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SEWER/WATER MAINTENANCE & OPERATION FEE INCREASE

Presented at May 22, 2007 BOS Meeting - Continued to July 10, 2007 at 9:30 am

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#3 9:30 AM
Received in Meeting

MAY 22 2007

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Tuesday, May 22, 2007

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

RE: 5-22-07 - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A SEWER USER FEE RATE INCREASE, PLACER COUNTY SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1

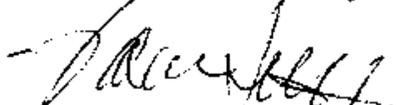
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9:20 a.m. Board of Supervisors Meeting Agenda Excerpt
3. FACILITY SERVICES/SEWER & WATER MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS FEE INCREASES

The following Attached Documents are introduced by being handed to the Clerk of the Board for insertion into the Administrative Record for the above case.

- 1) - Oral comments by Dale Smith - Edited version - 4:15
- 2) - The March 22, 2007 Notice of Public Hearing from Placer County Facility Services
- 3) - Two pages from the BOS Agenda of 5-22-07
- 4) - Original version - Oral comments by Dale Smith
- 5) - News Release - Orange County Board of Supervisors admit to violating the Brown Act
- 6) - Copy California Public Resources Code, Section 21080 and two flyers on Rate Increase

Three copies of these documents were handed to the Clerk of the Board at the end of my public testimony on this 22nd Day of May, 2007.


 V. Dale Smith, H.H.D.

Good Morning Honorable Supervisors, Dale Smith, 3410 Sunshine Way, North Auburn and in SMD-1. I speak for myself and for a new group being formed to look into still another heavy TAX burden. Right now it is called **NASA – North Auburn Sewer Advisors.**

At 76, I relate to the elderly in SMD-1. **For those on fixed incomes, this proposed sewer increase could possibly mean the difference between eating better and paying this fee. But they have only 1 option – PAY.**

From 1989 to 2007 the fees in SMD-1 went from \$186 yearly to. . . \$714. **A whopping 483% increase!**

Will Dickinson following the Brown and Bagley-Keen Acts sent me the materials I needed and said: (Quote)

“Maintaining a reputation for integrity is very important to me. I have not and would not do anything to intentionally mislead the Board or the public.” (Close quotes) I wonder if you appreciate how important that is?

Will showed me that it requires millions to keep these Sewer Districts running, **but the amount needed is NEVER going to come from the rate payers, no matter if you raised the rates 2000 or 3,000 percent, the people don’t have those funds.**

The Notice of Public Hearing says this for --**Sewer Maintenance District 1**. The Staff resolution calls this --**Dry Creek 173**. Which is it? This is totally confusing.

That same staff document requires you to make a finding pursuant to **CA Code Section 20180 (b)(8)** asking you to **find - Quote:** “. . . that the higher fees are derived directly from the cost of providing service and are necessary to meet operating expenses required for maintenance of service, and therefore exempt from environmental review.” **Close Quot.**

There are five sub areas in the State Code (8), but the Agenda says nothing about two vital areas - - - **costing in the millions, having huge physical impacts and NOT exempt from environmental review**. They are (c) & (d) and -- **are in -- the capital projects category**.

Both come under CEQA and are not exempt, because both require major construction that will impact the environment.

The Agenda action implies that this sewer fee increase finding complies with **20180 (b)(8)** but it **does not**.

It should be sent back to Staff for correction, including notice to **the public with no details left out**, & re-scheduled for hearing. I am taking this up with legal counsel, CalAware, the First Amendment Coalition, Placer County Tax Payers League and others.

SMD-1 will require a 12 MILLION DOLLAR Yearly Operating Budget by 2011. Will told me: Treatment upgrade and regional pipeline options will cost between \$60-100 million.

2006-07 SMD-1 Income was \$8,059,595 dollars with expenditures of \$6,537,619, that's a surplus of \$1,521,975.

And this is your problem, the people's perception that you justify these huge expenditures by putting the burden on the taxpayers. We have eyes -- we see those two very expensive new buildings in DeWitt Center.

In the public's eye how they were financed is not nearly as important as the perception, that while this County is very wealthy, it spends money unwisely. You must find ways to FUND the necessary sewer infrastructure to support all the growth you approve and do it quickly, but not on the backs of over-taxed citizens. Start by being totally honest with your constituents and schedule more than 10 minutes for such an important issue.

Thank you.



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MARY DIETRICH, ASSISTANT DIR.
ALBERT RICHIE, DEPUTY DIR.
WILL DICKINSON, DEPUTY DIR.

March 22, 2007

RE: **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A SEWER USER FEE
RATE INCREASE, PLACER COUNTY SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1**

Dear Customer,

Our records indicate that you are the owner of the property identified by the assessor's parcel number shown on the attached mailing label. Sewer service to this parcel is provided by Placer County Sewer Maintenance District No. 1 (SMD 1). **On May 22, 2007, at 9:20 AM, the Placer County Board of Supervisors will hold public hearing to consider increases to the sewer user fees charged for SMD 1. The Board will also consider written protests concerning the increases. The hearing will take place in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, 175 Fulweiler Avenue, CA 95603.** You may attend the hearing in person or send written comments to the Board at the same address.

The current sewer service charge for a single unit of service is \$59.51 per month. The District proposes to increase this fee to \$67.84 per month effective July 1, 2007, and maintain the fee at that level for two years. This increase is necessary because the District has incurred higher costs due to: a) inflation, b) new regulatory requirements affecting wastewater treatment plants and collection systems, and c) repair or replacement of aging sewer lines and treatment plant equipment. Without this increase the District cannot continue to provide high quality service to our customers while remaining in compliance with State and Federal regulations.

The above recommended fee is the monthly rate for a single-family residence. Most customers are billed for this service on their annual property tax statement. If your parcel is used for purposes other than a single-family residence, you may be billed for multiple units of service. If you are unsure as to the number of units of service your parcel is billed for, please feel free to call the telephone number listed below for clarification.

