

**PETITION TO PROTEST
CASCADIA WATER RATE INCREASE**

RE: Case UW-240151 filed with WA Utilities and Transportation Commission on Feb. 29, 2024

We, the undersigned residents and/or homeowners in Monterra, object to this drastic and unjustified 94% rate increase for the following reasons:

- **HARDSHIP.** Monterra is a 55+ community. Many of us are on limited incomes, and a major increase like this would create a hardship for us and many of our neighbors.
- **UNJUSTIFIED INCREASE.** Since 2021, our water rates have already increased 54%. Cascadia was awarded a significant increase in 2021, which covers the cost for the installation of meters in Monterra. The Monterra water system has not had any major improvements or repairs to justify a new rate increase on our system.
- **INDIVIDUAL WATER SYSTEMS.** Each of Cascadia's water systems is an individual structure with unique properties and challenges. The customers of each individual system are financially responsible for the operating costs of their own water system. It is not fair to lump all of us together and require we all pay higher fees.
- **BENEFIT FROM IMPROVEMENTS.** Cascadia has purchased and continues to purchase numerous water systems, including Monterra Water System in 2021. Each purchase price reflects the market value. At the expense of its customers, Cascadia alone will benefit from improvements when they sell their properties.
- **FUTURE UNCERTAINTY.** With exorbitant back-to-back rate increases, we are left with uncertainty and anxiety about the possibility of even higher future rate hikes. Potential buyers would be faced with the same uncertainty.
- **EFFECT ON PROPERTY VALUES.** A property with a high utility bill is worth less. This increase could affect the values of our homes. For most of us, our home is our largest asset.

OWNER/RESIDENT SIGNATURE

MONTERRA STREET ADDRESS

<u>Ida Binney</u>	<u>51 Holley Circle</u>
<u>Jane Irvine</u>	<u>221 Holley Circle</u>
<u>Tyler Coker</u>	<u>82 HEATHER CIRCLE</u>
<u>Susan Allen</u>	<u>242 Monterra Dr.</u>
<u>Steve Adams</u>	<u>212 MONTERRA DR.</u>
<u>Steven Zait</u>	<u>242 CYPRESS CIR.</u>
<u>Tom Leble</u>	<u>414 Monterra Lane</u>
<u>Doug Muth</u>	<u>42 Sea Bluff Ln</u>
<u>Datum Muth</u>	<u>42 SEA BLUFF LN</u>

PETITION TO PROTEST
CASCADIA WATER RATE INCREASE

Susan Gant	242 Cypress Cir.
John P. Mulloy	61 TUX Lane
John P. Mulloy	62 Cypress Circle
Dennis Plakely 260 Cypress	260 Cypress Circle
Sandra Mulloy	62 Cypress Circle
William P. Plakely	81 Cypress Circle
Marcy Smith	32 Cypress Cir.
Susan Willette	92 Cypress Circle
John R. Willette	92 Cypress Cir.
John Caughy	112 Cypress Cir.
Steve Runnin	82 Cypress Cr.
Cindy Runnin	82 Cypress Circle
Connie Jo Smith	281 " "
Connie Jo Smith	132 Cypress Circle
Susan Fay	282 Heather Circle
Catherine M ^c Ciffery	220 Holley Circle
Liane L. Gold	190 Holley Cir.