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Attention Commissioners:

This is in regard to the average wastewater bill increase of \$40.37 a month, along with the proposed average water bill increase of \$25.13 a month which are both part of this ridiculous proposal.

I moved to the Corte Bella Development in May of 2006 from my previous residence in Glendale, Arizona, where my total water bill, including trash removal, averaged **\$43.00** a month.

Moving to Corte Bella at that time, I was complaining that the water bill was **\$53.00** (+ \$13.00 for trash) = **\$66.00** a month, a 53% increase over the City of Glendale.

Now, after only 5 years in Corte Bella, my current water bill from Arizona American Water is **\$109.64, a 206% increase since I moved here!** If the above referenced proposals take effect, my water bill will rise again to **\$175.14** a month which would be **an astounding increase of 330%** since I moved here.

Many of the residents here live on fixed incomes that are already shrinking, and this outrageous progression in the water rates cannot be tolerated. If this proposal succeeds, it will mean that residents will be paying **an additional \$1500.00 a year for water** since moving here like I did in 2006. That amount takes a large bite out of the food budget or takes away a visit with the children and grandchildren. In addition, this will have a negative effect on future resale values in this otherwise outstanding development.

I urge you to take a close look at this proposal and not only reject it, but work on a new proposal to lower the current rates to something more reasonable.

Sincerely yours,

Anthony Rittgers

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