To obtain additional information regarding the proposed fee increase, you may attend the North Auburn Municipal Advisory Council meeting at 7:00 PM on May 8, 2007, in the Planning Commission Hearing Room, DeWitt Center, or call (530) 889-6846.

Respectfully,



JAMES DURFEE, DIRECTOR

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Entrance at 2855 2nd Street

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Excerpt from the:

**COUNTY OF PLACER
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2007
AGENDA
8:30 a.m.**

F.C. "Rocky" Rockholm District 1
Miller, County Executive
Robert Weygandt, District 2
Bouff, County Counsel
Jim Holmes, District 3, Vice Chairman
County Executive
Kirk Uhler, District 4
Assistant County Executive
Bruce Kranz, District 5, Chairman
Assistant County Executive

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Rich Colwell, Chief Assistant
Mike Boyle,
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Ann Holman, Clerk of the Board

County Administrative Center, 175 Fulweiler Avenue, Auburn, CA 95603

Placer County is committed to ensuring that persons with disabilities are provided the resources to participate fully in its public meetings. If you are hearing impaired, we have listening devices available. If you require additional disability-related modifications or accommodations, including auxiliary aids or services, please contact the Clerk of the Board. If requested, the agenda shall be provided in appropriate alternative formats to persons with disabilities. All requests must be in writing and must be received by the Clerk five business days prior to the scheduled meeting for which you are requesting accommodation. Requests received after such time will be accommodated only if time permits.

8:30 a.m.

FLAG SALUTE – Led by Chairman Kranz.

STATEMENT OF MEETING PROCEDURES - Read by Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Persons may address the Board on items not on this agenda. Please limit comments to 3 minutes per person since the time allocated for Public Comment is 15 minutes. If all comments cannot be heard within the 15-minute time limit, the Public Comment period will be taken up at the end of the regular session. The Board is not permitted to take any action on items addressed under Public Comment.

Original Version – For the Records – (Edited for time)

Good Morning Honorable Supervisors, for the record, I am Dale Smith, 3410 Sunshine Way, North Auburn in Sewer District SMD-1. I speak for myself and for a new group being put together to look into what seems like another heavy TAX burden for area citizens. This new group is called **NASA – North Auburn Sewer Advisors**.

Earlier news reports said I was getting out of the arena of local environmental issues but this matter hits very close to home, and 35 days from now I'll be 76. I believe I should be speaking for the more elderly people in SMD-1. **For those on fixed incomes, this proposed sewer increase could be disastrous; possibly mean the difference between eating better and paying this fee.**

If you look at percentages – From 1989 to 2007 the fees in SMD-1 went from \$186 yearly to \$714. **A whopping 483% increase!** Here are two posters that tell the story.

I want to publicly commend Will Dickinson for following the Brown and Bagley-Keen Acts meticulously and giving me the information I needed. In an e-mail, he wrote:

(Quote) “Maintaining a reputation for integrity is very important to me. I have not and would not do anything

to intentionally mislead the Board or the public.” (Close quotes) **That is pure gold and deeply appreciated.**

The rate increase information is overwhelming, the details are daunting and there is no doubt that all of the factors that come together at this time will require a huge amount of money to keep these Sewer Districts running, **but let me make it very clear, the amount needed is NEVER going to come from the rate payers, no matter if you raised the rates 2 or 3,000 percent, we just don't have those funds.**

To properly present all of this would take an hour or more, and you never let the public have that kind of time, no matter how much time proponents, the Staff and yourselves spend discussing any issue, so I did not even prepare for that.

But I have a few comments first about errors in your materials. Hold up the notice) The Notice of Public Hearing says calls this a hearing for **Sewer Maintenance District 1**. They have prepared a resolution that calls this **Dry Creek 173**. (Hold up the Agenda) This is totally confusing to the public and not in accordance with the requirements of both Brown and Bagley Keen.

That same staff document requires you to make a finding pursuant to **Section 20180 (b)(8)** asking you to make the finding that Quote “. . . the higher fees are derived directly from the cost of providing service and are necessary to meet operating expenses required for maintenance of service, and

therefore exempt from environmental review.” Close Quotes. For your convenience here is a copy of 20180(b)(8) I don't think that this statement in the Agenda as it is written is correct as there are five sub areas in the State Code (8), and the funding statement in the Agenda says nothing about several very vital areas - - - **costing in the millions, having a huge physical impact and are certainly not exempt from full environmental review.**

Quote - (C) meeting financial reserve needs and requirements, (D) obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within existing service areas.” Close quotes

Both of those items certainly come under CEQA and are not exempt, because both will require major construction that will impact the environment, severely. County projections are that SMD-1 will require a **12 MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET by 2011.**

County Counsel ought to read that Section carefully, because it says a lot more than what is in this notice. (Hold up the agenda again) This public notification problem is very serious and, it seems to me that the way this is being handled does not meet legal requirements.

I am taking this up with legal counsel, CalAware, the First Amendment Coalition and the Placer County Tax Payers

League, and any other group or organization that deals with these very real problems.

Mr. Dickinson provided documents ***(hold them up)*** that show projections for 2006-07 SMD-1 Income at **\$8,059,595 million** and expenditures of **\$6,537,619 million**, giving a surplus of a very tidy **\$1,521,975 million for 2006-07**.

Those Revenues and Expenditures fit into the 20180 (b)(8), sections (a) and (b), but not into (c), (d) and (e) and unless the document you are about to execute today as versus what is in the Agenda clarifies this beyond doubt and the public has opportunity to verify it, this should not be passed today.

It must be sent back to Staff for corrections, including full notice to the public with no details left out, and re-scheduled for another hearing.

One final comment, this Board will have a difficult time justifying these kinds of expenditures by putting the burden on the taxpayers because they can and do see the two very expensive new buildings in DeWitt Center. I don't care to hear how they were financed, in the public's eye that is not nearly as important as is the perception that this County is very wealthy and you had better start to find ways to fund the necessary infrastructure to support all the development you are approving.

Thank you for the time, any questions?

