

December 1, 2009

Dear Member:



Michigan Citizens for Water Conservation WON!!!

After nine years of fighting the longest David and Goliath battle against Nestlé, MCWC and Nestlé reached an out-of-court settlement, initiated by Nestlé, in July 2009. Nestlé agreed to reduce its pumping from its permitted level of 400 gallons per minute (gpm) to 218 gpm on a yearly basis, with further reductions in pumping in the early spring during fish spawning and during drought periods. Furthermore, Nestlé can **NEVER AGAIN** go to court and ask for more. This **MAJOR** victory will maintain more water in the system, and protect the springs, lakes, streams, and wetlands from excessive water removal.

Without your help over the past 9 years, MCWC would not have the victory we all share. Yet, our work is not finished. It is now time for MCWC and its members to be one of the loudest voices heard to protect the environment and natural resources for future generations.

MCWC's fight isn't all about bottled water. The fight is about who controls the water, which, along with all other natural resources, is *to be held in trust by the state of Michigan for use by its' citizens*. Our battle cry will continue to be "WHOSE WATER IS IT"?

The victory is in Mecosta, Michigan. To continue to help other communities, MCWC needs your help in educating the public in Michigan and across the United States. We need to work with our elected representatives to correct the loopholes in the Great Lakes Compact in Michigan and in the US Congress, to continue to help people in Ewart, Michigan, and to enact laws that ensure public trust in Michigan.

For MCWC to accomplish its goals, it needs your volunteer, financial, and membership help. MCWC is shifting its membership to the calendar year. If you are interested in serving on MCWC's board, please get in touch with me at tswier@centurytel.net.

MCWC continues to have virtually no overhead costs: no paid staff or officers, no office or phone costs. While MCWC still seeks funding through grants, garage sales, raffles and other efforts, individual member contributions remain the mainstay of MCWC's funding.

Please complete the enclosed form on the return envelope to re-join or renew your membership today. If you are already a lifetime member, please share this with family or friends. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Terry Swier
President