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CRESCENTA VALLEY
WATER DISTRICT

By signing the form below, I protest the proposed (water/wastewater) rate increases and affirm under penalty of law that I am the owner, authorized representative of the owner, or tenant of the below parcel.

Address of parcel receiving service:	Click or tap here to enter text. 2514 Los Amigos St.
City, State, Zip Code:	Click or tap here to enter text. La Crescenta, CA 91214.

Submitted By

Print Owner or Tenant Name:	Click or tap here to enter text. James Lee
If the above is not an individual(s), e.g. an LLC, Trust, Corporation, etc.	
Print Authorized Signatory:	Click or tap here to enter text.

Signature: James Lee
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Date: 4/29/2025

Please figure out how to make the budget work
with the revenue that you receive now like
every one else. Thank You.

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City, State, Zip Code:

2925 Santa Carlotta
La Crescenta, CA
91214

Submitted By

Print Owner or Tenant Name:

Click or tap here to enter text.

If the above is not an individual(s), e.g. an LLC, Trust, Corporation, etc.

Print Authorized Signatory:

Click or tap here to enter text.

John O. Davies

Signature:

John O. Davies

Date:

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3229 Honolulu Pl.
La Crescenta, CA.

91214

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Print Authorized Signatory:

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John O. Davies

Signature:

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Address of parcel receiving service:	Click or tap here to enter text. 2744 Briarhaven Dr.
City, State, Zip Code: 91214	Click or tap here to enter text.

Submitted By

Print Owner or Tenant Name:	Click or tap here to enter text. Fred Gharib
If the above is not an individual(s), e.g. an LLC, Trust, Corporation, etc.	
Print Authorized Signatory:	Click or tap here to enter text. Fred Gharib

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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To Crescenta Valley Water District

From Fred Gharib

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WATER DISTRICT

We request that the water rate not be raised. If you must raise the rate, please keep the increase at or lower than the inflation rate. The large number of senior citizens on fixed income will suffer the most with a large rate increase.

Fred Gharib



2746 Brierhaven Dr.

La Crescenta, CA 91214



PROP. 218 PROTEST FORM

For Residential and Commercial Users

By signing the form below, you protest the proposed rates and affirm under penalty of law that you are the owner or authorized representative of the owner of the below parcel. Forms without signatures cannot be counted as valid protests. Completed forms should be mailed to CVWD 2700 Foothill Blvd. La Crescenta, CA 91214.

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Parcel Information

Assessor's Parcel ID: 5866 023 016
Street Address: 2755 ORANGE AVENUE
City, State, Zip: LA CRESCENTA CA 91214

Submitted By

Print Owner Name: VINCENT PAPPAS

Vmmtm

5/1/25

If the above is not an individual(s), e.g., and LLC, Trust, Corporation, etc.

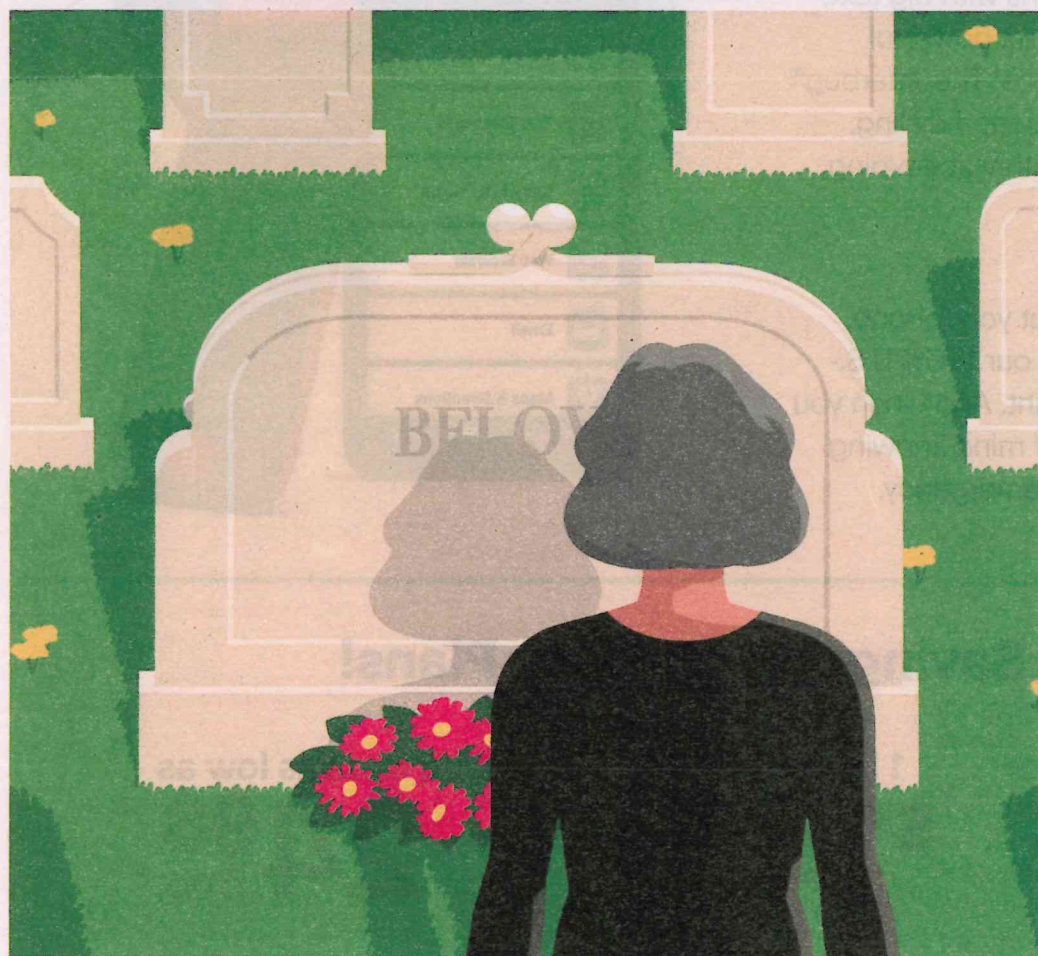
Print Authorized Signatory:

Signature:

Date:

THE FINANCIAL BURDEN OF A SPOUSE'S DEATH

Prepare for changes involving taxes, income and more



BY PENELOPE WANG

In May 2022, a few weeks before Angela Ryan, a nurse in Chatham, New Jersey, was going to celebrate her retirement, her husband, Tom, died suddenly at the age of 63. “My grief was physically painful,” Ryan remembers.

The couple had begun meeting about an estate plan, but Ryan was still left with a deluge of financial tasks, including transferring ac-

counts and sorting out Social Security options. “It was overwhelming to deal with, especially when you’re grieving,” says Ryan, now 66.

On top of the emotional trauma, many surviving spouses must also cope with financial losses. Women who are widowed—in the U.S., 75 percent of bereaved spouses are women—experience an average individual income drop of 11 percent annually, according to a 2020 report published by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. All too often, the financial setbacks of

widowhood are unexpected. Some 41 percent of widows say they had not engaged in financial planning prior to their spouse’s death, according to a 2024 Thrivent survey.

If you’re facing a financial crunch after your partner’s death, it’s important to avoid rushing into major decisions; panic is a good incubator for sound money choices. “Take a deep breath, then break down the tasks one by one,” says Cindy Hounsell, president of the nonprofit Women’s Institute for Secure Retirement. To help you sort through what is already a trying time, here are some tips for overcoming the financial challenges of widowhood.



YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME MAY FALL

When a Social Security beneficiary dies, their retirement benefit ends. So if both spouses were collecting monthly payments, one of those streams will dry up.

If you’re the widowed spouse, however, you might be able to receive a survivor benefit that’s higher than your own benefit. (Note that the longer a person waits to claim Social Security, up until age 70, the larger the potential survivor benefit that person will leave for a surviving spouse with lower earnings.)

This survivor payment, unfortunately, is unlikely to match your previous income if both you and your spouse were receiving benefits. And if you claim survivor benefits before reaching Social Security’s full retirement age (FRA)—67 for those born in 1960 or later—the monthly benefit will be reduced.

To be eligible for survivor benefits at all, a surviving spouse must be 60 or older, married to the deceased for at least nine months before the time of death, and not remarried before age 60, though there are some exceptions. Survivors who are disabled may qualify at age 50. If you are caring for children from the marriage who are under 16 or disabled, you may be eligible at any age for the benefit.

What to do: Contact Social Security to find out what survivor benefits you can claim. Call several times to make sure you’re getting the most.

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Address of parcel receiving service:

4342 Pennsylvania Avenue

City, State, Zip Code:

La Graciosa, CA 91214

Submitted By

Print Owner or Tenant Name:

Diana L. Robertson

If the above is not an individual(s), e.g. an LLC, Trust, Corporation, etc.