On Mar 16, 2007, at 12:41 AM, Richard P. McKee wrote:

*** * * * NEWS RELEASE * * * ***

Friday, March 16, 2007
00:44 PDT

Contact: Rich McKee 909-238-9896
Dennis Winston 310-785-0550

The Orange County Board of Supervisors voted Tuesday to admit to violating the Brown Act. In return, open government advocate Rich McKee agrees to drop his lawsuit. That Petition for Writ of Mandate had asked the court to void the Board's action to approve CEO Thomas Mauk's new contract. (See attached, *McKee v. Orange County Board of Supervisors*, Case No. 07CC03010, filed Feb. 16, 2007.)

Additionally, the Board has agreed to receive training on the Ralph M. Brown Act and to pay the fees of McKee's attorney, Dennis Winston of the Century City firm of Moskowitz, Brestoff, Winston & Blinderman. The Board will also pay Winston to participate in the Brown Act refresher course, which will be presented to the Board within 60 days.

McKee filed the legal challenge in Orange Superior Court after County Counsel Benjamin de Mayo responded to McKee's demand for correction, saying the Board had not violated the Brown Act when it hastily called a special meeting on January 30 to try to lure Mauk back to Orange, just a day after he accepted a position as Los Angeles County's Chief Administrative Officer, with an annual salary of \$270,000.

The Orange County Board's special meeting had been advertised as a closed session performance evaluation of Mauk. But instead, the supervisors used the closed session to discuss what it would take to keep Mauk in Orange. After the more than 4½-hour session, Chairman Chris Norby emerged to announce they were able to sweeten Mauk's deal, which reportedly meant a 12% increase in pay.

However, the Brown Act expressly prohibits any discussion of compensation to the CEO in a closed session performance evaluation, and the Act never allows private discussions between the Board and its CEO when the subject is that manager's compensation.

McKee said he is pleased the Board took the opportunity to cure its error without wasting more taxpayer money on additional attorney fees. He added that the Board's willingness to accept additional training on its obligations to the public is a welcome change from the reaction of most elected officials.

McKee, past-president of Californians Aware and Pasadena City College chemistry professor, took the legal action to emphasize that elected officials must give proper notice to the public, allowing those interested to know what the Board is contemplating and to comment before action is taken. Otherwise, as in this situation, the public's comments come after the fact, just as the Board is about to rubber-stamp a decision they actually made a week earlier in secret.

McKee will sign the agreement at noon today, and the executed settlement will be available immediately thereafter.

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<McKee v. OC BOS - Petition for Writ of Mandate - FILED (Feb. 07).doc>
<Brown Act Demand to OC Board of Sups 2-7-07.doc>
<Reply by OC County Counsel to Demand for Cure 2-7-07.doc>
<Reply to County Counsel re Brown Act Demand 2-9-07.doc>
<EXHIBITS A,B,E,F,G,H - Petition for Writ of Mandate - Orange BOS.doc>
<Exhibit J - Petition for Writ of Mandate - Orange BOS.pdf>

**CALIFORNIA CODES
PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE
SECTION 21080-21098**

21080. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this division, this division shall apply to discretionary projects proposed to be carried out or approved by public agencies, including, but not limited to, the enactment and amendment of zoning ordinances, the issuance of zoning variances, the issuance of conditional use permits, and the approval of tentative subdivision maps unless the project is exempt from this division.

(b) This division does not apply to any of the following activities:

8) The establishment, modification, structuring, restructuring, or approval of rates, tolls, fares, or other charges by public agencies which the public agency finds are for the purpose of (A) meeting operating expenses, including employee wage rates and fringe benefits, (B) purchasing or leasing supplies, equipment, or materials, (C) meeting financial reserve needs and requirements, (D) obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within existing service areas, or (E) obtaining funds necessary to maintain those intracity transfers as are authorized by city charter.

The public agency shall incorporate written findings in the record of any proceeding in which an exemption under this paragraph is claimed setting forth with specificity the basis for the claim of exemption.

SMD 1 Citizens are *very, very* **unhappy** with still another tax in North Auburn. Sewer fees for a single house go up \$100 per year in 2007. But get this – since 1989 the **total percentage is 483%**. The new yearly cost will be **\$814.08**. It has to stop. Tell the BOS - ***NO MORE NEW TAXES!***



 When faced with additional costs, business cut their costs! County supervisors have said consistently that infrastructure costs are to be paid from County development fees. Is this true?

Sewer District 1 people react to notice on yearly fee increase of \$100 for a single residence. *SHOCK*



Now is the time to object to these Placer County sewer fee raises. Are they really necessary?

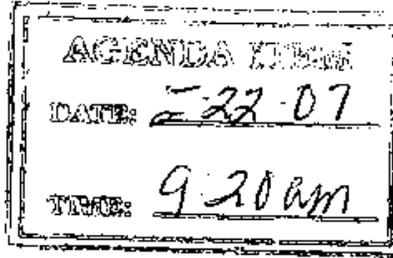
From 1989 to 2007 the fees went from \$186 yearly to \$714.

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Send a message to the Board - We are fed up with these off-the wall cost increases! 🗣️ Got the message? 🗣️

May 11, 2007

Board of Supervisors, Placer County
175 Fulweiler Ave.
Auburn, CA 95603



To Chairman Bruce Kranz &
Jim Holmes, District 3 Representative

I am certain that you also are taxpayers and perhaps can get as frustrated as your constituents so I ask you when casting your vote to consider the economic circumstances of people in SMD#1.

This District assessment has gone from \$186.00 in 1989-1990 to \$714.12 in 2006-2007, which if my math is correct, makes a 438% increase in 18 years. I am aware that the Joeger Road plant is an old plant and that the State mandates many things each year with which the County must comply. This time two of those items are chlorine, which is used to make our water potable, and MTBE, which was added to our gasoline per State requirement. We seem always to be faced with State requirements without any monetary help from State or County funds and I do realize that there is no Santa Claus - the money all comes from the taxpayers. However, it would be nice if we could get a small portion returned to us.

