

**Public Comment received on Item 6.2
For the April 18, 2023 Regular Board
Meeting.**

April Jacobs

From: paladinesq@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 12:00 PM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Pilot program for lifeline water rates. I support a pilot rate payer assistance program.

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April Jacobs
SCV Water Agency

Please make it easier for low income customers to pay their bills to avoid disconnection of service.
I support item 6.2 on tonight's agenda.
This is needed in our Valley. Please vote to approve it.
John Paladin, Box 801777, Valencia, CA 91380. 661 255 5000. PaladinEsq@AOL.com

April Jacobs

From: Kevin MacDonald <kmacdonald@SCV-SeniorCenter.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 12:04 PM
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Subject: SCV Senior Center support for Ratepayer Assistance
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Dear Board of Directors,

On behalf of the Santa Clarita Valley Committee on Aging (SCV Senior Center) please find our letter of support for the Ratepayer Assistance Pilot Program.

Sincerely,

Kevin

Kevin MacDonald
Chief Executive Officer
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April 18, 2023

Board of Directors
Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency
27234 Bouquet Canyon Road
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Dear Board Members,

On behalf of the Santa Clarita Valley Committee on Aging (SCV Senior Center), we support the proposal to establish a Ratepayer Assistance Pilot Program for low-income individuals specifically for Seniors, people with disabilities and veterans who fall below the poverty level.

We applaud the efforts of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency to provide assistance to vulnerable citizens in the Santa Clarita Valley. The SCV Senior Center staff see firsthand the needs of our seniors who have fallen on hard times. Most of the services we offer are provided free of charge as a result of our fundraising efforts. We even have a special Senior Assistance Fund that supports seniors in crisis which is funded through our Celebrity Waiter Dinner.

There are many seniors, veterans and people with disabilities who fall below the poverty line. This pilot project will show that the SCV Water Agency sees a critical need and is taking action to support our most vulnerable individuals.

We fully support the pilot project and look forward to working with you in the future to meet the needs of our community.

Sincerely,

Kevin MacDonald
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Julie Sturgeon, Board President

April Jacobs

From: Suzie Rizzo <baroness1@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 12:04 PM
To: April Jacobs
Cc: Suzie Rizzo
Subject: Tonight's Agenda Item 6.2

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This is regarding tonight's agenda item 6.2.

I support a pilot rate payer assistance program. This is needed in the Santa Clarita Valley. Please vote to approve it.

Thank you.

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From: Steve Kassel <s@kassel.us>
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Subject: Support of pilot rate payer assistance program

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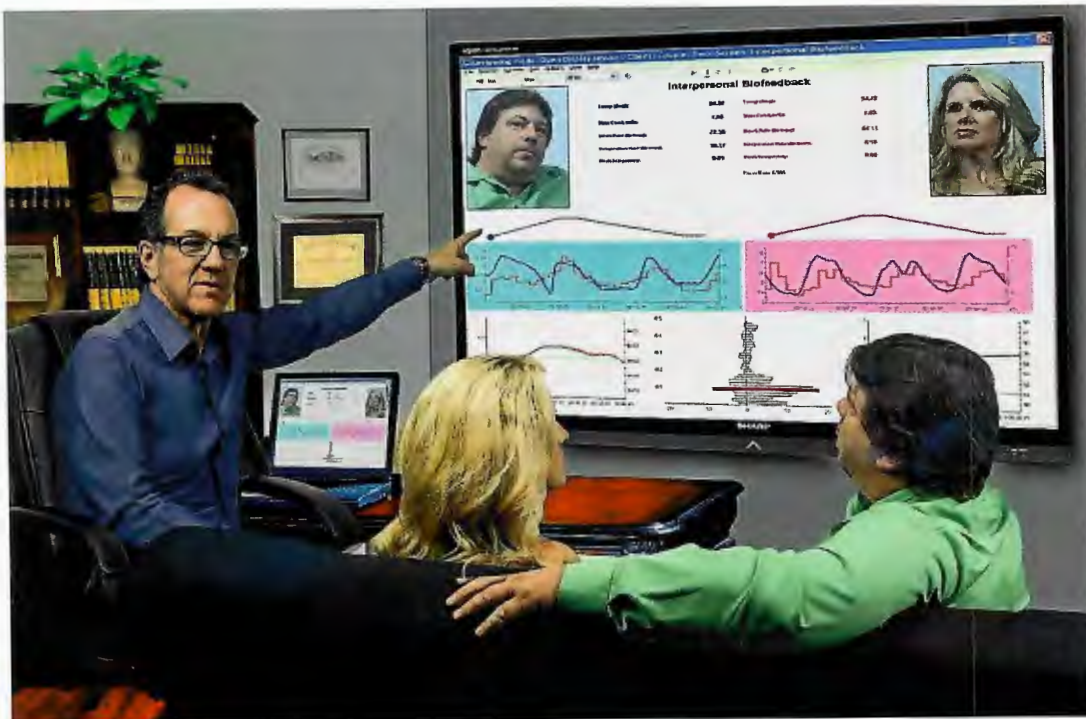
April,

