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Even though we've been told all along that the closure of our Wonder Valley Fire Station No. 45 is temporary, at least one piece of our equipment (Brush Patrol 45) now has "Twentynine Palms Fire" emblazoned on it where "Wonder Valley Fire" used to be! Does this sound temporary to you?

A few months ago at a public meeting, a **San Bernardino County fire** chief told us that the lowest bid received to install a commercial reverse osmosis system was \$250,000. Since then we have been told that the bids hadn't even been requested yet.

Another comment made by the chief was that this situation is like the Erin Brockovich story, which is absolutely not true. People in that story were sick and dying from contamination — not the case at all in Wonder Valley.

Firefighters have made comments about the water out here being dangerous and killing people. We have lived here 37 years and have never heard of one single person even getting sick from drinking the well water — or from having it touch their skin. One gentleman we knew drank only the Wonder Valley well water for almost 40 years and lived to be 98! How dangerous does this water sound to you?

The majority of people out here don't drink the well water (but some do) simply because it doesn't taste that great, but it's used for everything else. Our firefighters were never forced, or even asked, to drink well water; Sparkletts water was delivered to the fire station.

We feel that San Bernardino County Fire has wanted to close down our station for a long time, but could never quite justify that action.

When the idea of "bad water" came up, it was their perfect opportunity. We are so sad it has come to this.

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