



Ballot Measure Primary Argument Submission Form

A ballot argument will not be accepted unless accompanied by this completed **typed** form, which shall contain the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the person(s) submitting it or, if submitted on behalf of a bona fide association of citizens, the name of the association and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers. **Please make sure you are using proper format before submitting to the Elections Division.**

Word count limit = 300 words

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Ballot Measure Bear Valley CSD for the Repeal of Water Rate to be held on November 3, 2026.

☒ Primary Argument in Favor ☐ Primary Argument Against ☐ Rebuttal to Argument ☐ Rebuttal to Argument Against

This Argument is Submitted by (check only one):

☐	The Kern County Board of Supervisors or the Governing Body of a School or Special District
	Name of Governing Body:
	Contact Person's Printed Name:
	Phone: Email:
☐	Member(s) of the Kern County Board of Supervisors or the Governing Body of a School or Special District
	Name of Governing Body:
	Contact Person's Printed Name:
	Phone: Email:
☒	Bona Fide Association of Citizens
	If this argument is filed by a bona fide association of citizens, the signer of the argument must be affiliated with the association and be authorized to sign the argument on its behalf. Provide the printed name and signature of at least one principal officer of the association
	Name of Association: <u>Bear Valley Residents</u> ID # <u>1431767</u>
	Contact Person's Printed Name: <u>Kevin Rice</u> principle & treasurer
	Phone: <u>805 602-7616</u> Email: <u>kevin@kevinrice.us</u>
☐	Individual Voters Eligible to Vote on the Measure
	Contact Person's Printed Name:
	Phone: Email:
☐	Combination of Voters and Associations
	Contact Person's Printed Name:
	Phone: Email:

Primary Argument Signers Form			Author	Verified
No more than five signatures shall appear with any argument. If more than five signatures are submitted, the first five listed shall be printed. Names and titles listed will be printed in the order that they are listed below. Place a checkmark in the author column if the signer is author of the argument. A signer can only list one title. Honorifics such as M.D., Dr., Esquire, etc. with a name are not accepted. If the signers are part of a bona fide association, there is no requirement that they be eligible to vote on the measure. However, for each such signing individual, the title under the signer's name must list the name of that bona fide association and may include their position within that association. By signing below, the undersigned state that they have read the argument and believe it not to be false or misleading. Type information clearly.			Check if the signer is the author of the argument. Authors must be signers.	(FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY) Staff Initial once the eligibility of the signer is verified.
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Signature:		Date:		
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Signature:		Date:		

Argument In Favor Of Measure ____

**REPEAL OF WATER RATE INCREASES ENACTED BY RESOLUTION NO. 26-29 OF
THE BEAR VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ON MARCH 26, 2026.**

Voting YES repeals the near doubling of water rates over the next four years, as enacted by the Bear Valley CSD Board.

The Bear Valley Community Services District Board of Directors voted to nearly DOUBLE WATER RATES within four years, which began April 2026 and includes annual increases through 2030. These outrageously high and destructive increases threaten home values and the ability of families, seniors and fixed income residents to continue to live in Bear Valley.

Let's not forget large increases to solid waste (trash), sewer customers, a new manure fee, a junk mailbox fee, and a major road assessment increase—all put forth by Bear Valley CSD inside of one year!

The Board of Directors claims only 18 percent of water customers submitted a protest against the massive water rate increase. That's true. No ballot was supplied and customers had to write their own letters of protest or seek out protest letters created by organizers. HERE, all voters are supplied with a ballot.

The Board claims revenue will be reduced by \$10M by this Measure, but that's false. The Board will immediately put forth a new water rate increase just like they did when sewer rates were rejected. We can only hope the Board respects the will of the voters and come up with a more reasonable increase—just like they did for sewer rates.

Voting YES on this Measure instructs the Board of Directors to respect the finances of residents and accord great deference to affordability when enacting rate, fee and tax increases.

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