

*Thistle Creek Ranch
Molle' Family
17055 Walnut Avenue
Atascadero, Ca. 93422*

*Garden Farms Water District
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October 10, 2017

Dear Chairman Sparks and GFWD Board Members,

We are writing in response to your proposed increase in water District rates.

Thank you for the background information and the operation and management insight you provided. Please be assured, we as consumers appreciate the prudent and professional manner in which you operate our District.

With the additional increases in maintenance and operational costs, an increase in service cost seems reasonable. The overriding concern is the amount of the increase.

The single family resident is currently being charged \$25/month.

The proposed increase would charge that resident \$50.00/month.

This is a 100% increase in service rates.

In our opinion, a 100% increase seems excessive.

Several months ago, we were advised that because we have a second dwelling on our property, we would be charged \$50/bi-monthly per unit. We wrote the District saying that since it was legally built in 1978, the little house has only been occupied by family members and never used as a rental unit. Despite the fact that in forty years, we have seldom exceeded the 2500 cubic feet; the District opted to charge us for a second unit. We have already had a 100% increase to our water rates this year.

We are currently being charged \$50/month.

The proposed rate increase for us would be \$100/month.

A second 100% increase would create a SEVERE hardship on me!

I am sure we are not the only ones who would be adversely impacted by this sharp increase. Your consideration of the financial constraints of your customers will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Sue Molle'