

*Because It's Time . . .*

## **Richard Knapp, Sr.**



**To: Constituent Voters of Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District – Division 4**

My name is Richard L. Knapp, Sr. and I am running for the EVMWD Division 4 position. I would like to bring your attention to this Water District's problems. We need: **CLEANER DRINKING WATER, LOWER WATER and SEWER RATES, CANCEL the LEAPS PROJECT AND CREATE THE LARGEST NATURAL RESERVOIR** in Southern California.

We are in one of the longest DROUGHTS of our time. The snowfall in the Sierra's was less than expected and because of the protection of the "Delta Smelt" we are losing 30% of our water from the Sacramento Delta area.

I have been involved in both accounting and real estate since 1972. My wife Donna and I along with three of our eight children moved here in 1982 from Lake Forest. I was appointed to the Country Club Heights Advisory Committee, General Plan Advisory Committee, Title 17 Committee, elected City Treasure for 4 years (Nov. 1995 – 1999) and heavily involved in various lake projects. I know and love this valley.

The LEAPS Project, Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumping Station is still being pushed by current board members. The company that they are working with was specifically formed to work on this project. Most of their bills are paid by the EVMWD with your ratepayer money. The company, which is owned by 2 people, has absolutely no track record or experience in this field.

This company, along with EVMWD as a partner, is proposing 30 miles of 500KV power lines through the Cleveland National Forest. They will build a power station for peak electrical periods in the summer. This station will need a large lake to hold water on top of the hill above Butterfield School, travel down 1,500 feet of huge pipes to the plant then out into Lake Elsinore creating a large muddy mess. Enron was going to back this project initially before they were busted in the electric and gas scandal.

According to the current City Treasurer, Pete Weber, since 1997 EVMWD has loaned Nevada Hydro over \$6 million of your ratepayer money to promote this project. As City Treasurer back in 97-99, I knew then this project could not "pencil". It was a loser then, it's a boondoggle now. EVMWD is just dumping our money down a dry well. ***This project must go.***

EVMWD rates have always been the highest in Southwest Riverside County. Sewer and water hookup fee's were 20-30% higher than other water companies. It's time EVMWD started cutting all their rates and stop ripping off the ratepayers with special projects. Your pump costs went up 18.8% this year.

What is more important than our water – ***NOTHING!*** We have to plan "Outside the Box" to provide cleaner water and storage capacity for the future. We must recycle as much water as possible for our children. We can't afford to waste water resources anymore.

It's time for change and with your vote and help, together we will make these changes on November 4 th. Say yes with a contribution. For a yard sign or to help out on the committee, please call 674-6734.

Thank You,  
Richard Knapp, Sr. – Division 4 EVMWD

For more info visit [www.voteforRichardKnappSr.com](http://www.voteforRichardKnappSr.com) and [StopLeaps.info](http://StopLeaps.info) regarding LEAPS.

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