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"Practice what they preach"

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We urge you to follow RCSC Board President Vance Coleman's directive to attend the Arizona Corporation Commission meeting 10 a.m. Friday, Oct 7 at Sundial Recreation Center, 14801 N. 103rd Ave., to protest the proposed 14 percent increase in utility rates, despite the residents' conservation efforts. He rightly complained that ratepayers will pay more but get less.

If you attend the meeting, we urge you to also protest that, like the utility companies, RCSC has mandatory "cash cows" and, instead of 14 percent, they are increasing rates by more than 100 percent. That increase is also not adding value of services. In some cases, there is nothing in return — no vote or facility usage. Remember, not being able to vote removes the power to recall the board.

The RCSC has a history of attempting to not honor long-standing contracts. It wasted money on attorney fees on the Viewpoint Lake lawsuit. It tried to foist the \$4 million cost of relining the lake onto the adjoining property owners exclusively, contrary to their long-standing contract. The lake is owned by the RCSC and needed for golf course irrigation.

Now the RCSC is not honoring long-standing facility agreements, making up a rule out of thin air. Now, if a person has a long-standing per person facility agreement on a "second" property, he/she will have to pay a more than 100 percent increase, yet get nothing added in return. In some cases, if he/she has a "primary Arizona residence" within the 75-mile limit, there is no vote or facility usage at all.

The RCSC is in surplus, yet chooses to dishonor its long-standing contracts by doubling assessments and gouging property owners who are Sun City's pioneers!

We also encourage you to attend the 8:30 a.m. Oct 7 sundial monument dedication. The Sun City Formula Registry requested petitions to save it, halting its demolition. We appreciate the board listening to the members and giving up the idea of destroying a Sun City icon.

They listened, that's good. We want them to keep listening. We ask the RCSC to practice what it preaches. We ask the RCSC to stop gouging the property owners and honor its long-standing contracts.