Proposition 13 was passed to give us in California a break on the continued outlandish raises in property tax. It gave us just that, but it seems that those in power can always find a way of getting more money by bond and assessments. Our pre-Prop 13 property has \$140.00 more in special assessments and bonds than the general property tax. We just cannot afford another increase in our taxes, regardless of what it is called.

Our property taxes are paid each year and each year we see more of our money spent on the building of those large edifices at DeWitt. Many people may not ever see these buildings but we drive past them almost daily so are constantly reminded of tax money being spent, perhaps unnecessarily, particularly when you consider the amount of wasted space and the design.

I propose that you vote to use some County general funds to bring this sewage disposal plant up to State specifications. I believe that by doing this your constituents will feel that you are truly representing them.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

Mary Ann Frank (Mrs. Elmer)
3411 Sunshine Way
Auburn, CA 95602
530-885-5809

cc: Will Dickinson

DATE: 5-14-07
 Board of Supervisors - 5
 County Executive Office
 County Counsel
 Administrative Assistants
 Will Dickinson
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5-27-07
9:20 AM

To whom it may concern:

I l'm against the increase fee of the sewer.

I'm on a fixed income and people like me have no way to get an increase on our salary.

I hope you reconsider not increasing the sewer fee, my property Taxes are already too high

Sincerely,
Carmen Curran

103 Francis Ave
Roseville, Ca. 95661

DATE 5-10-07
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 Administrative Assistant
 Family Sys

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MAY 8, 2007

HON. JAMES HOLMES
PLACER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
175 FULWEILER AVENUE
AUBURN, CA 95603

AGENDA ITEM
DATE: 5-22-07
TIME: 9:20 AM

RE: RATE INCREASE S.M.D. #1

DEAR SIR;

AGAIN I FEEL THAT THE PROPOSED 13.5%* INCREASE OVER TWO YEARS OF THE MONTHLY SERVICE RATE IS OUT OF LINE, ABSURD AND NOT FAIR!

THE STATE WATER QUALITY & ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS AREN'T JUSTIFIED. THOSE "PEOPLE" FROM BERKELEY & HUMBOLDT STATE ARE REGULATING US RIGHT OUT OF OUR STATE. THERE IS NO MORE COMMON SENSE IN THESE MATTERS, THE COST OF REPLACEMENT & REPAIR OF FACILITIES IS JUSTIFIED OF COURSE.

PLEASE CONSIDER A LOWER COST OF LIVING INCREASE AND MAYBE CUTBACK ON SOCIAL SERVICES TO PAY FOR THESE SEWER CHARGES.

SINCERELY,

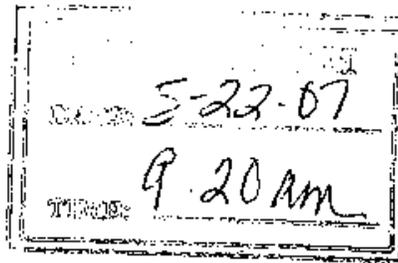
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1407 LOVE WAY
"NORTH AUBURN", CA. 95603
PLACER PARCEL # 52.2EC-42

DATE: 5-10-07

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Placer County Board
of Supervisors
175 Fulweiler Avenue
Auburn, CA 95603



May 3, 2007

Re: SMD #2 Fee Increase

Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing this letter to ask that you not approve SMD #2 current fee increase request. Attached are copies of the 2006 and 2007 fee increase notices and as you can see Mr. Durfee used the exact same justification for the 2007 fee increase as he did in 2006 and it appears that he was too lazy to do an actual analysis for this years increase and merely changed the numbers in last years notice. It is clear that Mr. Durfee has not done a sufficient analysis to justify the increase.

Last year when I received the fee notice, I did a fee survey of surrounding sewer fees and I have listed the survey results below:

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year</u>
County of Sacramento	\$17.00	\$204.00
City of Roseville	\$22.60	\$271.00
City of Rocklin	\$16.75	\$201.00
SMD #2	\$44.15	\$529.80
Proposed SMD #2	\$48.12	\$577.44

Clearly, SMD #2 fees are way out of line with the surrounding area. I suspect because SMD #2 fees are collected via property tax bills they have slipped under the radar. Has anyone ever reviewed the districts efficiency ratio (i.e. # of employees divided by the # number of households) and compared those results to the ratios of the surrounding districts? How about comparing percentage increase in staff verses households as a another measure of efficiency. Staff salary and benefit increases should be compared to the CPI and surrounding districts. These are all items that should be reviewed before granting any increase.

One of Mr. Durfee justifications for the increase is inflation. I have lived in SMD#2 since 1987. My property tax bill for 1990-91 shows the SMD#2 fee as \$162.00 per year and my tax bill for 2006-07 shows a fee of \$529.80 an increase of 227%. Inflation during that same period was 51%. Outrageous!

It is time that the board held the district to account!

Thank you for your consideration,

Terry Bedwell

DATE 5-10-07

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County Executive Office

County Counsel

Adm. Assistant

T. Bedwell

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May 8, 2006

**RE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A SEWER USER FEE
RATE INCREASE, PLACER COUNTY SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 2**

Dear Customer,

Our records indicate that you are the owner of the property identified by the assessor's parcel number shown on the attached mailing label. Sewer service to this parcel is provided by Placer County Sewer Maintenance District No. 2 (SMD 2). **On June 27, 2006 at 10:30 AM, the Placer County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to consider increases to the sewer user fees charged for SMD 2. The Board will also consider written protests concerning the increases. The hearing will take place in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, 175 Fulweiler Avenue, Auburn, CA 95603. You may attend the hearing in person or send written comments to the Board at the same address.**

The current sewer service charge for a single unit of service is \$40.50 per month. The District proposes to increase this fee to \$44.15 per month effective July 1, 2006. This increase is necessary because the District has incurred higher costs due to: a) inflation, b) new regulatory requirements, and c) significantly higher costs charged by the City of Roseville for treating wastewater collected from SMD 2. Without this increase the District cannot continue to provide high quality service to our customers while remaining in compliance with State and Federal regulations.

