PUBLIC COMMENT for 7/28/2020 CVWD Board Mtg (from Marilyn Tyler)

Assessing Financial Impact Of Covid-19 On Crescenta Valley Community:

While the only objective measure that CVWD has to assess the negative financial impact of Covid 19 on the community is the number of customers who stop paying their bills, this metric may not accurately capture the level of financial suffering over the entire community.

For example, it does not show the number of people who are working reduced hours or who are furloughed/have lost their jobs yet keep trying to pay their bills, dipping into their savings if they have them, until they absolutely cannot. To these people a rate increase would burden them further.

On my street alone one retired neighbor has lost his entire income from refereeing high school soccer and volleyball games because the athletic season has been cancelled, another neighbor is a high school football coach who may have been furloughed (I'm hesitant to ask), and my husband Scott may end up working reduced hours from home or be forced to retire.

The national news reports that if someone contracts Covid-19 and is in intensive care for weeks followed by weeks of rehabilitation, their OUT-OF-POCKET costs can range from $500,000 to $1 Million (this is AFTER their insurance covers part of the costs).

Financial insecurity looms over the entire Crescenta Valley community---and it’s only going to get worse. Please consider them in your actions.