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Let's all work to protect the Salt Fork River. Let's also begin to recognize the great community resource that our waste water effluents have become.

Whether due to intermittent drought, long-term impacts of climate change or necessary increases in energy efficiencies, the clear water effluent from the Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District remains a community resource to be carefully considered.

It is my fear that the UCSD trustees are being rushed into a water-for-sale deal that will undervalue this resource, short-change our local streams and leave our own community with less flexibility for future water planning. Any contract with private companies that want our water needs to be carefully considered by a diverse group of local experts who can work together to fashion a common sense, not reactionary, and protective policy.

The time to start that community effort and protect this resource is now. Please make your opinions known by contacting the trustees. You can get their contact information at the UCSD website: <http://www.u-csd.com/aboutus.htm> ^[1].

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