

Melissa Stone

From: Felix Rosengarten <felix@nif-t.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 4:51 PM
To: Board of Directors
Cc: flexr20@gmail.com
Subject: SJWC Water Rates

SUBJECT: 1/31 SCVWD Board Special meeting

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Saratoga, CA

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From: Lou Pustka <lou@pustka.com>
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 7:11 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Remove the Water Surcharge

Enough already. It is time to remove the water surcharge.
L Pustka
3008 High Meadow Lane
San Jose, CA 95135

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From: Edna Cate <ednacate@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 4:49 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Water surcharges.

I request that the water company stop the ridiculous surcharges that they have placed on our water bills. Other areas do not have to pay the unfairly elevated charges for water that we in our area are paying. Please stop the excessive charges for our area

Sent from my iPad

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Concerned Saratoga City Resident

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From: Kiran Bagepalli <kiran.bagepalli@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 4:45 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: 1/31 SCVWD Board Special meeting

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From: louis riga <riga_winery@att.net>
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 11:38 AM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: January 31,2017 Board Meeting

As a resident for the past forty-one (41) years in Saratoga I am requesting that you consider to remove the surcharge that is currently in effect.
Louis D Riga 19707 Montauk Drive, Saratoga,CA. 95070

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From: mona95070@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 8:53 AM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Fwd: Water rates hikes PROTEST

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From: mona95070@yahoo.com
Date: Jan 27, 2017 8:50 AM
Subject: Water rates hikes
To: board@valleywater.org
Cc:

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Kristina Rust--Life Style Photographer

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From: Rupal Desai <rupalmd@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 4:25 AM
To: Board of Directors

Hello,

How can we be 'assigned' to a company who loots us for whatever amount that it chooses, and we are left with no alternative, but pay, unfairly.

I think our bigger problem is,
WHO SOLD US TO SJWC? We need alternative to SJWC!!!!

It is completely wrong to pay any kind of surcharge, if we have been declared drought free. And if we do, it needs to be paid by each and every northern californian.

PL STOP the abuse of trusting citizens.

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Rupal Desai

Melissa Stone

From: Alvaro Orozco <alvaro.orozco@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 9:42 PM
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Roly Gupta

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From: Rajeev Shrivastava <rajeevs99@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 7:50 AM
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Ph : 650 9964135

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Martin Barclay

Melissa Stone

From: Lawrence Cui <lawrence.cui@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 3:26 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: 1/31 SCVWD Board Special meeting

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Melissa Stone

From: Tea N <tetamthua@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 6:12 PM
To: Board of Directors
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Your name
Jeannie Nguyen

Melissa Stone

From: Edna Cate <ednacate@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 5:28 PM
To: Board of Directors

Please cancel the drought surcharge that has made our water rates far higher than any other area. We have been ripped off far too long.

Sent from my iPad

Melissa Stone

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Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 5:01 PM
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Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 4:54 PM
To: Board of Directors; water_division@cpuc.ca.gov; public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov; ora@cpuc.ca.gov
Cc: matthew.marcus@cpuc.ca.gov
Subject: Protest SJWC's Advice Letter No. 501 dated January 9, 2017

January 27th, 2017

Tariff Unit, Water Division, 3rd floor

Public Utilities Commission

505 Van Ness Avenue

San Francisco CA 941

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SUBJECT: Protest SJWC's Advice Letter No. 501 dated January 9, 2017

Dear PUC President Picker and Commissioners,

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Protest ground No. 6 : The relief requested in the advice letter is unjust, unreasonable, or discriminatory.

NOTE: As you read through this email, please make a mental note that some San Jose Water customers have seen their water bill to be in the \$2,500 to \$4,000 range, in spite of reducing their water consumption by ~50%. The way the surcharge has been constructed has not been fair. There are two petitions that you should take a look, **both of which I have signed**, also signed by thousands and growing daily:

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2 - With Advice Letter 501, San Jose Water Company is requesting a permanent rate increase (instead of a temporary charge) to make up the difference between forecast revenue and actual revenue.

3 - It does not make sense to compensate a drought year loss of revenue with a permanent rate increase. Particularly given that San Jose Water company has done very well financially, via the surcharge it has imposed upon citizens of the district it serves.

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This increased tier rates as follows:

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6 - The annual increases in San Jose Water Company rates from 2013 to 2016 averaged 20%, and San Jose Water Company customers cannot sustain such high rate increases year after year.

