



Safeguard

Fairness

Affordability

Transparency

Representation



The City Council, who acts as Directors of the San Dieguito Water District, is again poised to raise water rates for all customers, regardless of their conservation efforts.

The City and the Water District enter into many financial agreements. Because the **Council runs both the City and Water District** there are no decision makers watching out for just the water ratepayers like you. The Council has taken the water district into financial arrangements with the City that provide questionable benefit to the ratepayers. These arrangements are factored into the cost of your water.

Help us free the Water District from the City Council and **keep our cost of living affordable.**

Mail form to:
ENCINITAS TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 232061
Encinitas, CA 92023-2061

The proposed rate increase for a typical water user will be 14% in March and automatically followed by another 13% increase next January. This results in an 85% increase since 2005. Drought rates are higher.

The SDWD has done well financially. The SDWD has been able to issue a 15% pay raise to SDWD staff over 2008-2012 and had \$1.35 million sitting in its rate stabilization fund in the last budget. Raising rates in the midst of the economic downturn is bad timing.

For more information go to www.encinitastaxpayers.org.

Prop 218 gives you the power

to stop your water bills from going up. If 51% of the ratepayers file written objections, rates cannot go up.

We want fair water rates and better safeguards. Please join us in opposing further water rate increases until independent board members are added to the SDWD.

Sign and Mail this Letter

All protest forms must be received prior to the public hearing on February 24, 2010 at 6:00pm. **By not returning this protest form you are agreeing to the rate increase.**

Written Statement of Protest to Increases in Water Rates Proposed by the San Dieguito Water District

This is my written protest to the San Dieguito Water District's (SDWD) water rates proposal, which will be considered by the SDWD on February 24, 2010. I object to the proposed water rate increase.

Customer Type

Property Owner Tenant

Printed Name

Date

Service Address(es) – Each address may count as one vote.

Signature