

EID Sewer Ratepayers Envy Sacramento

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The February 27, 2013 Sacramento Bee reports: *“For (Sacramento) homeowners, the average monthly sewer bill is expected to rise from \$24 to \$45 or \$46 in seven years.”*

<http://www.sacbee.com/2013/02/27/5220565/sacramento-area-sewer-rate-increases.html>

EID’s Board already has passed average homeowner sewer rate increases to \$74 monthly in TWO years...some 60% higher than what Sacramento will be paying in SEVEN years.

And these \$74 EID sewer bills are AFTER \$15 monthly of property tax subsidies are deducted meaning EID effectively will be costing residential ratepayers \$89 monthly.

While EID General Manager Jim Abercrombie blames tertiary treatment and El Dorado County’s hilly terrain for EID’s higher costs, he doesn’t mention that EID’s bloated overhead, lavish employee benefits and fifty percent excess capacity are far bigger factors.

The seven percent employee pay hikes EID’s Board passed February 25th will only add to the sewer cost penalty that EID sewer ratepayers pay for lack of fiscally competent stewardship by EID’s Board.

Thankfully, the November elections are coming.