

Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure F

Why won't politicians tell you how much Measure F really costs? Because **Measure F repayment fees could cost every Apple Valley water customer between \$15,000 and \$28,000** depending on interest rates.

Read Measure F. You'll find that there's a lot they aren't sharing.

- **Measure F lets government borrow up to \$150 million.** Bonds would be repaid, plus interest, by ratepayers, through a **new debt service fee added to your water bill.**
- **Measure F lets government force you to pay 12 percent interest on the \$150 million,** "daily, weekly, monthly or semi-annually." The debt's total cost can exceed \$558 million. **Not a penny would go to provide drinking water service.**
- **Measure F will eliminate low-income water discounts** that help seniors and working families. People on fixed incomes **would lose the discount, plus have to pay the new debt service fee.**
- **Measure F lets politicians raid public funds, unrelated to water,** to repay principal and interest. Apple Valley documents state **they're planning to charge expensive new water connection fees,** increasing new home prices by tens of thousands of dollars.
- **Measure F would eliminate the independent state water ratepayer watchdog,** removing transparency and accountability.

"As taxpayer advocates, we're concerned whenever government attempts to takeover a private business, using the power of eminent domain. **The promises are rarely kept, and costs invariably exceed projections.** Taxpayers need to be fully informed and extremely cautious."

Jon Coupal – President, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

Say no to higher water bills. Join your neighbors and Vote NO on Measure F.

/s/ Lawrence McCarthy, MEMBER, TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY BLUE RIBBON WATER COMMITTEE

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