



“Comment Letter Options for Implementation of a Statewide Low Income Water Rate Assistance Program.”

There should definitely be assistance for low income people to receive help with their water/sewer bills. These services come on a combined bill...not one for water and another for sewer. The water/sewer usage charge is based on the amount of water that flows through the water meter period. Water use that goes into cooking, watering gardens, filling a fish tank, and other uses not going back into the sewer system are still charged as sewer use to the customer. This is a problem, with most of my bill attributed to a sewer charge based on water meter consumption use data.

As an example, the amount of my current bill is
Water: \$50.92, Sewer: \$71.86, Total bill: \$122.78.

I am an elderly person, and my income consists of my monthly Social Security payment, something our federal government hopes to eliminate as a greedy “subsidy”, rather than the program working people pay into all their working lives. A \$122.78 water bill every month takes an unmanageable amount out of my monthly budget. I am quite certain I am not the only one in the state of California that is struggling with such personal budgeting problems. Retirees, as well as the working poor....some working two

and three job at minimum wage....would benefit from a low income subsidy for their water usage charges.

Also, something should be done to change the sewer charges that are based on water meter consumption use data. Not all water pulled from the system goes back into the system as sewage.

Thank you.

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