

Dear Jessica,

My wife and I farm about 25 acres of specialty citrus crops in the Valley Center Municipal Water District. Last year we paid the VCMWD \$80,000 for water. That's \$80,000 for 25 acres. Most other places in the state might have paid \$8000 for that same amount of water. Needless to say Jessica we're not wasting water. When you pay that kind of money for this precious resource you do not waste it. We work very hard to stay in business but every year it gets more and more difficult with the increase cost of water. I sit on the VCMWD board of directors and every year I have no choice but to pass the price increases onto myself and all the other farmers in the district. I can tell you that this cut to Ag customers in the district will be devastating to both individual farmers and the district as a whole. We a geographically large district with massive infrastructure yet relatively few customers. Many are Ag customers that keep this district afloat financially. I'm asking your board to treat us like other farmers throughout the state of California. Please treat us fairly.

Sincerely,

Bob and Mary Polito

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