The above recommended fee is the monthly rate for a single-family residence. Most customers are billed for this service on their annual property tax statement. If your parcel is used for purposes other than a single-family residence, your parcel may be billed for multiple units of service. If you are unsure as to the number of units of service your parcel is billed for, please feel free to call the telephone number listed below for clarification.

To obtain further information regarding the proposed fee increase you may attend the Granite Bay Municipal Advisory Council meeting at 7:00 PM on June 7th in the Eureka Union School District Office, or call (530) 889-6846.

Respectfully,

JAMES DURFEE, DIRECTOR

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March 22, 2007

**RE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A SEWER USER FEE
RATE INCREASE, PLACER COUNTY SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 2**

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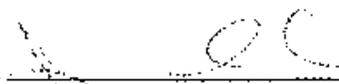
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The current sewer service charge for a single unit of service is \$44.15 per month. The District proposes to increase this fee to \$48.12 per month effective July 1, 2007, and maintain the fee at that level for two years. This increase is necessary because the District has incurred higher costs due to: a) inflation, b) new permitting requirements for public sewer collection systems, and c) significantly higher costs charged by the City of Roseville for treating wastewater collected from SMD 2. Without this increase the District cannot continue to provide high quality service to our customers while remaining in compliance with State and Federal regulations.

The above recommended fee is the monthly rate for a single-family residence. Most customers are billed for this service on their annual property tax statement. If your parcel is used for purposes other than a single-family residence, your parcel may be billed for multiple units of service. If you are unsure as to the number of units of service your parcel is billed for, please feel free to call the telephone number listed below for clarification.

To obtain further information regarding the proposed fee increase you may attend the Granite Bay Municipal Advisory Council meeting at 7:00 PM on May 2, 2007, in the Eureka Union School District Office, or call (530) 889-6846.

Respectfully,



JAMES DURFEE, DIRECTOR

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Board of Supervisors

Please consider the sewer
associated increase of SMDI.
very carefully. 14% is too much
for most people. We who live
on a fixed income are going
to find it hard to pay.

We received a 3% raise
on our social security this
year, but medication went up
\$1620 per month. We aren't
much better off. Everything
keeps going up so high it's
hard to get by.

All laborers, teachers &
all one ^{of} got this kind of a raise
decision a person of one, why
should he pay as much as a
family of 4, 6, 8 or more people.
It just isn't fair.

I think you should increase
fees on other construction. They
are helping to drive prices up.
Thank you for your time
Cynthia T. Kennedy
1681 Sunvalley
Cuburn, CA
95603 3020

Barbara J. Powell
352 - 210 - 809 - 000

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APRIL 21, 2007

MARK & SUSAN ROBERTS
4325 COGNAC COURT
LOOMIS, CA 95650

PLACER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
175 FULWEILER AVENUE
AUBURN, CA 95603

DATE:	5-22-07
TIME:	9:30am

RE: SEWER USER FEE RATE INCREASE
MAINTENANCE DISTRICT #3

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

In response to the notice of March 22, 2007 regarding the proposed increase in current sewer service charge for a single unit of service from \$74.76 to \$99.43 monthly we reply as follows:

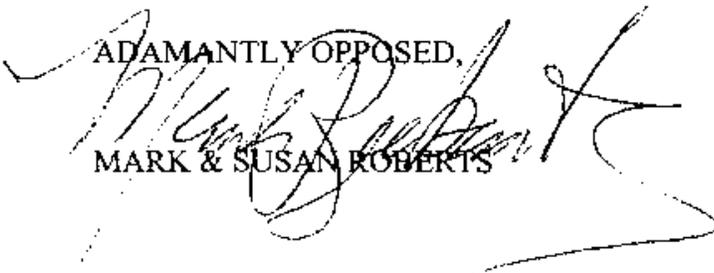
WE OPPOSE IT!!

An increase of 33% is outrageous whatever the purported reasons. Administratively, government should have never let the situation get to the point of having to propose a raise such as this. Further, we believe that most of it will be wasted administratively.

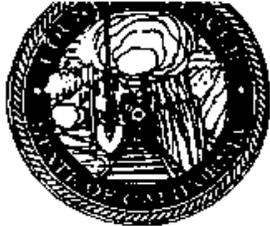
AGAIN, WE OPPOSE AN INCREASE OF SUCH PROPORTIONS.

Go back and reconsider.

ADAMANTLY OPPOSED,


MARK & SUSAN ROBERTS

cc: 5-BCS
T. Miller
A. Labouff
J. Durfee



**COUNTY OF PLACER
FACILITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Phone 530-886-4900 Fax 530-889-6809

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**JAMES DURFEE, DIRECTOR
MARY DIETRICH, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
ALBERT RICHIE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR
WILL DICKINSON, DEPUTY DIRECTOR**

March 22, 2007

**RE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A SEWER USER FEE
RATE INCREASE, PLACER COUNTY SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 3**

Dear Customer,

Our records indicate that you are the owner of the property identified by the assessor's parcel number shown on the attached mailing label. Sewer service to this parcel is provided by Placer County Sewer Maintenance District No. 3 (SMD 3). **On May 22, 2007, at 9:20 AM, the Placer County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to consider increases to the sewer user fees charged for SMD 3. The Board will also consider written protests concerning the increase. The hearing will take place in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, 175 Fulwiler Avenue, Auburn, CA 95603.** You may attend the hearing in person or send written comments to the Board at the same address.

The current sewer service charge for a single unit of service is \$74.76 per month. The District proposes to increase this fee to \$99.43 per month effective July 1, 2007, and maintain the fee at that level for two years. This increase is necessary because the District has incurred higher costs due to: a) inflation, b) new regulatory requirements affecting wastewater treatment plants and collection systems, and c) repair or replacement of aging sewer lines and treatment plant equipment. SMD 3 is small district (630 connections) that is faced with very difficult regulatory compliance challenges. High monthly fees are therefore necessary to keep the district solvent. Although we deeply regret the financial impact to our customers, without this increase the District cannot continue to provide high quality service and remain in compliance with State and Federal regulations.

