



Ballot Measure Rebuttal Argument Submission Form

If both an argument in favor of and an argument against a measure have been selected for publication in the Sample Ballot & Official Voter Information Guide a **typed** rebuttal to the argument in favor of or the argument against the measure may be submitted as outlined in this form.

The author(s) of the primary argument of the measure may prepare and submit a rebuttal argument or may authorize in writing any other person or persons to prepare, submit, or sign the rebuttal argument.

A rebuttal argument will not be accepted unless accompanied by this completed 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 for rebuttal arguments = 250 words

Ballot Measure R Water Rates for the Bear Valley CSD to be held on Nov 3, 2024.

☒ Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure

☐ Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure

Signed by Same Individual(s) Selected for the Voter Information Guide for the Primary Argument

If the rebuttal argument is signed by the same individual(s) as those already selected for the Voter Information Guide for the primary argument, check the following box.



Rebuttal argument is signed by the same individual(s) selected for the Voter Information Guide for the primary argument.

Contact Person's Printed Name:

Paul Paparella, Board President

Phone:

661-821-4428

Email:

ppaparella@bvcsd.org

Signed by Different Individual(s) than Individual(s) Selected for the Voter Information Guide for the Primary Argument

The author(s) of the primary argument may authorize any other person or persons to sign the rebuttal argument. If signers are new for the rebuttal argument, please check the following box and attach the written authorization (the Authorization Form to Change in Signers of Rebuttal Argument) from the primary argument author(s).



Rebuttal argument is signed by new signers as authorized by primary argument author(s)

Contact Person's Printed Name:

Phone:

Email:

Arguments will be emailed to the contact person listed here for review before they are printed in the Sample Ballot and Official Voter Information Guide.



Rebuttal 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.
1.	Name: <u>Paul Paparella</u> Phone: <u>661-821-4428</u> Add _____ Signature: _____	Title: <u>Board President</u> Email: <u>ppaparella@bvcisd.org</u> Date: <u>8/14/2026</u>	☒ ☐ For translation purposes only He/His: ☒ She/Her: ☐
2.	Name: _____ Phone: _____ Address: _____ Signature: _____	Title: _____ Email: _____ Date: _____	☐ ☐ For translation purposes only He/His: ☐ She/Her: ☐
3.	Name: _____ Phone: _____ Address: _____ Signature: _____	Title: _____ Email: _____ Date: _____	☐ ☐ For translation purposes only He/His: ☐ She/Her: ☐
4.	Name: _____ Phone: _____ Address: _____ Signature: _____	Title: _____ Email: _____ Date: _____	☐ ☐ For translation purposes only He/His: ☐ She/Her: ☐
5.	Name: _____ Phone: _____ Address: _____ Signature: _____	Title: _____ Email: _____ Date: _____	☐ ☐ For translation purposes only He/His: ☐ She/Her: ☐



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DECLARATION BY AUTHOR(S) OF ARGUMENTS OR REBUTTALS

(E.C. §9600)

All arguments concerning measures filed pursuant to Division 9 of the Elections Code shall be accompanied by the following declaration to be signed by each author of the argument/rebuttal. Names and titles will be printed in the Voter Pamphlet portion of the County Voter Information Guide in the order provided below.

The undersigned author(s) of the: ☐ Argument in Favor ☒ Rebuttal to Argument in Favor
☐ Argument Against ☐ Rebuttal to Argument Against

of ballot measure R. Water Rates at the Statewide General Election
(Name and/or Letter) (Title of Election)
for the Bear Valley CSD to be held on Nov. 3, 2026 hereby state that this
(Jurisdiction) (Date)
argument is true and correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

1.	<u>Paul Paparella</u> (Printed Name) <u>BVCSD Board President</u> (Title to Appear on Argument)	<u>[Signature]</u> (Signature) <u>8.14.2026</u> (Date)
2.	_____ (Printed Name) _____ (Title to Appear on Argument)	_____ (Signature) _____ (Date)
3.	_____ (Printed Name) _____ (Title to Appear on Argument)	_____ (Signature) _____ (Date)
4.	_____ (Printed Name) _____ (Title to Appear on Argument)	_____ (Signature) _____ (Date)
5.	_____ (Printed Name) _____ (Title to Appear on Argument)	_____ (Signature) _____ (Date)

IMPORTANT FILING INFORMATION: I, Beverli Marshall [Signature] and the
(Printed Name) (Signature)

designated filer of the above filled argument/rebuttal. Please notify me of any questions pertaining to this filing. Below is my contact information.

Mailing Address: _____ E-Mail Address: bmarshall@bvcscd.org
Contact Numbers: 661-821-4428 661-749-6789
Daytime Evening Fax

Bear Valley Community Services District

Rebuttal to argument in favor of measure R

The proponents argue the water rates are “outrageously high.” The rates are necessary to keep pace with rising costs. Water systems are highly regulated, and compliance becomes more complex and costly every year. Many costs are outside District control. Electricity and purchased water together exceed \$1 million per year and increase annually.

The proponents argue the rate increase is “destructive.” Nothing would be more destructive than a water system that could no longer provide safe and reliable water. CalMatters reported “Almost 400 water systems serving nearly a million Californians don’t meet state requirements for safe and reliable drinking water supplies.” We do not want to join that group. CalMatters also reported “The price tag for ensuring safe, affordable and accessible water supplies for all Californians is staggering — an estimated \$16 billion over the next five years.” Bear Valley is not immune from the challenge of balancing affordability with essential investment.

We have a 55-year-old system that has tremendous, deferred needs. Our water mains experience excessive leakage and failure rates. It costs over \$2 million per mile to replace mains. We have wells that need replacement and/or treatment facilities to ensure safe and reliable supply. Each well project can cost millions of dollars. The water rates are not destructive, but support investment in a water system that is essential to protect the value of homes and future of the community.

Voting NO allows the CSD to continue delivering the safe and reliable water service required to sustain a vibrant community.

s/Paul Paparella, Board President