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**Subject:** Today's VWD Meeting

Good Evening Fellow FVC Members,

First I would like to thank all of you for officially joining. Our numbers right now are small, so please encourage others to join. When we reach one-hundred members, we will post a member list – names only – to show VWD elected officials that the number of voters that now know the impacts to ratepayers from their political favoritism towards developers is growing.

#### Results of today's meeting

How awesome to see ratepayers represented at a developer fee public hearing – first time I know of since I started working there nineteen years ago. Five FVC Members were present, two provided public comment, and two other ratepayers were present.

The developers, as usual, were present in full force, about six of them, plus consultants and attorneys, providing comment and arguing in a concerted effort to reduce the rate even further. I sustained some personal attacks by the first speaker, the Building Industry Association (BIA) rep. That just shows that our message is getting through. He accused me of “spewing false information” and blamed my for VWD's \$16 million pension obligation. ?

No surprise that the Board postponed the rate increase again, until October 2, with a workshop the 29<sup>th</sup> of this month. The BIA had the rates to review, substantially the same rates presented today, since at least as early as February this year. Postponements have been requested by the BIA. The delay is saving developers millions - millions subsidized by us ratepayers.

Unfortunately, I will probably not be able to make those meeting as I will be teaching Wednesday and Thursday nights this Fall (Palomar and CSUSM). I will provide information necessary to the FVC to carry on the fight.

Please feel free to share your thoughts on the FVC Message Board page.

Thank you,  
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