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Councilmember Whitburn Votes No on Proposed Water Rate Increase

San Diego, CA – In response to the proposed water rate increases by the Water Authority, Councilmember and San Diego County Water Authority Board Member Stephen Whitburn calls for a fair and balanced approach to addressing the financial challenges faced by the Water Authority without placing an undue burden on the residents who have acted responsibly in conserving water.

"We asked San Diegans to conserve water, and they did their part," said Councilmember Whitburn. "One consequence is that the Water Authority sells less water now and makes less money. But the solution can't be to punish San Diegans who saved water by charging them more. That is completely unfair to them. I cannot support these higher rates."

Councilmember Whitburn highlighted the efforts and sacrifices made by residents to reduce their water usage during times of drought and water shortages. The community's collective actions have contributed to significant water conservation, benefiting the environment, and ensuring a more sustainable future.

"San Diegans have demonstrated their commitment to water conservation, and they should be commended, not penalized," added Whitburn. "We must seek alternative solutions that do not place undue financial burdens on our residents."

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