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SVBGSA Board of Directors,

To support the Board's ingestion of the technical memo, I have prepared this one-page **Executive Comparison Table**. It provides a side-by-side autopsy of the numerical buffoonery in the current record.

While the Alliance spent months on this work, they managed to hallucinate a reservoir release volume that would submerge the entire Salinas Valley under several hundred feet of water. This table exposes the "rake-step" and directs the Board back to the binding agreement: **groundwater flows and SWI**.

The directive remains: **Corrected memo due next week, or zero credit in the 5-Year Evaluation record**.

Best,

Bill Lipe

Resident and drinking water source from the 180/400 subbasin
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P.S. SVBGSA Clerks, please distribute this to the Advisory Committee, thank you!

Executive Comparison: Reservoir Statistics & Administrative Record Integrity

Objective: To contrast documented physical constraints with the erroneous figures presented in the AquLogic, Inc. memorandum (Jan 5, 2026).

| Metric | AquiLogic Claim (WY 2024) | Physical Reality / MCWRA Record | Deviation Factor |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Annual Reservoir Releases | 91,205,176 AF | ~500,000 AF (Avg. Annual Flow) | 182x Overstated |
| Combined Storage Capacity | <i>Implied >91M AF</i> | ~800,000 AF (Nacimiento + San Antonio) | 114x Over Capacity |
| Modeling Intent | Surface Water "Borrowing" | Intersubbasin Groundwater Flow & SWI | Scope Misdirection |

The Numerical "Rabbit Hole"

- **Scale Error:** Asserting 91 million AF in releases—roughly double the capacity of every major reservoir in California combined—invalidates every percentage and finding derived from this baseline.
- **Misdirection:** By focusing on surface water "availability," the Alliance has ignored the **binding agreement** to analyze subsurface connectivity and the **180/400-Foot subbasin's** sensitivity to lateral groundwater movement.
- **SWI Omission:** The original intent was to explore seawater intrusion (SWI) impacts; the current memo's detour into river releases avoids the difficult reality of coastal sustainability.

Final Directive

The Agency requires **numerical reliability**, not emotional pleas or statistical fiction.

- **Status:** "Inadequate" for the Administrative Record.
- **Requirement:** Resubmit a corrected memo by **next week**.
- **Consequence:** Uncorrected documents will be excluded from the 5-Year Evaluation index.