

Hood River Valley Residents' Committee Voter's Pamphlet Argument in Favor of Measure 14-55

--- Hood River Valley Residents' Committee Supports a YES VOTE --On the Water Protection Measure

The Hood River Valley Residents' Committee <u>supports a Yes Vote on Measure</u> 14-55 for one very simple reason:

We are committed to protecting farmland and agriculture in the Hood River Valley

To us, this election is about more than the 236 million gallons of water the Nestlé project would use each year and the estimated 1.3 billion new plastic water bottles the plant would ship out each year.

It's also about setting the precedent that the future of our water supply should not be focused on bottling water, but on supporting farms and orchards, homes and businesses, and our fishery.

Our orchards and farms rely on a sustainable supply of water

There is already significant uncertainty and concern about the future of our water supply in Hood River County. We experienced a painful taste of this last summer during the emergency drought.

Regardless of what you think about bottled water, it does not make sense to locate the state's largest bottled water plant in a county like ours that is both 1) critically dependent on water for agriculture and 2) just had an Emergency Drought declaration where both farmers and residents were called on to significantly reduce their water use.

Please Vote Today- Yes on 14-55

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