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On Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2010, State Senate Candidate Jean Fuller, Assemblymember Connie Conway, and Assembly Candidate Shannon Grove visited Searles Valley Minerals. Arzell Hale, Director of Governmental Affairs/Public Relations, gave them a tour of the entire operations.

“We were so pleased to have these three candidates visit Searles Valley Minerals and speak to some of our employees,” said Hale.

“All three were very impressed with the magnitude of the operations in the Searles Valley.”

During a luncheon with 38 Searles Valley Minerals employees, all three spoke to the group and expressed their deep concern about the lack of fiscal responsibility in Sacramento. They emphasized that none of us could run either our personal finances, or a business, without being certain that our expenditures would not exceed our income. Yet in Sacramento, that is exactly what the Democrats in the legislature are trying to do, spend more than their income. The Democrats seem to believe that California is "too large to fail" and that if the state were to go bankrupt, the Federal Government would certainly step in and bail them out.

Candidates Fuller, Grove and Conway see this action by the Democrats as extremely irresponsible and will fight to make certain that California has a truly balanced budget, as state law requires.

The candidates were also very concerned about how the heavy regulatory penalties, faced by businesses in California, are killing job creation needed to restore balance to our state economy. They recognize that California must compete for jobs with other states and if California has regulations that make doing business in California far more expensive than in other states, businesses now here will move elsewhere and new businesses won't locate here. While they understand the need to protect our citizen's health and the environment, they know that this must be done in a way that also protects good jobs for California's citizens.

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