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From: Becca Kolibaba

Subject: Salmon Valley water proposed increase

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express my concern over the proposed increase from Salmon Valley Water Company. As a long time resident of Welches (since 2006), I have some serious concerns about what they are proposing. We have seen several increases over the last few years, and now with this new proposal, we'd be looking at doubling our monthly costs. Not only am I a local homeowner, but I am also the owner of the Welches laundromat. My business expenses are heavily tied into the cost of utilities, so doubling the cost for a small business makes a significant impact. Contrary to popular belief, our little laundromat is not a huge moneymaker, and barely makes enough to pay the bills. With the costs of propane, electricity, sewer and goods going up significantly in the last year, this new water proposal is just over the top. This community depends on having the services of the laundromat, I'm afraid with utility costs doubling this business may not be sustainable much longer.

Small increases are bearable, doubling our rates is not. This is a small community, comprised of many low income families and seniors. I urge you to evaluate the proposal thoroughly and find another way to come up with the funds needed. Many in this community won't be able to bear the increase.

Thank you,

Becca & Ben Kolibaba

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