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Subject: WRATES response to the Staff report on the Villa Water main rupture

EXTERNAL SENDER

RE Staff Report on Villa Water Leak main/service pipe ruptures

I am a resident of Los Gatos living on W Central Ave.

More than 300 residents went through an ordeal sharing the crisis of being without water for 31 hours.

Los Gatos staff have prepared a report chronicling the events of Oct 20 to Oct 23-24 when we got water back. SJWC is going to present their version of what happened. I am suggesting that as many of us who were affected join the Town Meeting tonight to give the council their constituents' version of what it was like to live like those in Jackson, Miss for the long weekend. What is most important now is for us to tell SJWC, with the Council's backing, that we are not going to absorb the cost of the wasted water, the inconvenience of SJW egregious error in rupturing the main water pipe on Villa, and being so slow in responding and repairing the break and making accommodations.

SJW told me they own this. That means they cover the cost of all the lost water, both what leaked out of there pipes and what we wasted in clearing our pipes.

Please join the Town Hall meeting to hear SJWC presentation and to let the council, standing for reelection next Tuesday, what we expect if they want our vote.

I am a member of Water Rate Advocates for Transparency, Equity and Sustainability fighting SJWC pending water rate increase. Let's let them know if they want to serve us, they cannot repeat this as they continue to tear up the streets on Oak Hill Way, Jackson, Highland, Central, Central Court, Grove, W Central etc. They have 5-6 more months of tearing up our streets to rupture pipes they fail to locate.

We need to keep Los Gatos involved.

Pat Kearns

on the "Hill"

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Representing WRATES in recent proceedings before the CPUC

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