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From: **Leland Frayseth**

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Subject: Leland Frayseth opposes CCWD 2021 water rate increase and CWC Early Funding rule making change

Dear California Water Commission (CWC) Commissioners, Contra Costa Water District (CCWC) Board Members, Staff, and the Public

This public comment expresses my opposition to the CCWD water rate increase to be presented at the public hearing on 6 Jan 2021 and my opposition to the CWC Early Funding rule making change to be presented at the public hearing 20 Jan 2021.

Please watch Marguerite Patil of CCWD answer Commissioner Ball's questions at the beginning of this video regarding Los Vaqueros Early Funding. It is a good video you should watch the whole thing but watch up to the point where she answers the reservoir expansion to 160,000 AF (acre-feet) cost me \$109,000,000.

<https://youtu.be/Lpwba7CtuHA>

Now read in this table of the following public record recently released to me by the Department of Water Resources (DWR), Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion cost me \$700,000,000.

TABLE 5: SUMMARY OF PROJECTED RATE INCREASES FROM METROPOLITAN'S 10-YEAR FORECAST

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Avg Rate Increase	1.5%	1.5%	4.0%	4.0%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%

COMPARISONS OF CALIFORNIA WATERFIX COSTS TO OTHER LARGE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN THE STATE

The project costs and impacts of California WaterFix on individual public agencies are comparable to the construction of other large water infrastructure projects and underscores the project's economic value.

A survey of both the funding mechanisms used for other public water projects as well as the capital cost impacts of those projects was previously considered in Chapter 8 of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. As shown in Table 6, per capita costs for California WaterFix facilities compare favorably with other large-scale water projects in California.

TABLE 6: COSTS OF LARGE-SCALE WATER PROJECTS IN CALIFORNIA, SORTED BY PER CAPITA COSTS IN 2017 DOLLARS

Project	Agency	Date Completed	Capital Cost in Billions (1)	Population within Service Area in Millions (2)	Project Cost per Capita
Diamond Valley Reservoir/Inland Feeder	Metropolitan Water District	2000	\$3.6	18	\$198
Freeport Project	East Bay Municipal Utility District	2010	\$0.6	1.3	\$481
Emergency Storage Project	San Diego County Water Agency	Est. 2014	\$1.7	2.8	\$598
Capital Improvement Program	Santa Clara Valley Water District	Ongoing	\$1.1	1.8	\$620
California WaterFix	CA Department of Water Resources	Est. 2033	\$16.7	25	\$669
Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project	Contra Costa Water District	2012	\$0.7	0.55	\$1,186
State Water Project	State of California	1965	\$19.2	13	\$1,476
Coastal Branch Aqueduct	Department of Water Resources and Central Coast Water Authority	1997	\$1.1	0.43	\$2,444
Hetch Hetchy Aqueduct Improvement Project	San Francisco Public Utilities Commission	Ongoing	\$5.1	2.5	\$2,052

Source: BDCP Public Draft, November 2013, Chapter 8, Table 8-44.
 (1) Capital costs presented in 2017 based on ENR Construction Cost Index – 20 Cities.
 (2) Population at time of completion or 2017 for projects not yet completed.

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Written into the CWC-CCWD Early Funding Agreement and the associated invoice form is the requirement for a 50% local match. A recent CCWD Financial report shows \$34,000,000 in a Construction In Progress (CIP) account for Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion 275,000 AF Expansion. That \$34M is what CCWD has siphoned off my water bill for the past 20 years and now CCWD gets an equal match from the Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) bonds added to my state income tax bill.

I have another DWR bond story to share that involves my electric bill. See that \$6 DWR bond charge to pay off the 2001 California Energy

Crisis? That is \$6 a month for the past 20 years. How did it happen? Well the electric utilities, gas fired peaker power plant constructors and Enron heavily lobbied then governor Pete Wilson and the Legislature to deregulate California's energy market. Enron gamed the system, investor owned utilities went bankrupt, Calpine went bankrupt and our newest CWC member was intimately involved with helping Calpine through that bankruptcy according to Google. Some Enron people in Texas went to jail, Gray Davis had to buy long term power contracts through DWR to keep the lights on and I have been paying off those bonds \$6 per month for 20 years, I think they are all paid off in 2021. I do not want to pay off WSIP, Conveyance, Water Resilience, State Water Project revenue bonds for Delta Conveyance and Butte County, City of Oroville, local farmers legitimate Oroville litigation bonds for the next 20 years. I am watching you and will continue to do my civic duty by providing public comment.

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	Due Date:	08/13/2020

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Distribution	96.53
Electric Public Purpose Programs	12.47
Nuclear Decommissioning	0.97
DWR Bond Charge	5.58
Competition Transition Charges (CTC)	0.92
Energy Cost Recovery Amount	0.05
PCIA	32.07
Taxes and Other	0.61
Total Electric Charges	\$195.88

I oppose both the CCWD rate increase and the CWC Early Funding rule making change. Los Vaqueros Reservoir is an expensive failure that has actually degraded my tap water quality and pulled fresh water from the Delta needed for salmon and the Delta's ecosystem. Thank you for reading my comments.

Leland Frayseth