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What is the purpose of rate-payers attending and speaking at these meetings? We are not paid for gas, we are not listened to. We are not involved in the decision making process.

What is amazing to me is that the very people who are being paid with monies from the rate-payers are making the decisions as to rate increases. Salaries are a big part of the fees that we pay.

Is anyone concerned that some of us are not receiving cost of living increases or salary increases to keep up with all of the utility increases. Are any of you keeping up with decreases in available livable wage jobs?

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District means that if you use water to bath, wash clothes and dishes anywhere on the Peninsula, you are subject to whatever decision is made by the District to increase water rates.

In the draft document "Proposed Decision of Alj Bushey, dated 3/24/11, you state that "basis for calculating the user fee will not impose "a significant burden" on its customers, because the Management District adopts its budget in a "transparent public process". That the California Constitution prohibits the District from collecting more than it spends on a project.

Well, this is a process, but your decision will not be based on what the impacted public can not afford.