

WEST OF TWIN PEAKS CENTRAL COUNCIL
P.O. Box 27112, San Francisco, CA 94127

May 8, 2007

San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Commission Secretary
1155 Market Street, 11th Floor
San Francisco, California 94103

Re: Rates Proposal for Water and Wastewater for Residential Customers

To Whom It May Concern:

On April 23, 2007 the West of Twin Peaks Central Council unanimously voted to oppose the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) new rate proposal.

The West of Twin Peaks Central Council is a homeowner organization representing sixteen neighborhood homeowner associations on the Westside of San Francisco.

We urge you to deny the rate increases, as the new rate structure is inequitable and unfair. While seemingly purporting conservation – at least for those who have a meter, the new structure demands that property owners pay the water bill for the entire population. Thus, single residences, regardless of family size will be charged by an excessive and compounded new method of water measurement, the Inclining Block Rate Structure.

This new structure marketed as a promotion tool for conservation belies the fact that San Francisco has noteworthy consumption habits in the state and the nation. The rate increases follow exorbitant increases in garbage and water rates for the past five years and unnecessarily burdens single-family residences. Our member organizations are almost exclusively homeowners, many elderly on fixed incomes.

Nonetheless, the new structure and measurement standard disproportionately penalizes and therefore is discriminatory towards single-family homeowners and families.

Sincerely,

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