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From: Annette Bell
Subject: Comments about the water report

Message Body:

If we are annexed by Rancho, they will add an ad valorem tax on our property taxes or a surcharge on our monthly water bill, and they can't tell us which one it will be until after they take ownership. Personally, I don't like either of these options as it will cost my family more money for the same water we are receiving from Western without either of these extra costs.

A second thing that bothers me about Rancho is that they will not decide if we will be a separate service area, as we are with Western, or if we will be blended with their Santa Rosa District. Again, Rancho says it will not make this decision until after they take ownership.

The fact that Rancho cannot definitively state how it will treat us, after participating in a nearly 2-year study, raises a lot of questions in my mind about their ability to operate the area in a manner that is beneficial to the residents.

A third issue that I do not like is that regardless of whether we remain separate or we are blended into Rancho's Santa Rosa District, under Rancho ownership, we will not have a Director from this area on Rancho's Board. Rancho's Board members are elected at-large and currently none of the seven Board members reside in west Murrieta or in Rancho's nearby Santa Rosa District.

With Western we have a local representative. I believe Eastern operates similarly to Western in this regard. I do not want to give up local representation.

Can Rancho explain how we will receive the appropriate level of attention and representation under their ownership?

Thank you.

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