

Written Public Comment Received Prior to the 6/8/23 Special Meeting. Read into the record during the Public Comment Period.

Hi Amber!

I'd like to make the following comments/submit the following questions regarding the proposed rate increase. I have a long-standing previous commitment for Thurs at 530pm (short notice for the special meeting!), that I might not be able to reschedule, so might you or someone else be willing to read my comments aloud during the Public Comments session and distribute them to the Board and Public attending in person?

### Comments/Questions

1. I think the proposed rate hike is too much for Scotia homeowners who can't even afford to turn on their heat in winter — much less another rate hike for SCSD's basic services. I've been told there are many homeowners in this category. Isn't this the second rate hike in a row? Homeowners are moving away from Scotia because the SCSD rates are so high and keep getting higher. **This isn't good for for the ToS/Marathon selling the rest of the homes in Scotia—and that's bad news for current homeowners in terms of our property values.**
2. How much are we planning to pay the new General Manager? How much are we still paying the Arcata consultant? The SCSD reportedly paid the consultant \$65k a year out of the \$125k for Leslie Marshall's position for almost six years. Is that right? How much is the Consultant in Arcata paid now? What is the Consultant doing for the SCSD now? **Might the SCSD Board be able to find a General Manager to fill the position who can do the job without the assistance of the Arcata Consultant? If so, the SCSD could save money that way.**
3. **I also propose that the SCSD try to partner with Rio Dell's water & sewage services to reduce our rates (cheaper rates if we partner with the town next door with a larger population ? ). I also propose that we try to off-load the Scotia Park & Field to the Scotia School District and sell the Winema Theater to a private org who will make better use of it —and use the proceeds to help pay for any rising costs that are absolutely necessary.**

Thanks so much for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Jane Hartford  
Scotia Homeowner

