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George,

I wanted to acknowledge receipt of your email. Derek Cole, Sutter Creek City Attorney, and I are in the midst of redoing legal agreements to effect the dissolution of ARSA. This is pretty involved legal work that we need to complete before entering into a new agreement with Ione. The new Ione agreement would be with Sutter Creek, not ARSA, but we can't do that at this point in time until ARSA is dissolved.

I believe the "2016 Mediation Agreement": contains many of the terms ARSA, CDCR and Ione currently operate under. I see several additional issues to address beyond those you raised, such as (1) establishing fair pricing for recycled water use to decrease WWTP plant operating costs and (2) allocating operational costs to parties based on the purpose and need (improvements not needed by Sutter Creek / ARSA should not be paid by Sutter Creek / ARSA). Capital costs should be allocated similarly: the current plant meets our needs, capital projects to expand capacity or capability should be paid for by the users driving the need for those improvements. We can get into these these issues in further discussion.

We are interested in addressing these issues with an updated agreement, but let us complete the ARSA dissolution so that we don't need to redo legal work.

Best,

Tom DuBois
City Manager, Sutter Creek

On Wed, Apr 8, 2026 at 2:20 PM George Lee <glee@ione-ca.com> wrote:

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