While I cannot attend the meeting, I want to write in support of the pilot rate payer assistane program, agenda item 6.2. I am a psychotherapist and many of my patients are on MediCal or Medicare and I hear their stories of financial struggle, including holding off on showers to save money to afford food. At this time where so many citizens are struggling, this is an important piece to pass.

Thank you.

Steven C Kassel, MFT
Board Certified in Biofeedback
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Past President, Santa Clarita chapter of The California Assn of Marriage and Family Therapists.
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Unless we put medical freedom into the Constitution, the time will come when medicine will organize into an undercover dictatorship. To restrict the art of healing to one class of man and deny equal privileges to others will constitute the Bastille of medical science. The constitution of the republic should make special provision for medical freedom as well as religious freedom.â
- Dr. Benjamin Rush, Surgeon General of George Washington's armies and signer of the Declaration of Independence (1787)

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From: [Gene Dorio, M.D.](#)
To: [April Jacobs](#)
Subject: SCVWB - Board Meeting - In support of Ratepayer Assistance Pilot Program - Agenda Item 6.2
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 12:28:18 PM

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April 18, 2023

**Re: Ratepayer Assistance Pilot Program - SCVWA Board Meeting
Agenda Item 6.2**

Dear SCV Water Board

We write in support of a Ratepayer Assistance Pilot Program for the Santa Clarita Valley.

As senior advocates, we personally see older adults struggling to pay utility bills including water.

This past winter, many of our low-income residents have had to make difficult decisions, especially with gas and electricity. Forgotten, probably because of this winter's rainy weather, has been the impact also on water usage.

Like others during the drought, many seniors were asked to cut back, and they have done their due diligence to abide by these requests. Since personal budgets have been markedly affected by other utility bills, usage of water has lessened for fear of further impacting their pocketbooks.

Having a Ratepayer Assistance Pilot Program will help identify this forgotten population, and assist others facing similar financial problems and decision-making.

The need in our Valley is much higher than we think, and ultimately this Program will prevent those who might be financially threatened to still maintain their quality of life.

As members of the SCVWA Board, we hope you will consider voting for the Ratepayer Assistance Pilot Program which will benefit many older adults in our community.

Thank you

Robin Clough and Gene Dorio, M.D.
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I am a Bridgeport Resident.

I support a pilot rate payer assistance program for our SCV water.

Dr Randy Martin

Dr. Randy Martin, OMD
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April Jacobs

From: TK Franti <tkfranti@gmail.com>
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Subject: Agenda Item 6.2

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I am writing to express my support for the pilot ratepayer assistance program.

This will help many in our community. Please approve this agenda item.

Kathryn Franti
Saugus

April Jacobs

From: Sandra Cattell <sumcatt@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 3:22 PM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Ratepayer Assistance Program

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Comment for tonight's meeting:

I support the ratepayer assistance program as a valuable first step in guaranteeing that everyone has access to water.
Water is life.
Sandra Cattell

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April Jacobs

From: Eli Bronwein <ebronwein@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 4:02 PM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Re: Tonight's Agenda item 6.2

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Re: Agenda item 6.2

Water is not a discretionary expense, it is a necessity; and low income folks in the SCV are suffering from the high cost of groceries, gas and utility fees-- they need help. Please support the Pilot Rate Payer Assistance Program.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Elliot Bronwein
Newhall, CA 91321-1388