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Representatives,

Currently in the Temecula Valley, water/sewer bills range from \$29.30 to \$106.31 when you use no water at all. This includes property taxes which range from \$0.00 to \$413.12 and sewer charges which range from \$19.42 to \$44.53 depending on your water district. If you don't use any water, then you have not used the sewers either.

Should we price gasoline the same way? When filling up your car, the gas meter would be reset to \$30.00 instead of \$0.00. Instead of charging \$4.00 per gallon, we might pay \$2.00 per gallon.

The typical mid-size car then pays \$60.00 under both pricing schemes (\$4 / gallon).

The typical economy car takes only 10 gallons. This car would cost \$50.00 (\$5 / Gallon) to fill using the water districts pricing instead of the \$40.00 (\$4 / Gallon) it now costs.

A gas guzzler may take 30 gallons. This vehicle would cost \$90.00 (\$3 / Gallon) to fill using the water districts pricing instead of the \$120 (\$4 / Gallon) it now costs.

As you can see in the examples above those who conserve water are subsidizing those who waste. The way gasoline is priced is much fairer and does more to promote conservation than the current system used by the water districts. The tiered pricing structure currently used by the water districts does not promote conservation near as well as gasoline pricing.

Water Districts like to justify their billing methods because of infrastructure costs. To get gasoline to our local gas stations, oil companies support pipelines, ocean tankers, truck tankers, storage tanks, wells, pumps, etc. If anything, I would suggest that oil companies have significantly more infrastructure to support than does the water districts.

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