

**TOWN OF  
APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**

**AGENDA MATTER**

**Subject Item:**

**MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL TO CONSIDER CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS TO BLUE RIBBON WATER COMMISSION**

**Summary Statement:**

This item is to consider a process for making appointments to a "Blue Ribbon Commission" to assist the Town Council in evaluating all feasible alternatives with respect to public ownership and control of the privately owned water company presently selling water to the citizens and taxpayers of the Town of Apple Valley. The ratepayers of the Apple Valley Ranchos Water Company pay some of the highest water rates in Southern California.

The parent company of Apple Valley Ranchos Water Company has made application to the California Public Utilities Commission to sell itself to a multi-national alternative asset management firm based in Washington, D.C. known as the Carlyle Group. Investors in the group acquiring the Apple Valley Ranchos Water Company would include pension funds, unions and high wealth individuals around the world hoping to achieve a high rate of return on their investments.

The Town Council has hired a consultant to prepare a feasibility report regarding the possible purchase or acquisition by the citizens and ratepayers of the Town of the assets, including water rights, of the Apple Valley Ranchos Water Company. The Mayor and Town Council hope to seek the advice and consent of a "Blue Ribbon Water Commission" consisting of 10 to 15 members regarding the possibility of acquiring the Apple Valley Ranchos Water Company.

**Recommended Action:**

Provide direction to staff.

**Proposed by:**                     John Brown, Town Attorney                     **Item Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**T. M. Approval:**                     \_\_\_\_\_ **Budgeted Item**    Yes    No    N/A