

Cascadia Water Rate Increase Proposal

Cascadia Water, the provider of water to all properties in Blue Ribbon Farms, is proposing a substantial rate increase. The increase affects not only Blue Ribbon Farms, but several other homeowners' associations and/or neighborhoods. The company proposed a very large increase several years ago, and thanks to the work of Vicki Colburn and other volunteers, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) denied the full increase and a much smaller one was implemented. Cascadia is once again asking for another large increase in rates and stand by charges.

A group has been formed to challenge the current increase, spearheaded by Ms. Colburn. The Group is called Water Consumer Advocates of Olympic Peninsula. If you would like to have your email address added to the list to obtain regular updates, please contact Vicki Colburn at vickinapa@sbcglobal.net

Judy Endejan, who was the attorney who handled the successful appeal last time, has once again agreed to represent the group. Ms. Endejan is an attorney known for her expertise in public utility regulation. During the last appeal, neighbors contributed to the cost of representation, which cost about \$12,000. Ms. Colburn is asking for contributions this time as well. If you are able to help fund the rate increase appeal, please drop Ms. Colburn an email.

Ms. Colburn and other volunteers are currently working on developing a spreadsheet which will allow you to see exactly how this proposed rate increase would affect your water bill. If you are on the water rate email list, you will receive a copy of the spreadsheet.