

**Protest Letter of Proposed Water Rates and Service  
Charges By Vista Irrigation District  
Mail or Hand Deliver to Vista Irrigation District at 1391  
Engineer Street, Vista, CA 92081 Before November 19, 2025**

I, Sheryl Mears

(Print - Current Property Owner(s) or Rate-Paying Tenant(s))

at  
1269 Alta Vista Dr. Vista 92084

(Property Service Address and/or Assessor's Parcel Number)

protest the proposed Vista Irrigation District water rates and service charges that would become effective January 1, 2026, with annual rate adjustments effective on or after each January 1 through 2030.

Signed  Date Nov 3, 2025  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Original Signature(s))

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I, Adrian Castro & Lee Thatcher

(Print - Current Property Owner(s) or Rate-Paying Tenant(s))

at

320 Santa Clara Drive Vista, CA 92083

(Property Service Address and/or Assessor's Parcel Number)

I protest the proposed Vista Irrigation District water rates and service charges that would become effective January 1, 2026 with annual rate adjustments effective on or after each January through 2030.

Signed Adrian Castro Date 11/10/25

Signed Joe DeLeon Date 11/10/25

(Original Signature(s))

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I, Veronica Paredes

(Print - Current Property Owner(s) or Rate-Paying Tenant(s))

at

1359 Longfellow Rd.  
Vista, CA 92081

(Property Service Address and/or Assessor's Parcel Number)

protest the proposed Vista Irrigation District water rates and service charges that would become effective January 1, 2026, with annual rate adjustments effective on or after each January 1 through 2030.

Signed Veronica Paredes Date 11/14/25

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Original Signature(s))

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November 11, 2025

Bob and Linda Hall  
2408 Hutchison St.  
Vista, CA 92084

Vista Irrigation District Board Secretary  
1391 Engineer St.  
Vista, CA 92081

We protest the proposed water rate adjustments.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bob Hall", written over a horizontal line.

Bob Hall

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda Hall", written over a horizontal line.

Linda Hall

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To Whom It May Concern:

I protest the proposed  
water rate adjustments.

Sincerely,

Debbie Haggett

1743 Bonair Rd

Vista, CA 92084

Acct # 8358-0465-00

To:

Vista Irrigation Dept.

1391 Engineers St., Vista, CA 92081

From:

Loa Brown (property owner)

2096 Alta Vista Way

Vista, CA 92084

I protest the proposed  
water rate adjustments.

Loa Brown

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I, Laurie Brooks

(Print - Current Property Owner(s) or Rate-Paying Tenant(s))

624 Palm Bark <sup>at</sup> St.  
Vista, CA 92083

(Property Service Address and/or Assessor's Parcel Number)

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Signed  Date 11/9/25  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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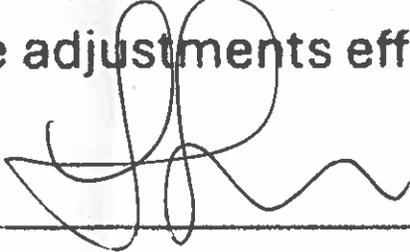
I, Laura Lowman

(Print - Current Property Owner(s) or Rate-Paying Tenant(s))

2062 Warmlands Ave  
Vista, CA 92084

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I, Danielle Fichtelman

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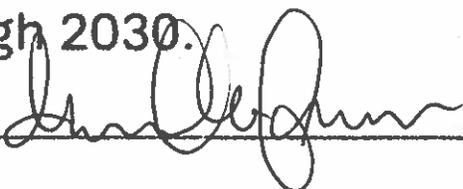
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633 Amarra Ln.

Vista, CA 92083

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11-10-2025

Randee Hess  
201 Valley View Pl  
Vista CA 92083

"I protest the proposed water rate  
adjustments"

R Hess

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I, Ashley White

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at

429 Durian St.  
Vista, CA 92083

(Property Service Address and/or Assessor's Parcel Number)

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Signed  Date 11/19/25  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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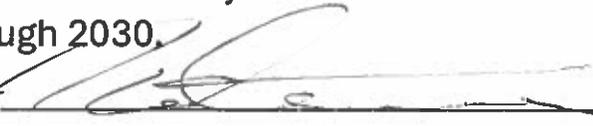
I, Kevin McAtamney

(Print - Current Property Owner(s) or Rate-Paying Tenant(s))

at  
1904 Willow Ridge Dr., Vista, CA 92081

(Property Service Address and/or Assessor's Parcel Number)

protest the proposed Vista Irrigation District water rates and service charges that would become effective January 1, 2026, with annual rate adjustments effective on or after each January 1 through 2030.

Signed  Date 11/6/2025  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Vista Irrigation District

1391 Engineer St.

Vista, CA 92081-8840

Nov 10, 2025

Dear VID,

I protest the proposed water  
rate increases/adjustments.

GAYLE MARTIN

1506 Oak Drive #47

Vista, CA 92084

Parcel # 771-730-62-47

Sincerely,

Gayle Martin

November 18, 2025

Directors, VID

This is an official protest of the proposed adjustments to water rates and service charges, including fire connection services and locked meters for calendar years 2026 through 2030 and the pass through of all San Diego County Water Authority wholesale water rates and charges for calendar years 2026 through 2030 pursuant to Government Code section 53756 as posted on your website.

