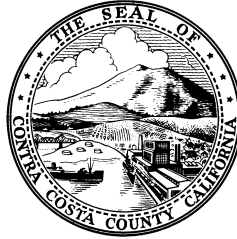


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SUPERVISOR GLOVER OPPOSES BAY POINT WATER RATES INCREASE

Pittsburg, CA (December 17, 2010) Supervisor Federal Glover appeared before the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) on Thursday, December 16 to oppose a proposed rate increase requested by Golden State Water, the utility responsible for providing water to residents of Bay Point.

In the brief time allotted, the Supervisor argued that the Bay Point community cannot absorb the steep increase (ranging from 4.5% to 36%) requested by Golden State. He strongly urged the PUC to deny the increase or ease the impact on Bay Point by allowing incremental increases over several years.

With one commissioner opposing, the PUC approved the increase notwithstanding Supervisor Glover's vehement objections.

The Supervisor noted that he will continue to challenge the inordinately high increases and has instructed staff to explore all possible alternatives and formulate a strategy for assisting they Bay Point community.