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Sincerely,

Merwyn Andrade

19700 Montauk Ct, Saratoga, CA 95070

Melissa Stone

From: wsjhanssen@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 8:29 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Protest rate hike

Dear SCVWD Board,

I'm writing this letter to protest your recent rate hikes. It seems unfair especially after the recent rain fall totals. Likewise, we have gone through several rate hike already without seeing any end in sight even though we home owners are constantly cutting back. I would like to hear why the board isn't looking for other means and water sources rather than continuing to raise our rates. Thank you, Steve Hanssen 2189 Shadow Ridge Way, SJ

Melissa Stone

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Pericles

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From: Nachi <vnachi3@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 6:16 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Eliminate 20% drought reduction, surcharge and not increase the rate

To The Board of directors, Santa Clara Valley district

Dear Board Members,

I used to pay \$150 before drought and I have reduced my water usage so much and only water my yard twice a week and I paid thrice what I used to. The last few months, due to all the heavy rain, I have turned off my sprinkler and still I continue to pay \$300-\$400.

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I appreciate your consideration and hope the SCVWD board will remove the 20% drought reduction target and eliminate the surcharge and also not raise the rate.

Thanks
V. Nachiapan
Saratoga, Ca-95070

Melissa Stone

From: Jacqueline Cathcart <merrymaga@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 5:52 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Water Bills and Costs -- no surcharges --

I am an 88 year old woman (born in California) on a property that has many trees and plantings — good for the environment and have taken MANY measures to conserve water during this drought time and the garden has suffered. I do not have big lawns. I think most people realize more than ever how important it is to continue saving water but we should not be penalized if we use a bit more this year to plant a tomato plant or give our plants who have been suffering a bit more — I think there should be an advisory as to keep meeting water usage standards but my water bills even with conservation have been too high. Conservation as a way of life is sensible unless you see wholesale abuse, but I do not think that will happen. Below is a letter drafted for me by citizens who are concerned about the future mandatory recommendations as a means to collect more money from homeowners. I am not a rich Saratogan — I could not be living in my house if I had not purchased it 51 years ago. Not everyone in Saratoga is affluent. Sincerely Jacqueline Cathcart

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Cc: Gail Kepler
Subject: SJWC Surcharge - RESCIND!! Please!

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Thank you,
Gail Kepler
20745 Granada Ct
Saratoga, CA 95070

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From: FloydOkada <floydokada@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 4:20 PM
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Kindly remove the surcharge, eliminate the current allowance, and allow us to maintain the current target 20% as best as we can.

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Lance Agee
19294 De Havilland Dr
Saratoga, CA

Melissa Stone

From: LeeSee Loh <leeseeloh@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 2:17 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Eliminate Drought Mandate

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Thank you.

Lee See Loh
19439 De Havilland Ct, Saratoga, CA 95070

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Nicolette Chow
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Pat Moore

Melissa Stone

From: Norma Glidden <naglidden@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 12:05 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Re: 1/31 SCVWD Board Special Meeting

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From: Terence Kearney <terrykearney@sbcglobal.net>
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408.315.0722

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From: Sharad Mehrotra <smehrotr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 10:57 AM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Surcharge

SUBJECT: 1/31 SCVWD Board Special meeting

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Melissa Stone

From: Jennifer Stern <jennifer.stern@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 10:56 AM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: 1/31 SCVWD Board special meeting

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Thanks,

Manisha & Manoj Hardikar
(Residents of Saratoga)

Melissa Stone

From: Maria Gong <mgong1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 9:46 AM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Stop the SJWC Rate Hikes

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From: Atul Bhandari <bhandari@gmail.com>
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From: Janaki Shukla <janaki.shukla@gmail.com>
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Melissa Stone

From: Larry Mehringer <larry.mehringer@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 9:35 AM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: SUBJECT: 1/31 SCVWD Board Special meeting

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Melissa Stone

From: Tea N <tetamthua@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 9:29 AM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Eliminate Water surcharge

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From: Banerje Dan <danbanerje@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 8:21 AM
To: Board of Directors
Cc: rishi1@gmail.com
Subject: Pls remove the surcharge ...

Hello Sir/ Madam:

I am requesting SCVWD & SJWC to please file with the CPUC to remove the 'surcharge' from our water rates.

Thanking you in advance.

Sincerely

dan banerje
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From: Devyani Abhyankar <dj2da91@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 8:11 AM
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