Print Authorized Signatory:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Signature: Diana L. Robertson

Date: 5-15-2025

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Address of parcel receiving service:	Click or tap here to enter text. 2915 ALTA TER.
City, State, Zip Code:	Click or tap here to enter text. LA CRESCENTA CA 91214

Submitted By

Print Owner or Tenant Name:	Click or tap here to enter text. JONAS & LINDA Williams
If the above is not an individual(s), e.g. an LLC, Trust, Corporation, etc.	
Print Authorized Signatory:	Click or tap here to enter text. JONAS Williams

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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May 23, 2025
Crescenta Valley Water District
2700 Foothill Blvd.
La Crescenta, Ca. 91214

Subject: Protest Letter for Rate increases proposed for after July 1, 2025
Reference: Notice of Public Hearing

Dear CVWD and Board of Directors

After a careful review of the proposed rate increases by CVWD, we take exception and believe the new rates proposed will cause financial harm and inequities for the single family homeowner (SFH).

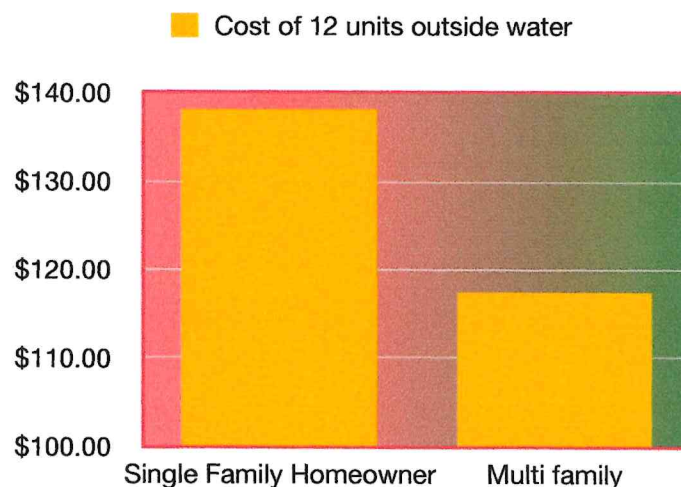
Based on several factors and presented with specific examples, we believe the District is not adhering to the intent of the CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION – ARTICLE X, SECTION 2.

We believe the rate structure as proposed permits one class to benefit from single-tier rates for unlimited water usage at a lower rate negates the incentive for conservation as outlined in the CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION – ARTICLE X, SECTION 2.

We believe this constitutes a double standard of fairness charging two different rates for the same water from the same source. The proposed new rates have three tiers for single-family homes, while multi-family users have a single rate and no incentive to conserve water.

As an example:

A single family homeowner fills their swimming pool with 12,000 gallons (12 units) of water. The cost based on Tier 2 would be \$138.24.



A multi Family unit fill their swimming pool the cost is only \$117.48 or 18% less. We are talking about outdoor water only for both users. Additionally, the SFH most likely would fall into Tier 3 which would drive the cost even higher.

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Although an example the same logic should be used for property irrigation. The bottom line is there is an injustice in this proposed rate increase.

Additionally we take exception to the rate increase as we feel the SFH is being targeted for higher costs.

1. In the April 18, 2023 CVWD letter outlining the Financial Plan we believe the verbiage suggests intentional bias towards the Single Family Homeowner.

Quote:

"The mechanism promotes equity because the financial impact on the property owner who, on average, property owners have more ability to pay than tenants."

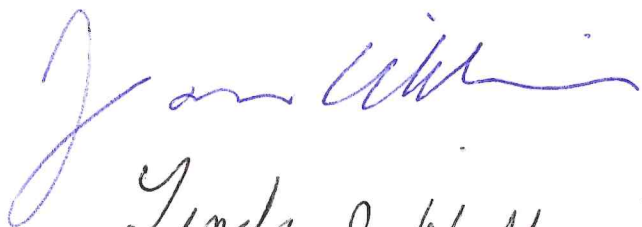
We find this statement to be entirely subjective and devoid of factual evidence. Furthermore, we believe that the District and Board of Directors have employed this unsubstantiated "attitude" as the basis for their rate increases over the years targeting the single family homeowner.

Additionally, We take exception to the Districts lack of quantifiable cost reductions, securing Public bonds when interest rates were at a all time low and hiding behind Prop 218 for the sharp increases without consideration to the ratepayers ability to bear these uncontrolled costs. We have asked over the years that the District clearly set quantifiable goals and objectives for cost reduction. All we see is baseless words that do not have any value nor have reduced cost. The Board and District have various committees for everything. We strongly suggest forming a Cost Reduction Committee to set obtainable goals for cost reduction and take necessary actions for reducing costs.

In summary we believe that the District is absence of Distributive fairness, possible conflict with the California Constitution Article X not in touch with the ratepayers ability to absorb these year over year uncontrolled costs.

We request the District to review the rate structure with the goal of achieving a balanced and just outcome for all rate payers.

