleased to hear of both your efforts and your approach. We want to pass on to you that we both appreciate and support the Work Group's plans and Guiding Principles. If there is any way that we can assist please let us know.

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