

# Laughlin Water Moratorium:

## Reduced Community Service

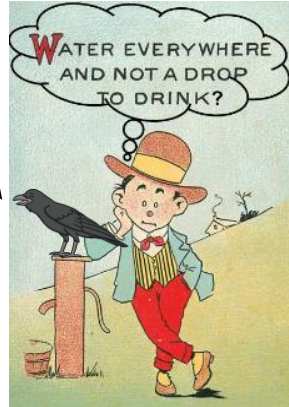
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## Collateral Damage!

**Moratorium** is "a temporary (no timeline!) prohibition of an activity (development!)"

"**They**" say "no new development without additional Water Storage Tanks and Main Lines, but there is no money!"

**Water everywhere**, "with current annual usage under 3,500 of Laughlin's allocated 15,000 acre-feet."



**No New Development Allowed = Reduced Vacant Land Assessed Values = Reduced Property Tax Revenues = Reduced Community Services!**

**Why?** – Las Vegas Valley Water District (LVVWD) has been responsible for and operating Laughlin's Big Bend Water District (BBWD) since 2008, and "They" (collectively, the Water District) allowed this to happen under their watch! – That's a long complicated story, and the mitigation may be the same!

**What we do Know!** – Vacant Land Assessments and related reduced/lost Property Tax Revenue IS estimated as follows (Fiscal Year is July 1 - June 30):

**FY2022-23 was -\$56k > FY 2023-24 is -\$271k > FY2024-25 will be -\$527k > FY25-26 forward will likely be worse unless/until something is done!**

– In the meantime, with NO new hookup fees, Water and Sewer Rates will likely go up.

**What's to Loose?** – Services funded by Real Property Taxes generally include: **Schools** (teachers, text books & operations); **Safety** (police, fire, 911 & emergency medical); **Judicial & Social** (family court, indigent persons assistance, judicial, district attorney, clerk, etc.); **Library** (operations & books/audio materials); **Parks** (trails, sports, facilities, programs, etc.); **Public Works** (development review & processing, emergency mgmt. special improvement districts, etc.); **Capital Projects** (debt service and related Bond ratings for schools, transportation, streets & roads, flood control, medical, etc.).

**What we don't Know?** – How will the County allocate the above current and future Tax Revenue losses and related service reductions between all of the affected "Services?" (see Pg. 2 for details)

**Who Cares?** – Those providing Services; Those needing/enjoying Services; Those responsible for, or caring about, either of the above! – Unfortunately, the Water District IS responsible but is NOT coming forth with solutions or timelines. – BTW, these lost Real Property Tax Revenues do NOT affect the Water District!

**What to Do?** – Take it Serious! – Get Involved! – Take Action!

1. Encourage Public Service Providers, Officials & Administrators to "Care & Assist" in getting the Water District's attention.
2. Encourage the Water District to "get involved" with a Plan and Timeline for Moratorium Mitigation.
3. Facilitate an Independent Audit of Water District practices to identify Moratorium issues, causes and solutions.

**DO NOTHING?** – Then accept No Water and No Community growth, along with ongoing, indefinite and increasingly reduced Vacant Land Values and reduced Community Services!



# *Community Services Funded by Real Property Tax Revenues*

## **Indigent Person Assistance:**

- Hospital and other medical provider funding for Indigent Persons.
- Medical Care for qualified Indigent Persons.

## **Capital Projects:**

- Transportation Project funding.
- Debt Service for Capital Projects (i.e. jails, streets improvements, flood control, buildings) (Bond Holder collateral & security).

## **County Services:**

- Family Court operations.
- Judicial System, District Attorney, Clerk, Records, etc.

## **Safety Services:**

- Fire and Emergency Medical services (acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining, and operating facilities and equipment).
- LVMPD Emergency 911 Communications Center.
- LVMPD additional Police Officer funding.

## **Schools:**

- Debt Service for School District Capital Projects (new school construction or existing school improvements) (Bond Holder collateral & security).
- Recurring Costs (teacher salary, textbooks, utilities, etc.).

## **Library:**

- Daily operating cost funding.
- Purchasing print and audio books, music CDs, videos/DVDs, magazines and newspapers, computers, etc. available for use in/out of the library.

## **Laughlin Town:**

- Police protection.
- Parks & Recreation:
  - Trails.
  - Facilities.
  - Programs.
  - Sports.
  - Community Centers.
- Public Works :
  - Development Services (Development Review & processing, Onsite & Offsite Construction Management/Inspection, etc.) (responsible for technical engineering and survey services for the planning and design of developers' off-site improvements and subdivision mapping to ensure the project is built to County Code.) (review plans, issue permits, create lots and inspect the construction of developer-funded roadways, drainage and traffic control improvements) (work closely with other County departments).
  - Office of Emergency Management.
  - News Rack permitting.
  - School Crossing Guard Requests.
  - Special Events permitting.
  - Special Improvement District (SID) Processing.
  - Professional Services Contract Management.
  - School Routing.
  - Vector (bees, weeds & other pests) Control.
  - Wireless Small Cell Site Permitting.

## **State of Nevada:**

- State Government operations funding.