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Money for Truckee just common sense

Heidi Gansert is having trouble making a connection between the Truckee River and clean drinking water.

Heidi, the Truckee River is the main source of drinking water in the Reno-Sparks area. The Truckee River drainage consists of streams that drain from the mountains surrounding Lake Tahoe, supplied mainly from snow melt. The river then flows to Pyramid Lake through a canyon that bisects the Carson Range. Streams in this mountain range also feed the river.

Many people live near this river. Some of them live in Reno or Sparks. If one or many of them let noxious substances drain into the river water, it is called pollution. Pollution is bad. We build water treatment plants to remove the chemicals and bacteria so they don't make people ill. These water treatment plants cost millions of dollars.

I think \$6 a year is not much money to pay if it helps keep our river clean and people and fish healthy. Heidi, if you don't have \$6, I will gladly pay your share. This is not charity. It is common sense

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