

History of the plant siting process (lack of EIR)

Dannon bought the land in 1997/98. Opened the plant in 2001. In 2004/2005 CocaCola bought 51% or more to own it and it became CCDA. CocaCola Dannon...

How long it initially operated, how long it's been inoperative

Ran from 2001 to 2004 by Dannon and 2005-2010 by CocaCola.

When it's expecting to restart

Sept, 2015

How many jobs will be created

Original #'s said 150 jobs in the EDA grant. Now down to 25-35 skilled labor/transfer jobs (yes they admitted they are closing all other plants in CA and bringing everything up here.) and 10 unskilled local hires. And that's in the next few years...Max build out (PR at CG says 60 jobs max)

How much water CG is expecting to pump annually over how many years

The EDA grant said 1 million gallons per day. (GPD) and now they say max would be 400,000gpd. No way to confirm, nor deny. They have not been forthcoming with the City or the County. There is NO state law or local permit telling them what they can and cannot pump. No EIR to work from to form mitigations if/when domestic wells in the area experience the lowering of the groundwater levels from industrial pumping. CG has said they would like to be here for the next 50 years. (They erroneously think there is 50 years of water here.)

How many gallon per day it's allowed to pump above what CG is claiming they'll use

See above. They are allowed to pump whatever they want. No restrictions. No caps. They are planning on closing their 3 other plants and bringing everything up here. Since they do not have to report any water usage at any of the plants, we have not real way of knowing. They have 3 industrial wells available for use on their property.

Any history of county and city efforts (or lack thereof) to stop or reexamine the plant.

The County and Dannon passed around a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the public to see in 2001. Then the County withdrew it and put it back out calling it voluntary (as per advice from Bill Abbot, land use attorney from Sac.) So none of the mitigations were ever enforceable. It was a bait and switch. The public never knew the switch happened.

Currently the County will not review and do CEQA. They say that it's zoned heavy industrial and is an allowable use. Every permit is being called ministerial. It does seem to violate the County's own County Plan, groundwater use plan and their Extreme Drought Resolution just renewed again Tuesday.

What the 2015 water flows are looking like (historic lows, in context, etc)

Since there have never been any real studies of the area we can only look at what is happening in the winter. Of course we are in a historic drought. 2 years in a row there was no snow in Mt. Shasta. We did have

more rain than normal (one atmospheric river event) and normally that would have meant big snow storms. Without snow, we don't have spring/summer melt to provide us water recharge. Since it was water, it flowed on by us and we saw a very small bump in our groundwater levels (on our well testing program.) Mt. Shasta City's water source, Cold Springs is at an all time, historic low. They have called for 30% reduction in water use and are attempting to get grant funding to drill a 3rd industrial well for groundwater use. (they already have 2 and it will not be enough without water restrictions.)

The neighborhood well monitoring is in place to show baseline #'s over these two years prior to the plant opening. We can see already that we have not seen our wells recharge (water levels rise) over the summer. And in fact the newest well in the program (dug in 2007) has lost over 20 feet since it was put in. So that's a 20 foot loss in 8 years. This well, we believe is in the same aquifer as the Dex6 well Crystal Geyser uses. We have 26 wells on the program and will continue monitoring as the plant ramps up to full operation.