

Droughts are temporary.

These 87% rate increases are PERMANENT.

An Oxnard Public Works Department report dated September 10, 2014 – after statewide mandatory water conservation began – stated a 6% increase would “ensure that revenues are adequate to fund daily operations and required maintenance, and to meet debt service coverage and operating reserve requirements.”

Then, Oxnard paid over \$4 million to an outside consultant, who recommended that Oxnard’s wastewater utility (with annual revenues of \$30 million) spend \$675 million on extravagant capital projects, which inflated a 6% rate increase to 87%.

Don’t be fooled by the City’s scare tactics defending their spending spree. On April 12, 2016, City staff conceded they could address the system’s maintenance requirements by spending less than \$80 million over the next 5 years.

The City’s so-called rate assistance program offers false hope. On January 19, 2016, the City disclosed having collected only \$13,000 since 2014 for the program. With less than 50 cents collected per household, how does that help more than a handful of Oxnard’s nearly 40,000 ratepayers?

Everyone wants a solvent, functioning wastewater system. Voting YES on Measure M does not prevent the Oxnard City Council from enacting a more responsible rate structure sufficient to keep our system functioning safely. It merely rejects the excessive 87% increase.

The City filed a lawsuit – at your expense – to stop you from voting on this.

We voters deserve better.

Thousand Oaks, experiencing the same drought, raised their rates only 1%.

Demand better financial management from the Oxnard City Council.

Vote YES to Pay Less.

Vote YES on Measure M.

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