

11 June 2015

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
Clerk of the Board
105 East Anapamu Street, 4th Floor
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Subject: Protest of Proposed Action to Increase Sewer Charges

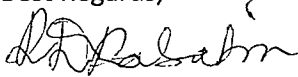
Dear Ma'am/Sir,

In accordance with the Notice of Public Hearing dated 28 April, 2015 I hereby provide my written protest of the proposed increase to sewer charges. Please provide the basis of how the rate increase was derived?

Also, I petition the board to propose an action of changing the rate calculation for single family residences and multiple family/Condo/Mobile from the flat rate charge to an actual water usage flow rate. I believe the actual water usage rate would be a much fairer charge for the affected customer types.

Your consideration of the above protest and proposed action is appreciated.

Best Regards,



RAYMOND D. RABATIN

Santa Maria, CA 93455

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Rachel YouKey

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HELP PREVENT SEWER BACK-UPS

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Regular Maintenance

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