

Dear Mr Ochoa,

The CVWD's decision to give the CAC the boot from the rate increase process without any discussion or warning does not bode well for the rate increase. Speaking for myself, I feel that many of the Community Advisory Committee questions have gone unanswered, that we did not have enough information about the proposed rate plans, and that our suggestions were ignored. Even being on this committee, I don't feel like I have any more transparency into the workings of CVWD. I understand that pipes need upgrading but because of CVWD's behavior I am now firmly against any rate increases, especially locking in 8% a year increase for 3 years. The fact that you are pushing this rate increase before you get the new rate analysis is a very big sign that something is not right. Pushing out the CAC before the rate increase announcement only furthers the appearance of a utility that is not doing what is best for the community. Seeding the CAC with a pro-CVWD board member from another utility district was the first sign that this wasn't going to be an open process. Because of their mishandling of the Community Advisory Committee, I will have to do what I can do in order to prevent CVWD from claiming "community involvement" in the rate increase process.

Regards,

Burt Culver