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If our water were in private hands and proposed this outrageous fee increase I would expect you to oppose it for the sake of your working class constituents. I would expect you to be suspicious of its economic motives and question the value of what this change would do to the population of this city. Politically this call for more money from us is exactly what the republicans forecast as the result of owning our own water. I don't see any carve outs for non-profit workers, for health care workers below the RN degree, for artists of all kinds who make a place livable. No, this increase serves the wealthy and their need for security and clean streets and passes the buck for the rest of us literally on to the federal government programs that keep us housed and hungry for what we don't got. Call it socialised capitalism.
Kogs that you are as this economic system continues to spin out of control, this is an unwelcome present to many of the voters for the mayor and the council and for all the remainder who did not. I hope this proposal is a political straw man that you all can righteously tear down so as to be seen as working class heroes.

I have wondered for years how much more development this aquifer can sustain. Do you know? Perhaps cost is an indicator, and our withering climate.