Respectfully,
Jonas and Linda Williams
2915 Alta Ter.
La Crescenta, CA. 91214




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Address of parcel receiving service:	Click or tap here to enter text. 4647 Rosemont Avenue
City, State, Zip Code:	Click or tap here to enter text. La Crescenta, CA 91214

Submitted By

Print Owner or Tenant Name:	Click or tap here to enter text. Walter E. White
If the above is not an individual(s), e.g. an LLC, Trust, Corporation, etc.	
Print Authorized Signatory:	Click or tap here to enter text.

Signature: WE White

Date: May 28, 2025

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4647 Rosemont Avenue
La Crescenta, CA 91214
May 28, 2025

Crescenta Valley Water District
2700 Foothill Boulevard
La Crescenta, CA 91214

Re: Statement of Protest to Water Rate Increases
APN: 5803 027 049

To Whom It May Concern:

By this letter I am protesting the increase to the proposed (water/wastewater) rate increases. The increases put an additional burden on residents of our community—especially retirees living on a fixed income. Your Bill Calculator shows my monthly payment will likely increase by \$21.25 effective July 1, 2025, a 25% increase. This 25% increase proposed by CVWD compares unfavorably to the current inflation rate of approximately 2.3%.

Similar annual increases (8% for water and 15% for waste water) over the next three years far outpaces any anticipated COLA adjustments for Social Security recipients and will place a financial burden on many.

Further, rate increase justification in the past has already included claimed improvements to controllable costs via the installation of Advanced Metering Infrastructure with the feature of early leak detection. However, despite the imposition of higher rates from previous years, the leak detection feature has not been fully implemented. CVWD management should first deliver on its commitments to implement promised improvements before seeking further rate increases.

Finally, the Notice of Public Hearing six-page documentation fails to provide a simple summary of what the proposed increase amounts to in percentage terms and instead, directs customers to a separate bill calculator at the CVWD website. Clearly, the documentation should have included statements that, for example, a typical single-family household should expect their monthly bill to increase x% on year 1 (2025), x% for year 2 (2026), and x% for year 3 (2027). This omission obscures the amounts of the proposed increases and places the burden of figuring out the impact and amount of the increase on the customer. Acknowledging the variables of the proposed rate structure complicate quantifying the precise impact of the proposed rate structure,



Crescenta Valley Water District

May 28, 2025

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a generalized statement or table showing what would be the typical increases would have been most helpful and more transparent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'W E White'.

Walter E. White

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Address of parcel receiving service: 4338 PENNSYLVANIA AVE

City, State, Zip Code: LA CRESCENTA CA 91214

Parcel # 5801 003 047

Submitted By GABRIELE ANDREA MERKEL

Print Owner or Tenant Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

If the above is not an individual(s), e.g. an LLC, Trust, Corporation, etc.

Print Authorized Signatory: GABRIELE ANDREA MERKEL

Signature: Gabriele Andrea Merkel
Date: 5-19-25

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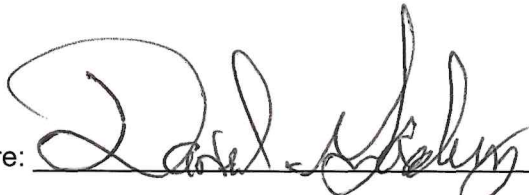
PR # 5803 023006

Address of parcel receiving service:	Click or tap here to enter text. 4935 Rosemont Ave
City, State, Zip Code:	Click or tap here to enter text. La Crescenta CA 91214

Submitted By

Print Owner or Tenant Name:	Click or tap here to enter text. Daniel Gladysz
If the above is not an individual(s), e.g. an LLC, Trust, Corporation, etc.	
Print Authorized Signatory:	Click or tap here to enter text. Daniel Gladysz

Signature:



Date:

6-5-2025

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Address of parcel receiving service: <i>2736 Prospect Ave</i>	Click or tap here to enter text.
City, State, Zip Code: <i>La Crescenta CA 91214</i>	Click or tap here to enter text.

Submitted By

Print Owner or Tenant Name: <i>Larry Benson</i>	Click or tap here to enter text.
If the above is not an individual(s), e.g. an LLC, Trust, Corporation, etc.	
Print Authorized Signatory: <i>Larry Benson</i>	Click or tap here to enter text.

Signature: _____

[Handwritten Signature]

Date: _____

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Address of parcel receiving service: 2730 Prospect Ave	Click or tap here to enter text.
City, State, Zip Code: LA Crescenta CA 91214	Click or tap here to enter text.

Submitted By

Print Owner or Tenant Name: Michele Stockton	Click or tap here to enter text.
If the above is not an individual(s), e.g. an LLC, Trust, Corporation, etc.	
Print Authorized Signatory: Michele Stockton	Click or tap here to enter text.

Signature: Michele Stockton

Date: 6-2-25

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