

Agriculture Gets the Gold Mine

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Cc: Leavenworth; Alcalá, Carlos - Sacramento; Grand Jury; Richard Esposito; Mike Roberts

Subject: Re: Agriculture Gets the Gold Mine

Mr. Abercrombie,

In response to your below e-mail, for the third time since November, I again request you provide the Board and Public revised rate comparison charts for Agriculture that clearly show your intent to substantially lower Agriculture rates to as little as 6% of residential and recreational turf rates. Most EID ratepayers would clearly reject the claims in your official Proposition 218 Notice that these lowered Agriculture rates are "fair and equitable".

Your claims that I supported all your "back room" non-public manipulations simply are not true. The Cost of Services (COS) panel last met more than nine months ago on May 6, 2011 and, as you recall, I voted against the version of the study provided to the EID Board on June 13, 2011. Since that time, you have made many further manipulations of the data in that final panel report, especially in reducing Agricultural bills for many to below those currently paid. In turn, you are forcing non-Agriculture ratepayers to subsidize Agriculture rates more than \$1.5 million annually... and you are doing so clandestinely without proper disclosure to the public.

You constantly claim EID provides "transparency" but your actions don't support your claims.

The politically-biased and Proposition 218-violating COS study conducted under your dominance is bogus and a hoax. Further information regarding many of the happenstances of the COS non-public meetings is available at www.FixEID.org.

Cordially,

Greg Prada