



Does EID really think Serrano and Bass Lake are in Cameron Park?



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A huge fifty-seven percent increase in water hook-up fees to \$24,681 for each new El Dorado Hills home will be presented at EID's Monday, June 10, 2013 board meeting. Meanwhile, the water hook-up fees for new homes in what EID calls "Cameron Park", as well as all the rest of EID's geography, will increase thirty percent to \$20,529 as compared to the \$24,681 for what EID defines as "El Dorado Hills".

On the surface, EID has detailed calculations that appear to support both the huge increases and the \$4,152 fee differential. But buried in the Appendix for this item is a map that reveals that Serrano and Bass Lake inexplicably are covered under the \$4,152 lesser water hook-up fee applicable to what EID engineers and management call "Cameron Park".

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Even more fundamentally, after tripling debt in the last ten years why does EID's management think it is fiscally responsible to keep deficit spending \$15 million annually on more facility improvements and capacity expansion? The recently board-approved water and wastewater master plans call for \$90 million new capital spending by 2020, and \$680 million in total.

Per an August 2010 report to EID's Board, EID had \$54 million of unused water capacity awaiting developer hook-up repayment; this total since has grown to \$60 million. Until new water hook-up fees exceeding this \$60 million are generated it will be current ratepayers who will be financing another \$90 million of increased debt through more rate hikes.

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