

**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 for the Bear Valley CSD to be held on November 3, 2026

☐ 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.



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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)

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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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Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure R

Arguments of the Bear Valley CSD fall flat. Measure R does prohibit a rate increase; Measure R simply repeals the current rates, forcing the Board to pursue a more respectful rate increase. Measure R directs the Board to operate the District with sorely lacking prudence and cost-consciousness.

The base rate for water has more than TRIPLED since 2018. Where did that money go? Nearly doubling rates again is destructive to residents and home values. Numerous fixed-income residents cannot afford hundreds of dollars in monthly water bills.

One very elderly widower signed the petition for Measure R and related he just can't afford higher bills, but then conceded his plan: He probably won't live until 2030 when the water rate increases reach the maximum.

Numerous financially distressed residents will similarly not be able to afford water bills which will escalate in 2030 to over six times what they were in 2018. Bear Valley residents need actual results from the BVCSD, not higher bills.

The water rate increases are so onerous the Homeowners Association is suing, contending the rates were illegally calculated by including charges not related to supplying non-potable and recycled water. Residents will now have to pay lawyers for BOTH the CSD (through taxes) and the HOA (through dues). Measure R will provide an end to this litigation and force BVCSD to come up with a legal rate structure.

Measure R is a real solution. Yes on R.