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Don't miss your chance to say NO to a water monopoly in

Santa Clarita that will send your water to Newhall Ranch and other developments while charging you more. Join us this Thursday to tell the Public Utilties



Commission NO! to higher rates, unfair competition and water monopolies.

The Public Utilities Commission Wants to Hear from You!

It will hold local hearings May 16th

on water rate increases and the illegal buy out of

Valencia Water Company that will affect water rates

throughout the Santa Clarita Valley.

# Don't miss your chance to speak out!

Right before the holidays in December 2012, with only twenty-four hours notice, Castaic Lake Water Agency spent 73.8 million dollars of your taxes to purchase Valencia Water Company from Newhall Land and Development. Now they want to increase your water rates to pay for this sweetheart deal! 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? Neither did the California Public Utilities Commission. They ordered an investigation of the buyout and rate hike. They need to know that you care about this important issue.

Two hearings will be held on Thursday, May 16 for your convenience; 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard. For more

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