



# SOQUEL CREEK WATER DISTRICT CUSTOMERS: YOUR RATES are about to SKYROCKET! PROTEST... ...and ask for safe, sustainable low-cost Water Transfers, first

Jan.2019 Proposition 218 mailers under-explain the skyrocketing SqCWD rate hikes (**9% per year for each of the next 5 years**); Problems with expensive treatment of toilet and waste water injected into our aquifer

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- ✓ SqCWD Board of Directors rushed to approve the expensive wastewater recycling project "Pure Water Soquel" (PWS), ignoring copious concerns submitted by scientists and residents like us about the project and EIR process
- ✓ Estimated PWS costs exceed \$100 million - multiples of the real costs of sensible, simpler, safer **Water Transfers**
- ✓ Protest the new 45% rate increases (9% per year for 5 years) on top of recent 24% hikes and more PWS costs. See your **1<sup>st</sup> yearly** increase at: <https://www.soquelcreekwater.org/customer-service/water-bill-calculator>
- ✓ A family of 5 (with 3 teenagers) often uses 50 gallons per person/day (10.03 units) paying (7.99\*\$6.90) + (2.04\*\$21.01) + \$32.95 = \$130.94. The 3/1/19 rate hike will rise as (5.99\*\$6.43) + (4.04\*\$29.19) + 37.06 = \$193.50 **as a monthly increase of \$62.56!** By Jan. 1, 2023 that bill will increase to (5.99\*9.10) + (4.04\*\$41.23) + \$52.34 = \$273.42. **An increase of \$142.48 PER MONTH.**
- ✓ The technology to remove more pesticides and pharmaceuticals from wastewater should improve in future years to come, but PWS is **not adequate now** to remove many drugs and other contaminants - including nitrosamines **that form in wastewater** (like NDMA, which is reasonably anticipated to be a B2 carcinogen)
- ✓ The cheaper, safer **Water Transfer** Pilot Project, at least, should be completed before rate hikes or PWS

**Water Transfers** are the safest, most sustainable way to cheaply protect our aquifers. See the [WaterForSantaCruz.com](http://WaterForSantaCruz.com) 3-min. video explaining **this** safe, economical, common sense **solution**, which **has NOT been addressed adequately.**

The abundance of rainfall and surface water should be shared. Each winter, Santa Cruz river and stream flows are lost to the Bay. E.g. In 2018, despite San Lorenzo River runoff at 1/3 the usual amount, over 700 MILLION gallons of water could have been safely transferred to the Purisima aquifer while still meeting Santa Cruz City annual water plan needs AND while still leaving plenty of water in the river for fish (and state-mandated habitat conservation).

more help: Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 2019, 7-8pm at the Aptos Library Community Rm, **or ask us to speak in your neighborhood**  
[scottm@wateraware.net](mailto:scottm@wateraware.net) (831) 524-0144 or [monica@MonicaMcGuire.com](mailto:monica@MonicaMcGuire.com) 465-1851 landline, 566-7474cell

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If you are shy to reach out, please donate. This is OUR HOME, OUR WATER, our Money, and OUR FUTURE.

What will we do with our savings if Water Transfers prove to be superior? Watch recent SqCWD meetings & call: 475-8500

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Assessor's Parcel Number (APN): \_\_\_\_\_

(APN on mailing label of the Prop. 218 notice or <http://sccounty01.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/ASR/>)

Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Print ratepayer name: \_\_\_\_\_

(owner if incl. in rent)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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or hand deliver it to the District Office, 5180 Soquel Dr. 95073 or hand deliver it to the

218 public hearing: Cap.CityCncl.Chmbr 420 Capitola Av. 95010, on 02-19-19 at 6pm

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