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Subject: water increase?!

Because of all this COVID madness, I'm sure we all can't have an in-person meeting and I do not do zoom. I have some comments about the proposed increase which couldn't have come at the worst time.

For starters why on earth would anyone propose another increase of anything especially during a time of such hardships, businesses closing, people unemployed, and barely able to pay the bills they have now?

We have been hit hard with COVID and it has crippled so many economically (which I now feel is politics - my opinion). One stimulus payment and EDD all a mess, people who haven't worked for months because of this pandemic. A lot of us who are not employed by the state or city - whose jobs were not considered essential. All work is essential in my eyes, unfortunately not everyone has the same thought process I do.

All these tragic fires - which many could have been prevented if our tax money went into cleaning up dead trees and forestry upkeep instead of a billion-dollar toy train that will most likely go nowhere. Taxes are so high already and very poorly spent. People going to food lines - including myself and now there is a proposal to increase our water? We can barely make it paying rent.

This area is rather small and very overpopulated with tourism which should help our economy but is a catch 22.

Tourists using resources - such as water and residents holding the tab. We simply cannot afford another increase with all that has been going on.

Perhaps after the new year, this can be brought forward once more but this is not the time to lay another hit on the residents of Oceano who are barely making it. Please forward my comments to whoever can use this feedback to help the residents and not burden us with more taxes or increases at this troubling time.

Thank you,
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