From: MB Chapman Subject: Murrieta Area FMSR

Message Body:

Based on the report Rancho has the highest total cost of water for single family residents. Its cost is higher because Rancho will either assess an ad valorem tax on our property tax bill or add a water rate surcharge (equal to the ad valorem tax) to our monthly bill. The report says the decision to charge the ad valorem or the water rate surcharge will not be made until Rancho assumes ownership of the area. Either of these two options will cost homeowners more money for the same water.

The report also says that Rancho has the lowest cost for commercial development because Rancho has pipelines in the vicinity of the vacant parcels in west Murrieta. The developers will pay lower connection fees with Rancho. If Rancho becomes our water provider, and we are charged the ad valorem or a water rate surcharge, we will be subsidizing the developers.

Our city council needs to work with the water districts to find an equitable solution that does not financially damage homeowners while supporting growth in the west Murrieta area.

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