The above recommended fee is the monthly rate for a single-family residence. Most customers are billed for this service on their annual property tax statement. If your parcel is used for purposes other than a single-family residence, your parcel may be billed for multiple units of service. If you are unsure as to the number of units of service your parcel is billed for, please feel free to call the telephone number listed below for clarification.

If you would like further information regarding the proposed fee increase, you may attend the Horseshoe Bar Municipal Advisory Council meeting at 7:00 PM on May 15, 2007, in the Loomis Library or call (530) 889-6846.

Respectfully,


JAMES DURFEE, DIRECTOR

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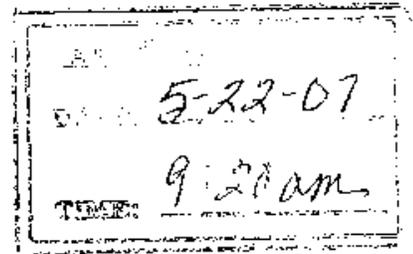
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April 11, 2007

Placer County
Facility Services Department
Board of Supervisors
175 Fulweiler Avenue
Auburn, CA 95603



Dear Sirs:

This is a formal protest to the proposed increase of sewer user fees for SMD 1.

We purchased our home in late 2003 and set up a monthly savings plan to pay our property taxes each year. Despite increasing taxes, we have been able to keep our plan intact and meet our payments, not without sacrifice. Every time there is an increase, we must adjust our monthly savings and give up something else.

Since 2003, every year we have had an increase in sewer charges, each one greater than the previous year. In 2003-4, our SMD #1 service charge was \$618; in 2004-5, \$636; in 2005-6, \$655.20; in 2006-7, \$58.92. The increases for those four years total \$96.12. Yet the proposed increase for July 1, 2007 is a full \$99.96....more than the previous four years combined!!

We now pay \$714.12 per year for SMD #1; with the proposed increase, it will jump to \$814.08! What has changed so drastically over the last four years to warrant such a large increase? This is a new home in a new neighborhood and we fail to see how one home can incur such a fee!

Our incomes consist of Social Security and a small pension. Any inflationary increase is a hardship on us since our incomes remain stationary and we must somehow cope with that same inflation.

We request that you take the above mentioned arguments under consideration when the proposed increase is entered for approval and strongly voice our protest to such a large increase in the sewer user fees for SMD 1.

Sincerely,

Henry Sanchez
Magda Sanchez
Henry and Magda Sanchez

2500 Pacer Place
Auburn, CA 95603

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To: Placer County Board of Supervisors
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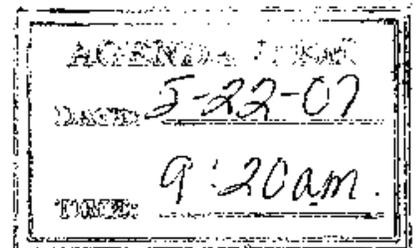
This letter is in response to the Notice of Public Hearing to consider a Sewer User Fee Rate Increase.

The Notice indicates that the rate increase is needed to meet higher costs due to inflation and increased charges by the City of Sacramento. As a resident of Placer County, and not the City of Sacramento nor the County of Sacramento, I would suggest that the Board examine the feasibility of connecting the sewer service of my residential area with the City of Roseville which is located one block away. I own my home in Livoti Tract and have for thirty years. Perhaps the Board could inquire of the City of Roseville the feasibility of such a move.

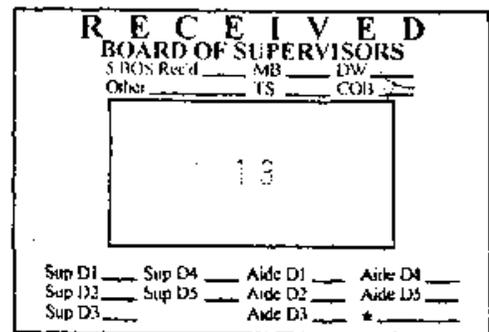
I believe the Roseville rates are the lowest in the area and the savings to your constituents would be appropriate and appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration in this.

Regards,
Breckenridge Viley
106 Eddie Dr.
Roseville, CA 95661
B. Viley
916.726.9593
bviley@infostations.com



cc. James Durfee, Director
Facilities Services Dept.



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To Placer Board of Supervisors
re SEWER FEE INCREASE
175 FULWEILER AVE
AUBURN, CA 95603

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from
CLINTON L SMITH
150 HAP ARNOLD LOOP
ROSEVILLE, CA 95747

I oppose the proposed dramatic sewer-fee increase of \$38.14 per month.

The budget might be balanced by cutting big labor union bosses power, less employees and other "fat". There seems to be too much emphasis on younger people at the expense of seniors, who most of us are on limited incomes. Our "COLTS" were puny, compared to those enjoyed by politicians. I am nearing 87 years of age.

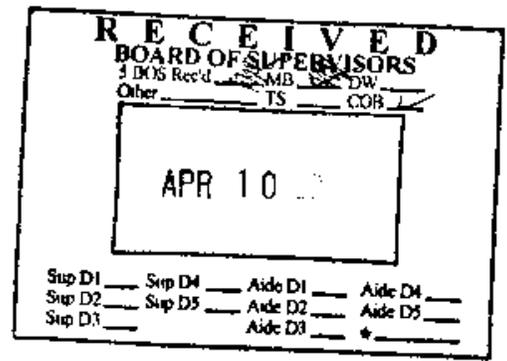
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Clinton L Smith

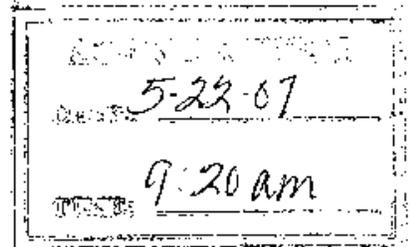
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72570 Out of the Way Place
Auburn, CA 95603



Placer Co Board of Supervisors
175 Fulwiler Ave
Auburn, CA 95603



To all Supervisors -

Of course, since I work I cannot ^{attend} this meeting on May 22, 2007 @ 9:20 am concerning sewer increases from \$59.51 to \$67.84 per month.

