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To Whom It May Concern:

My wife and I went for a hike on Wednesday, March 27th in Garland Park. We hiked a number of narrow hillside trails, including the famous Falls Trail. I was saddened to see that yet in the third consecutive year there was no water in the falls. In fact the vegetation that surrounds the falls had all but disappeared.

We continued up to the Mesa to Mesa Lake. I was shocked to see that Mesa Lake was lower (only about 1/4 full) than when I was there in October). This spring-fed lake had dead and dying willow trees around it.

I am concerned because we have had near normal rainfall this year and the pond should be full and over flowing. We hiked down the next drainage over to the West; the fern trail and saw Fern Pond full and overflowing like you would expect early in spring. When I reached the car I looked at the map and it appears Mesa Lake and the waterfall are part of the same drainage. Mesa Lake is part of an old spring system that watered cattle.

I wondered if Rancho San Carlos wells are tapping it enough to stop the flow?

Signed Roy Thomas