

FixEID Chronicles

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Dear undisclosed:

Thank you for hosting our get-together last night to discuss EID.

The average annual EID bill in El Dorado Hills is over \$1500 this year... plus another \$300 of our individual property taxes goes to EID. And already Board-approved rate increases will raise this \$1800 to \$2100 in 2015. Included are EID's average sewer billings double those of Folsom as well as a 102% water increase for 2010-2015.

To those more fortunate \$1800 or \$2100 is merely a pricy irritant. But to many others EID's sky-high rates are a true hardship... especially in these double-digit unemployment times and for the many seniors on fixed incomes.

EID wastes a lot of money... 17% of rates goes to pay for debt costs on 50% excess capacity. Another 30% of rates go for outlandish employee benefits that exceed \$46,000 per employee. And EID's overhead has surged \$10 million for a plethora of beyond necessary PR, IT, HR, engineering and lawyer staff, not to mention EID's \$15 million "Taj Mahal" Mosquito Road headquarters.

The November 2013 EID director elections present the best opportunity for ratepayers to take back our water and sewer district... away from the many special interests the current Board majority and General Manager are so beholden to in squandering tens of millions of dollars of ratepayer monies. But to win in 2013 we need leaders NOW who are willing to speak up and pass the word regarding what REALLY is happening in EID's board room... not the fiction EID puts out in their press releases and the biased "news" reports from Editor Raffety of the Mountain Democrat.

The www.FixEID.org website is an extensive, alternative source of "the rest of the story" regarding EID which I hope your colleagues will visit and pass on to their e-mail lists. Also, the Village Life frequently runs letters that give an alternative perspective than EID's and Editor Raffety's.

EID's biggest allies are ratepayer ignorance and ratepayer apathy. Proponents of good government and fair play need to exhibit community leadership to stand up and lend their voice against what EID is doing to those less fortunate.

I will continue to forward various communications regarding EID and thank everyone who joins in to pass along the true facts to their e-mail lists as to what EID's Management and Board really are doing.

With heartfelt thanks,
Greg