My wages have not gone up and will not go up this year. I feel powerless to stop fees such as this, but I must protest.

New homes are constantly being built and they should pay for "improvements" to the sewer system - not me.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Choller

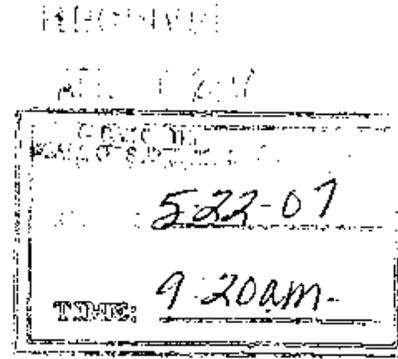
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Paul@administrators.com

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4/6/2007

County of Placer
Board of Supervisors
175 Fulweiler Avenue
Auburn, CA 95603



Re: Sewer user fee rate increase, District #1, (SMD 1)

This letter is in response to a recent notice from Facility Services Department Director, James Durfee of a proposal to increase our annual sewer user fee by 14%. This meeting is being held on May 22, 2007, at 9:20 AM. He gave three reasons:

- **Inflation** – The annual inflation rate for 2006, based on the Consumer Price Index, was 3.24 %. The annual inflation rates and corresponding increases in our sewer user fee were as follows: 2005- 3.39% vs. 3%, 2004 – 2.68% vs. 10%, 2003 – 2.27% vs. 8%.
- **New regulatory requirements** – There is no explanation (even brief) of what State and Federal regulation changes were made this last year.
- **Repair or replacement of aging sewer lines and treatment plant equipment** - Prudent management should have established a sinking fund or other method of setting aside reserves for just such inevitable costs.

As inflation has been relatively benign, the 10% increase in 2004 and the 8% increase in 2003 obviously also included something beyond inflation. This has been a time of substantial new home construction. I question if some of the requirement for replacement and treatment relate directly to the incapacity to process the increased flow and also, if that contributed to the inability to comply with State and Federal regulations. If so, then those builders who have profited financially did not pay an appropriate construction fee.

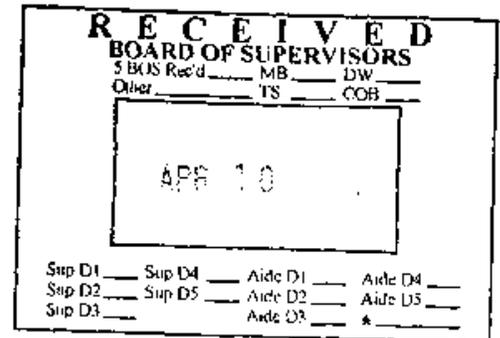
I do protest the 14% increase after already having substantial increases in 2003 and 2004. I believe ongoing maintenance and expansion can be managed much more effectively than has been demonstrated.

Sincerely,

Al French
Al French
12470 Leeds Dr.
Auburn, CA 95603

Tel: (530)-823-8083

DATE 4-11-07
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Teri Sayad

AGENDA ITEM # 3
 DATE: 5/22/07
 Sewer/Water Fee Increase
 TIME: 9:20am

From: Patrick Schlender [pschlender@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Friday, May 18, 2007 11:56 AM

To: Placer County Board of Supervisors

Subject: Public hearing to consider sewer user fee rate increase, Placer County Sewer Maintenance District No. 1

I am out of town as my Mother is ill, so am responding to you via e-mail.

I am single, elderly, and have a number of major health issues including kidney failure. I live on a minimal fixed income. It is difficult enough to make ends meet as things stand. The proposed rate increase for the sewer will pose an undue hardship on me.

Sincerely,
 Jacqueline K. Hudson
 11457 Edgewood Road
 Auburn, CA 95603

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DATE 5/21/07
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Jeffrey Surwillo, Homeowner/Taxpayer
3881 N. Lakeshore Blvd.
Loomis, CA 95650

(916) 652-9676

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**CLERK OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

May 10, 2007

Clerk of the Board
175 Fulweiler Avenue, Supervisors' Chambers
Auburn, CA 95603

Dear Placer County Board of Supervisors:

Please accept this letter in protest and opposition to the proposed sewer user fee increase. We just received an increase to our water rates from the PCWA and now have to turn around and face your increase for sewer use?

This rate increase is of particular concern when it involves Placer County's municipal government, which along with other government entities is establishing a pattern of continuously seeking creative ways of extorting new taxes from its citizens.

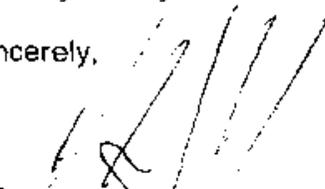
The taxes I currently pay contribute to the out of control "government dole". My taxes are used to grant COLA's and exorbitant health premium increases to the various government factions (employees of state, county, city, school, and law enforcement, politicians, school boards, county boards, municipal boards, welfare recipients, etc. - socialism at best) but I do not have those "entitlements". My health premiums continue rising dramatically but because I am not "on the dole", I incur those costs myself, yet I am providing these to maintain the "dole"? Private employment wages do not have the benefit of "inflation factors" or COLA entitlements and I should not be penalized by further taxation. It is insulting to pay for these benefits for everyone else and for the other wasteful spending that occurs. Then adding insult to injury, the out of control growth factor strains our resources exorbitantly but no one has the courage to just say no. Everyone wants to be the good guy and allow "smart growth" (Los Angeles has been utilizing "smart growth" for at least 25 years and look how horrible it is there now and continues to worsen) and all at taxpayers' expense.

