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Regular Meeting

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Board of Supervisors

Bridgeport PUD

Presentation

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Mono County Board of Supervisors –

I recently joined the board of the Bridgeport Public Utility District, but more importantly I am a small business owner in the town of Bridgeport. As a small business owner, I have been suffering with our Country's economic downturn for the past three years. In November, I was alerted that our PUD would like to raise our rates by 75% - not just for an arsenic treatment plant, but also for operating and maintaining the existing system. I quickly became very angry and then I quickly got to analyzing at the "numbers".

The Bridgeport PUD must increase their revenue by \$238,922 to get the loan they require for the arsenic treatment plant. With my businesses, I will be covering \$31,000 of that increase – I cannot raise my rates during this time – this must come directly out of my pocket. I will have to let at least one employee go, and the amounts I give in donations to the community will have to cease. In 2012, I gave over \$6,500 to various community organizations – Friends of the Fourth Of July, The Rodeo, The Bridgeport Gun Club, Ducks Unlimited, High School Boosters and Bridgeport PTO – you may ask the Bridgeport PUD for my "donation".

One other big issue for my business, is the elimination of the 40% standby rate. Currently, I pay \$1,208 per month for my businesses that are closed – no one using any water or sewer, no customers coming in – for 6 months I must put aside over \$7,248. With the increases that are being requested, I will have to put aside \$19,800 for the 6 months – that is not just the elimination of the 40% standby rate, but it is also the fee increase. (\$1,300 for the Silver Maple & The Cain House and \$2,000 for the Walker River Lodge).

In the letter from the PUD to the community, the elimination of the 40% standby water rate would increase revenue by \$34,500. Since I will be paying \$24,000 of those fees, guess who they are going after – this small business owner, not the "evil" second home-owner. Please remember, we are using no water, no sewer, no customers to pay for it

Enough about myself and my business – the MAJOR issue is that Bridgeport is considered a DAC – a Disadvantaged Community – meaning "poor". In what "disadvantaged" community, do the residents pay \$143.00 for water and sewer – AND that is the current rate. It will increase to over \$180. One can package this however they want, and they will, but it will come to a point where we CANNOT afford this - Bridgeport is at that point.

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**Community
Development –
Planning Division**

CSA #1 Ten-Year Plan

Mono County Service Area No.1
Post Office Box 3861
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

COMMUNITY NEWS



SURVEY RESULTS - Please see the results of the recent survey and other CSA1 information on our website:

www.monocounty.ca.gov/csa1

facebook  Check out www.facebook.com/CrowleyLakeNeighborhood
for news and activities in our area!

INFORMATION: Go to CAIS 1610 AM on your radio for community information.

CSA1 MEETINGS - Scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of each month; check the website for details:
www.monocounty.ca.gov/csa1. Public Comment is at the beginning of each meeting.
Please come and give us your ideas for our community.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND CLASSES STARTING SOON! Instructors can be someone like you.
Share your skills and have fun teaching others.

ZUMBA starting 3/15 6-7 pm @ CLCC

WRITING/JOURNALING - John Muir "My First Summer in the Sierra" starting 3/25 6:30-8:30 pm @ CLCC.

PHOTOGRAPHY - 4/27 8-12 am, 1-4 pm a one day workshop.

REGISTER NOW or for more information, please contact Kim McCarthy, President, at sagehill@schat.net

COMMUNITY GARDEN - The garden is starting up again this spring. Contact John Connolly, on the
Facebook page, or at owensdrylake@hotmail.com

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