

Mail water-rate protest cards now

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How would you like your water rates to triple over the next four years? That's what is going to happen to single-family residents if more than 50% of Fresno's water users don't sign a protest card and mail it in to the city clerk before Feb. 4.

You should have gotten a letter from the Fresno Department of Public Utilities outlining the proposed rate increase. Inside, there is a "no postage" business reply mail envelope and a protest card. Just check the "I Protest" box, sign it, place it in the envelope and mail it.

Don't put it off until Feb. 4. You will misplace it or forget to send it. Do it now.

This is the Fresno's Public Utilities Department's way of bypassing the California Public Utilities Commission. By law, they can't raise the rates unless the PUC approves it, or more than 50% of Fresno's water users approve the rate increase. If you don't mail the protest, you are voting for the rate increase.

Let's fool Fresno's Department of Public Utilities. Mail those protests — now.

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