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WATER RATE INCREASE HEARING !

Valencia Water Co, now owned by Castaic Lake Water Agency

wants to raise your water rate 13%!

**You can protest the Water Rate Increase and
CLWA's Illegal Acquisition of Valencia Water**

**DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO SPEAK OUT
AGAINST THIS ABUSE OF PUBLIC FUNDS**



In 2012, with only 24 hours notice, Castaic Lake Water Agency spent \$73.8 million of your tax dollars to purchase Valencia Water Co from Newhall Land & Development. Now they want to increase your water rates to pay for this sweetheart deal! Among other things, this increase will help pay a shareholder's dividend of around \$200,000 to Castaic Lake Water Agency from your water bill! There's a reason that state law forbids a public agency from owning stock in a private corporation like Valencia, and this is one of them.

But that's not all. The deal made between Castaic Water Agency and the developer promises water to serve Newhall Ranch and thousands of other units without regard to existing residents and rate payers. Don't like the sound of this? Please attend this important meeting. [Click here to view the rate notice.](#)

Newhall Proposes Yet another 1150 Housing Units in the Middle of a Drought!

**If You Missed This Important Hearing Last Tuesday, You can still mail or email
your comments before April 8 to:**

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Last week the [Los Angeles Times ran a story](#) about NASA reports indicating that California may have as little as one year of water left. Now Newhall Land is proposing yet another unsustainable project built in the floodplain of the Santa Clara River. They have already received approval for their Landmark and Mission tracts- app. 6000 units total (Mission will be built in an old oil field - see picture above), both of which are currently being reviewed by the California Supreme Court.



But that hasn't stopped this company, now owned by an out of state corporation (Lennar) and hedge funds. They have already put out new Notices of Preparation for Homestead (app. 3400 housing units and Entrada south 1250 housing units. Where will the water come from? How will existing residents deal with all the additional cutbacks needed to accommodate these new houses? If you have concerns, this is the time to voice them. More information on this proposal and where to write letters can be accessed [here](#).



Meet us at the Fair - the Earth/Arbor Day Fair, that is!

April 11th 10 AM to 4PM, Central Park, 27150
Bouquet Canyon Road, 91350

SCOPE will have an information booth there, and we are looking for volunteers to help with set up and manning the booth. Is a great event and fun day. Hope you will join us. More information [here](#).

SCOPE in the News -

["SCOPE Joins with Local Residents to Demand Review"](#)

["Activists to Demand Hearing on Landfill Expansion"](#)

["Suit Challenges Purchase of Water Company to benefit Newhall Ranch"](#)

["Serious Action Needed on the Climate"](#)

["The California Environmental Quality Act Helps Everyday Heroes Protect Their Neighborhoods"](#)

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with your donation to SCOPE.



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