Our property is at 1914 Esplendido Avenue.

VID Account Number 9912-0490-00.

Parcel Number 184-220-13-00

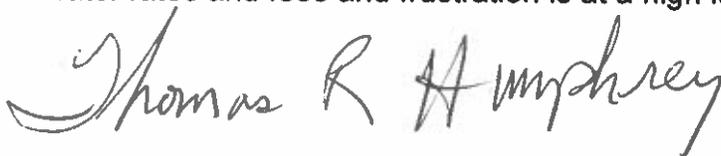
Description, Portion of NW ¼ of SW ¼ of Sec 34-11-3W

Property Owners: Thomas R and Sue W Humphrey

Historically, Vista Irrigation District was by name, and presumably is still here to benefit the farming community. But those of us who are still trying to 'farm' are being forced to cut back or discontinue our 'growing' endeavors because of the already increasing water rates and fees. In our case we have a small avocado grove .....started fifty-three years ago with sixty-four avocado trees. For several years we benefited from so-called **agricultural rates**. But several years ago during one of our drought periods the regulations at the time required us to use 25% less water every succeeding month or force us to pay increasing penalties for overuse, and or to suffer the possibility of having the water shut off at the meter. So at the time, the only option was, according to your management, was to opt out of agricultural rates and pay domestic rates for all water used on the property.

Any possibilities of going back to agricultural rates?

The long short of this issue is that we along with our neighbors are being hindered high water rates and fees and frustration is at a high level.



Thomas R Humphrey

760 727-2313

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**Sandra Farrell**

**1900 Esplendido Ave, Vista CA 92084 | 760-415-3349 | slfarrell1900@gmail**

**APN: 184-220-24-00 VID account: 3720-0492-00**

11/19/2025

**Vista Irrigation District**

**1391 Engineer Street**

**Vista, CA 92081**

**RE: Protest the proposed water rate adjustments:**

**November 19, 2025, at 9 am hearing regarding water rate increases**

VID Board Vista Irrigation District:

I strongly protest the water rates for me and my neighbors. I have been told that the Vista Irrigation District need for revenue, *“did not factor in any increase of water sales revenue, meter connections or water use due to increased local housing and development that will occur between 2026 - 2030, into the water rate study, putting an additional burden on current ratepayers”*. You should factor in the County’s push to add thousands of multifamily units to the unincorporated area within the VID boundary, near the Buena Creek Sprinter Station, in order to meet State mandated housing needs.

The cost of water is becoming unbearable for those of us living in the Buena Area. The Buena Area has a median household income is \$84,072 which is far less that the median household income in the unincorporated County of \$102,169<sup>1</sup>. It is barely above the County’s limit for Very Low Income of \$82,700<sup>2</sup>. Many living in this area are retired, living on fixed income. According to Figure 8-1: Monthly Bill Comparisons for Neighboring Agencies, VID charges more than many other water districts whose

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<sup>1</sup> August 5th 2025, Development Feasibility Analysis, MIG, Inc, Keyser Marston Associates, Bowman, Intersecting Metrics

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/sdhcd/rental-assistance/income-limits-ami.html>

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rate payers have a much higher income. Water districts like Olienhain, Santa Fe, Vallecitors, San Dieguito, Carlsbad and even Oceanside have a lower rate than VID. Although VID can justify some of the increase due to the aging infrastructure, I think it is time for the VID to fight for the ratepayers to reduce the increased pass-through rates by the San Diego County Water Authority and internally tighten its own belt. VID needs to think about how this rate increase hurts your ratepayers, many of whom are either retired or lower income!

The average family, in San Diego County uses 4000 gallons of water or 5.35 units a month. This is much lower than the 9,000 gallons a month used by families in other parts of the country where water is less costly. This is our sunshine penalty and the 4 units with the lowest rate in Tier 1 with 4 units does not cover the needs of an average family. Where your proposed rate hits hardest is once families fall into the tier 2 range. Per your Table 1-4: Current and Proposed Commodity Rates, Tier 2 increases from \$6.66 per unit currently to \$8.59 per unit by 2030. These rates don't include the County Water Authority Emergency Storage Fee or the VID service Charge which currently add another \$81.80 to my water bill. I'm sure these are also going up as well.

I took my total water bill and divided by the total number of units I used. I compared this total to other water bills with similar unit use over the years. In 2015, my total water bill, including service charge and fees was \$4.87 per unit. By mid 2023 it had increased to \$6.48 per unit and this year it is \$7.96 per unit. Once these new rates go into place, with all the added storage fees and service charges, what will I be paying per unit by 2030 when you factor in all the costs? My guess, if I use a simple ratio of current costs to your projected unit cost, I come up with my unit cost of being \$10 per unit by 2030 or an average over the year of \$300 per month or about \$3,600 per year for water.

Due to the high cost of water, my neighbors and I have converted most of our landscape to low water or no water use, aka-dirt. Some of us have stumped back or removed our fruit trees. Sadly, at least one of my neighbors removed his avocado grove that he and his wife had relied upon the sale of fruit to supply some of their retirement income. The salary VID shows a salary increase of 8.1% for 2026 in (Table 2.1: Cost Escalation Factors) which is concerning. I respectfully protest the proposed rate increase.

Sincerely,



Sandra Farrell