

Garden Farms Water district  
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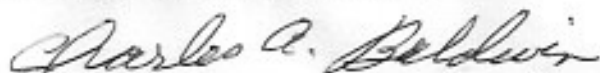
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Dear Water Board Members,

Thank you for writing the letter advising of a need to raise the water district rates & advising of the scheduled meeting to discuss the increase. Unfortunately we will be out of the area at that time and can not attend. From what the letter stated, it appears that we definitely should increase the rates, but it appears that we need actual projected expenses, to make an informed decision on how much the rates should be increased. I would question the comparison with the rates of other districts, as no 2 districts ever have the same problems and/or benefits. Knowledge of other districts is interesting to know, but not to compare for an income basis.

I have owned property in Garden Farms since the 1970's, and have always been proud of our water district & appreciated having the best/lowest rates in the county. Because of the recent water shortage we have cut back on usage by Dry Land Farming, smaller gardens, etc. and do what we can to restrict water use. The plan to double the cost of water use could be a hard ship for many residents. It appears that we must raise rates to meet expected expense, but suggest that care be taken to keep the rates in line with the expected increase in operating expense.

Thank You for Your Consideration  
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