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"However, it was noted later by EID officials that EID employees paid 8 percent (the full cost) of the employee's pension share in 2010 and 2011, but beginning in 2012, the district began paying half of it, or 4 percent."

<http://www.mtdemocrat.com/news/eid-rate-hike-percentages-pension-issues-clarified/>

The above is another costly news flash that never made it into an EID press release, a "Meeting Our Commitments" propaganda brochure, or bi-monthly newsletter "The Waterfront".

In attempts to placate angry ratepayers leading up to the 2012-2015 rate hikes, EID's General Manager Abercrombie was nine months early in claiming \$400,000 of "cost savings" for employees picking up (a paltry) 10% of dependent medical coverage starting in 2013. But just like he "forgot" to tell ratepayers that rates went up on January 1, 2012, GM Abercrombie also "forgot" to tell ratepayers that on January 1, 2012 employee pension contributions were slashed in half thereby increasing ratepayer costs and rates \$1.5 million (i.e., FOUR TIMES GREATER than the \$400,000 "savings") for 2012-2013.

Why is it that EID's "Meeting Our Commitments" brochures tout cumulative "savings" of more than \$20 million http://www.fixeid.org/Documents/meeting-commitments_6-10-11.pdf yet EID's Board felt the need to approve 102% of water rate increases for 2010-2015? When will EID's Board understand that what General Manager Abercrombie feeds them simply doesn't add up?

When will General Manager Abercrombie start telling the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth to EID's Board and ratepayers?