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I want to formally
protest the proposed water
rate increase.

We just had a rate
increase in 12/2008.

This is a very difficult
time financially for a lot
of people. People are
using as little water
as possible to help with the
lack of water.

Why do we need a rate
increase? How does more
money create more water?
How about waiting to see
if we get lots of rain
this year? I'm tired of higher

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rates to pay for retirement plans
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WATER AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASE

Lake Sherwood Community Services District

The Lake Sherwood Community Services District (District) provides water services to the community of Lake Sherwood. In 2008, approximately 1,600 acre-feet of water was supplied to District customers. The District's water supply is imported from the State Water Project, through Metropolitan Water District (Metropolitan), and Calleguas Municipal Water District (Calleguas), the District's direct supplier.

Southern California is facing an unprecedented series of challenges to its water supply:

- A federal court has curtailed water deliveries from Northern California due to environmental factors in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.
- Last spring, after several record dry years that dramatically curtailed snow runoff from the Sierra Nevada Mountains, Governor Schwarzenegger declared an official statewide drought.
- The Colorado River, the other major source of imported water supply for Metropolitan, has experienced drought conditions for eight years.

Consequently, Southern California's water supply has been severely impacted.

In response, Metropolitan is securing other sources of water at a greater cost. Metropolitan's actions to provide a reliable water supply to this region are increasing Metropolitan's water rates substantially. Calleguas has adopted a 22% water rate increase in the rate to its purveyors, including the District, effective January 1, 2010. This increase includes passing through the 21% water rate increase adopted by Metropolitan in April 2009, and Calleguas water system improvement costs. In addition, Southern California Edison (SCE) rates are increasing by 3% for operation of the pumps used to pump water to the District.

We are recommending a 13% increase in the District's Tier I water commodity rate. The proposed rate increase is recommended based on a water rate analysis that showed the higher rate is necessary to cover the District's cost of providing an uninterrupted supply of high quality water to the community of Lake Sherwood.

We are not recommending any increases in the service charge at this time. The District's last water rate increase of 12% was approved in December 2008.

The District's Rules and Regulations include an Incremental Interruption Plan (IIP) which establishes water rates and allocations for Municipal and Industrial customers within the District. The IIP allows for reductions of allocations and increases in commodity rates as necessitated by water supply conditions and reductions in water supply imposed by Metropolitan and Calleguas. There are currently three levels of the IIP. Tier I water rates are the same at each level of the IIP. IIP Level 1 (IIP1) allocations and commodity rates are implemented under a normal water supply. At IIP Level 2 (IIP2) and IIP Level 3 (IIP3), the Tier II and Tier III rates increase, and the Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III allocations are reduced. The District may implement IIP2 or IIP3 rates and allocations in response to water supply conditions and/or mandatory reductions imposed by the District's water supplier.

Current and proposed rates for IIP1 are shown in the following table:

LAKE SHERWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT WATER COMMODITY RATES		
<i>Incremental Interruption Plan Level 1</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Proposed</i>
Tier I	\$1.967/HCF (\$856.83/AF)	\$2.223/HCF (\$968.34/AF)
Tier II	\$2.951/HCF (\$1,285.46/AF)	\$3.335/HCF (\$1,452.73/AF)
Tier III	\$4.918/HCF (\$2,142.28/AF)	\$5.558/HCF (\$2,421.07/AF)
HCF = Hundred Cubic Feet AF = Acre-Feet		

This notice is to inform you that a hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room in the Hall of Administration at the Ventura County Government Center, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, concerning the proposed water rate increase. At the hearing, any person may be heard regarding the recommended rate increase.

If you oppose the proposed water rate increase, your protest must be submitted in writing to be considered, even if you are planning to attend the public hearing. Your written protest must be received by the Ventura County Clerk of the Board prior to the December 15, 2009, public hearing.

Protests must contain the following information: 1) a description of the property, such as the Assessor's Parcel Number; 2) your Lake Sherwood Community Services District Account Number; 3) whether you are the property owner of record or a lease holder. *Please note that if you were not the owner of the property as of Ventura County's last tax roll, please include written confirmation that you presently own the property;* and 4) indication that the water rate increase is being protested. You may send your written protest to:

Ventura County Clerk of the Board
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Should the Board adopt the proposed rates, the increase in the water rates would be reflected in the utility bills beginning in January 2010.

Further information may be obtained by calling (805) 378-3000, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.