

Garden Farms Community Water District

October 10, 2017

I oppose the proposed water rate increases.

My address is 16550 Walnut, Atascadero, CA.

I feel that I'm being penalized for using less water. When I moved in here years ago I gave up watering lawns and a weeping willow. They died. I planted many native, drought-tolerant shrubs, some of which take no water at all. So I have not used much water, probably always below the baseline. I do have small fruit trees, which need water.

Maybe an increase that is a lot less than your proposal would be logical.

Your proposal of a higher over-base rate is good. Those using more water, for example watering lawns, should pay more.

There is another matter. You have been using my property for drainage from the tank on the hill. You do not have an easement. Twice I have notified the district of water leaking and coming down the hill because something is broken. I will be charging for the use of my land, the amount to be determined soon. In addition, there has been some erosion. You will have to repair it; I'm not saying right now, but some day.

George Butterworth