

Average water use

In an earlier letter to the editor, a letter writer made it sound as if everyone in Apple Valley would be paying 28 percent more for water because of Apple Valley Ranchos Water Company, but when I produced the actual wording of the rate increase from the CPUC, he then had to acknowledge that the rates he finds so threatening are only for those using a lot of water ("Correcting distortion," Daily Press, Jan. 6, 2016).

In his latest letter, though, the picture begins to emerge. His family of three uses almost 17 units of water per billing cycle. Yikes! As a point of reference, my wife and I (each retired), on a half-acre lot with mature landscaping, use three units per billing cycle. The letter writer then tries to present himself as water wise, although he has no idea why his water use is so high.

To him and anyone else like him in Apple Valley, I would urge a call to Apple Valley Ranchos Water Company to schedule a water audit, to find out where all that water is going.

This wasteful usage of water is unsustainable in our area. If it keeps up, then yes, there most definitely will be future increases in water rates.

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