

The City of Fillmore is being led to

Sewercide

\$82 Million is TOO MUCH for our town!

Why are we letting our economic future be “flushed down the toilet”?
Are you wondering how you will afford \$98 per month sewer bills that will continue to increase EVERY year?
Are you wondering what it will climb to when we have to soften our water and treat chlorides?

The “lifecycle cost” of the American Water plant is close to \$250 million!!

Total Estimated 20 Year Lifecycle Costs	
Capital Construction Cost	\$ 82,000,000
Operation and Maintenance Cost ¹	\$ 112,711,191
Debt Service – Interest Cost ²	\$ 52,025,765
Total Cost	\$ 246,736,956

Why are the costs for our plant so expensive?

1. The plant may be oversized for our current and 20 year needs.
2. Pumping the effluent(treated wastewater) uphill to the schools and parks is inefficient and costly
3. We are using expensive bond financing when we could be using low cost state loans.
4. Engineering costs are out of line

¹ O & M Cost from Table 1, Notice of December 21, 2006 Public Hearing – after 2015 escalated @ 3%
² Debt Service – Interest cost for \$60 MM bond @ 4.7% for 30 years

Other low cost options exist, but have been unfairly rejected by staff and not even presented to City Council!



PERC sewer plant -
 The City of Santa Paula is considering a PERC plant similar to this one.

We received a proposal for a PERC plant five years ago for \$15 million and \$43.00 per month sewer bills. Why didn't the staff and council even consider it?

Fillmore does not require the “gold plated” MBR plant.

How can we save OUR money?

1. Your rally letters sent to representatives were successful and there are two bills; AB 1664 and HR 720 that will aid Fillmore in obtaining Federal and State loans. This would save us at LEAST \$50 million in interest costs over the expensive 40 year bonds.
2. Switching to PERC, Noram Engineering or other companies that INCLUDE engineering costs. We are now paying \$millions in excessive engineering fees.
3. Cut down on “project managers”. We are paying Roy Payne, Bert Rapp, Boyle Engineering and American Water to “manage” the sewer plant project. Isn't DBO (Design, Build Operate) supposed to be streamlined?

What can you do?
 Remember – this is YOUR money!

- Please contact your City Council Members and Demand that they cancel the American Water contract and re-bid for lower cost options
- Tell the Council not to Distribute Sewer Effluent to Parks and Schools Used By Children and save potential \$17 Million.
- Remind the Council that we still have to pay for treating chlorides in the future - additional \$40 million – where will we get the money?
- Request LARWQCB extension and apply for low interest State Revolving Loan funds. (Santa Paula just got their 6th extension.

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