

Strawberry Residents,

Del Oro Water Company (DOWC) is requesting of the California Public Utilities Commission - Water Division an increase in water rates of ALL rate-payers in the Strawberry District. Their request is at the following link on the CPUC website and it is of interest to ALL Strawberry Property Owners.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M533/K276/533276002.pdf>.

The CPUC is soliciting comments before June 27, 2024 for a 15.36% rate increase. We encourage all Strawberry residents to contact the CPUC with your comments at:

California Public Utilities Commission
Water Division
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

or:

water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov

The following comment has already been sent to the CPUC Water Division.

The proposed rate increase by Del Oro Water Co. (DOWC) should not be approved by the CPUC as they have not provided pure clean drinking water to our community. Our water in the Strawberry District has been contaminated with carcinogens and DOWC refuses to treat the water to CPUC standards (<https://strawberrypropertyowners.org/water-june2022-HHA.html>).

DOWC says that they will revisit the HAAs (Halo Acidic Acids) problem in the Strawberry District water in 3 years without making any attempt to make the water drinkable. Right now, the water is undrinkable and poses a health hazard to all Strawberry District residents. We continue to pay monthly for water that is dangerous to drink and does not meet CPUC water standards and continues to be a health hazard to all residents. The NIH states that HAAs are hazardous to human health (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK573364/>) and DOWC just says to wait 3 more years. The Strawberry residents are still waiting for the hazardous DOWC water to be mitigated and made drinkable. DOWC water remains a carcinogen health hazard to all residents. They say that their water is safe (<https://delorowater.com/>) but it is totally unsafe.

There is no excuse for DOWC (a water company?) to provide water containing carcinogens. I am requesting the CPUC act immediately to force DOWC to clean-up the water contamination problem in the Strawberry District and also to reject the DOWC demand to raise water rates.