In what way are you showing fiscal restraint and responsibility? Wasteful government spending occurs at every level from abuse of office supplies, office equipment, laptop computers, camera phones (which is not even in my budget for my own personal use), pda's, food and beverages catered for meetings, conference registration expenses, meal expenses, travel expenses (in desirable locations at expensive hotels), employees use of government vehicles for personal use - all with the mentality that these are entitlements and/or public money is no object or concern - and these are only to name a few. Public employees, who should be, are not "guarding public funds" - completely unethical. I am frugal with my money and have expectations that my tax dollars be "guarded" as frugally, but continue to be grossly disappointed.

It seems common sense no longer prevails; justification now occurs because "someone else is doing it". You can not justify to me the need for this increase. Stop the unethical, wasteful spending and it will more than pay for (in excess of millions of dollars) the increase you are proposing.

Thank you for your consideration of my protest.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey D. Surwillo

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June 29, 2007

JUL 02 Agenda Item

Board of Supervisors
Auburn Ca 95603

7-10-07
9:30am

Re = Sewer Assessment
Dist # 1

Parcel # 52-102-04-000
Mary A Passuzzi Tr.

Sirs =

This is a letter of pro-
test regarding the above
assessment.

I am an 83 year old
widow, living alone &
on a very fixed in-
come. All these added
taxes are forcing so
many seniors into
bankruptcy & homeless-
ness.

Please reconsider the
huge & sudden increase

CC 5805
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Finalists

Sincerely, Mary Passuzzi
Tr

0-29-07

To: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS.

RE: SEWER USER FEE INCREASE.

PLACER COUNTY SEWER MAIN - DIST. #1

their sudden increase of \$59.51 per month on \$7.84 is an awful high rate of increase for us taxpayers (SETTLERS) what. The people are paying this tax & why couldn't it be spread over a longer period of time?

I can tell you - TAXES in this County are killing us!

our prop. taxes in taxes were they went up \$55 a month when rate brought 100% (and they go up every year)

Why haven't these sewers been maintained (updated) during these past years? - that way, we wouldn't have the full burden of this exorbitant amount.

Respectfully -
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George W. Gott (P)

David H. Baker
11483 Sherwood Way
Auburn Ca. 95602

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AGENDA ITEM
DATE 7/10/07
#4 Sewer Fees
TIME 9:30 AM

Dear Sirs

As a customer of Placer County Sewer Maintenance District #1 I and my wife oppose the new rate increase proposed by the district.

We cannot keep paying more & more in property taxes and rate increases of Sewer District #1. Part of our property taxes should be used more for the maintenance of sewer system.

The directors of Sewer district #1 seem to have lost touch with reality. As an example I wrote a letter protesting the last rate increase and received a letter back informing us that since we lived in the Auburn Greens complex, we would not be affected as much by the increase.

We have never lived in the Auburn Greens, but at the above address for the past 11 years. How can the District give good service to its customers when they don't even know where they live?

The sewer district need to stop managing the sewer system like a fire dept. that thinks they can put out more fires by adding more hose at the property owners expense to a leaking one that just seems to keep rupturing.

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 County Executive Office
 County Clerk
 Mike Boyle
 Planning

Sincerely,
David H. Baker

Suzanne Del Sarto
11280 Linda Dr
Auburn, Ca 95602
Placer Board of Supervisors
Planning Department
Director of Public Works

AGENDA ITEM
DATE: <u>7/10/07</u>
<u>#3 Sewer Fees</u>
TIME: <u>9:30am</u>

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DATE: 7/5/07 July 2, 2007
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 Planning

All of the above and Auburn District 3 Fellow Residents;

I do not approve of any rate increase in Sewer District Three under Supervisor Jim Holmes. Resolving Placer County's Wastewater/Public Works District 3 treatment facility and service requires more public record disclosure and public discussion. As I look around my neighborhood I see mostly retired people who do not get a cost of living advance, school teachers, pastors, and self employed accountants, retirees on social security. Sacramento Board of Directors turned down a similar action to increase the cost of waste water as at their public hearing attended by people complaining about the increases in water, and garbage disposal this June. Their board of supervisors listened and supported the view presented by the public. They turned down the sewer rate increase.

My intention is to attend the July 10th public meeting and at that meeting I request a breakdown of all funds incoming to Placer County's Waste Water District Three between 2005-2007 fiscal years. Please identify all home owner sewer payees and all others who pay into the sewer disposal treatment plant operated by the Wastewater/Public Works Department supervised by Jim Holmes. I am also requesting a history of raises from 2005-2007 given to Supervisor Holmes, the Public Works and Wastewater directors. I make the same suggestion that Treelake Village Home Owners Association requested in SMD 2 (Granite Bay) requests. This is citizen advisory council be established to provide budget and planning functions oversight to large (over \$800,000) capital projects and maintenance and represent those who live in this district. During the later 1990s, Woodland had many homeowners sell their homes because of the county increases in fees. They decided to get a county watch group. Nothing gets built in Woodland now until there is some additional piece of development included to advance the town. All the board's actions are run through this citizen's watch group.

Other solutions need to be reviewed publicly, and discussed with the cost benefit analysis. The Greens has apartments and is owned by one landowner. Do you and I pay the same increase as that land owner, the schools, and the district offices? What would be the assessment fee if each toilet per residence were assigned an equal fee? How much would it cost to meter the wastewater and charge per cubic foot of water discharged per household? Yes, I want answers to these questions, not another pile of paper that says nothing, as is listed on the website currently. The information there lacks the symmetry of what funds come into that part of county services and what funds leave and for what purpose. It also assigns increased costs to fuels. Don't the pipes conveyed the sewer water to the plant and through the treatment plant? In looking at the information on the website, mercury and lead were listed as "new tests". Please explain. Yes, there need much more public disclosure and discussion. Last year our wastewater rates doubled for the same reasons listed for this year. Yet the amount of households paying sewer rates increased faster in Placer County than any other part of the United States.

Thank you for providing the information I requested according to the public records act. I look forward to an intelligent presentation of facts at the meeting set for July 10th.

Thank you in advance for diligently preparing for this discussion.

Suzanne Del Sarto/PHN

Suzanne Del Sarto