

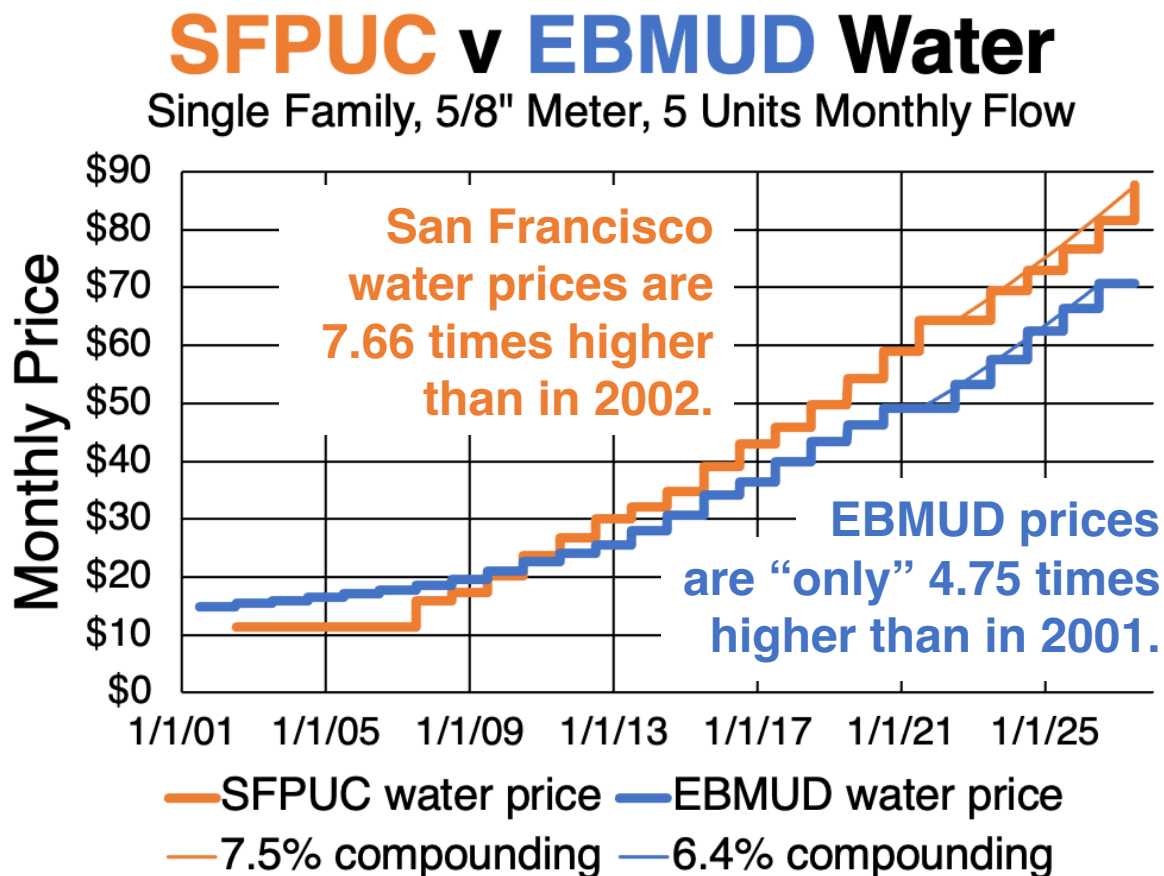
Tired of Paying More for Worse Water? It's Time for a Change!

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Our water company, EBMUD, is failing us, and our bills are paying for their mistakes. Here is the simple truth about what is happening to your water and your wallet—and how we can fix it by electing **Joseph Grcar**.

The Bare Facts: How They are Raising Your Bills

- **Your Water Bill is Exploding:** Since 2001, EBMUD water prices have gone up by nearly 5 times (4.75 times, to be exact).
- **The Yearly Hikes:** Our prices are creeping up by an average of 6.4% every single year.
- **The "San Francisco" Excuse:** EBMUD's board likes to point out that San Francisco's water prices are even worse—in fact, rising over 7.5 times since 2002. But just because San Francisco is doing worse doesn't mean your high bills are good news!
- **A Board in the Dark:** The people currently running EBMUD have never even looked at the 25-year chart of their own price increases. They are completely out of touch with what you are paying.



The Empty Promises of Joe's Opponents

- **The 6% Lie:** Joe's opponents are running around promising they will keep future price hikes to "only" 6%. Don't be fooled: 6% is already the normal historical rate increase they've been charging us anyway. They are literally promising to do nothing to lower your costs!
- **The Water Quality Lie:** They claim they will protect our water quality. But they've already given away our safety net.

The Dirty Truth: Why Your Water and Bills are Getting Worse

- **Giving Away Our Clean Water:** EBMUD committed our clean, pure mountain water from the Mokelumne River to massive new housing developments along the I-680 corridor (from San Ramon to Walnut Creek). Because of this, we are running out of clean water, especially during droughts.
- **Buying Dirty River Water:** To make up for the water they gave away, EBMUD paid Sacramento County for the rights to pump dirty water out of the Sacramento River.
- **You Drink the "Germ Parts":** Because Sacramento River water is dirty, EBMUD has to build expensive disinfection plants. While their chemicals kill the live germs, the dead germ parts are still floating in your drinking water.
- **You Pay for the Developers' Mess:** Building these massive cleanup plants is incredibly expensive. You are paying higher monthly water bills to cover this construction, all because of developers in Contra Costa County.

Why You Must Vote for Joseph Grcar ("Mr. Science") This November!

We need a leader who understands the data and will stand up for local families. Here is why Joseph Grcar is the only choice for EBMUD Area #7 Director:

- **He Will Exposed the Truth:** Joe is a straight-shooter who will tell you the honest, unvarnished truth about where EBMUD is spending your money.
- **He has the Brains to Fix It:** Known as "Mr. Science," Joe will actually look at the 25-year data charts to find real, mathematical ways to cut waste instead of just ignoring the numbers like the current board.
- **He'll Stop the Lazy 6% Rate Hikes:** Joe won't accept automatic yearly price increases. He will fight to freeze rates and protect your household budget.
- **He'll Protect Our Pure Mountain Water:** Joe will fight to keep our high-quality Mokelumne River water for local residents, rather than letting

developers take it and leaving us with treated, dirty Sacramento River water.

- **He'll Make Developers Pay Their Fair Share:** Joe believes that big developers—not hard-working local families—should pay for the new water pipelines and treatment plants they make us build.

Don't let them raise your bills for dirtier water. Vote for Honesty. Vote for Science. Vote Joseph Grcar for EBMUD Area #7 Director this November!

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