

## **REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE S**

Vote No on Measure S. Dixon residents deserve clean, safe, and reliable water.

We can't continue patching up our outdated, aging water system just to keep rates the same. We are now facing the consequences of underfunding important improvements to the water system for many years. Lowering water bills won't help Dixon families in the long run, it only delays the inevitable.

We cannot kick the can down the road any longer. Short-term savings only means higher long-term costs. The City hired independent professionals to look at all options. The rates were designed to ensure the City's water customers receive uncontaminated water for their homes and businesses.

From the beginning, we held many public study sessions discussing water system plans. Customers had the opportunity to vote against the increases. We heard residents loud and clear: Dixon residents want safe and reliable water.

In the end, ratepayers deserve more than crumbling outdated wells that have reached their useful life. Times are challenging, but rolling back rates will not keep our water system running.

For safe and reliable water, please vote NO on Measure S.

/s/ Jim Ernest, Councilmember

/s/ Scott Pederson, Councilmember