

## **Argument Against Measure Q**

The Crescent City/Del Norte County Taxpayers Association adamantly opposes the raise in sewer rates proposed by the City of Crescent City. We ask you to vote "NO" on the City's Measure "Q", which seeks to raise sewer rates yet another 20%.

The Tax Association alleges the \$43.8 million dollar loan for the waste water treatment plant (WWTP) was secured by the City by municipal fraud and misrepresentation, as follows:

First, the City promoted a false monthly rate to gain public support for the project, and now continually and repeatedly raises the rates. The Taxpayer's Association alleges the rate raises are clear evidence the original proposed rates were false.

The City also counted the inmates at Pelican Bay Prison as city residents although the prison has its own independent sewer system and does not pay towards the loan.

In another instance, the City destroyed all documents regarding the expansion component of the WWTP, on which the rates are calculated. The Taxpayer's Association alleges the destruction of these documents as a clear attempt to conceal fraud.

In yet another instance, the City voted to censure one of their own council members in attempt to stop any investigation into any municipal fraud involved in securing the loan. One such City Council Member who voted for the censure is Kathryn Murray, who still sits on the City Council today and continues to oppose any investigations into the allegations.

Additional matters also indicate municipal fraud.

Your vote against Measure Q to deny further rate increases will force the City to address the allegations of municipal fraud and malfeasance. The state water resources board may be culpable, as they failed to verify the information provided by the City. Their culpability may initiate further negotiations on the \$43.8 million dollar loan.

VOTE NO ON MEASURE Q!

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