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Mike

You surely have access to far more facts than an ordinary citizen of Sun City can filter out of the news articles, the public utterances of representatives of both sides of this issue, the Vent columns etc, and at decision time we will have to trust that you have considered those facts and have made the best, fairest decision possible.

I was a Civil Engineer and have had some old experience in design and construction of water systems from feasibility studies, dams, raw and finished water transmission systems, treatment facilities, storage, and distribution systems.

A request for an 80%+/- increase sounds like a "Shock and Awe" move intended to make the customers feel really good about finally negotiating down to 20%.

I think we should get to see the numbers on why the water company is not making a fair return from Sun City residents, at the present rates, and have their accounting scrutinized by some honest auditors.

We should not have to finance expansions to serve new areas

I have never understood the whole issue of the CAP water pipeline, the Sun City Water rights. I have felt that there may have been some unfair advantage taken of an improperly qualified RCSC by the water company in the transfer of water rights. The groundwater recharge proposal makes sense to me and I know is an accepted practice in California, Colorado and other locations.

I will appreciate any light you may bring to the whole issue.

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