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Dear Taxpayer:

Thank you for your recent inquiry about your tax bill. We trust the following information will help you understand our portion of your tax bill.

The San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (SBVMWD), located in the eastern portion of the San Bernardino Valley, was incorporated on February 17, 1954. Our District serves a population of approximately 600,000 people within a 328 square mile area and includes the cities and communities of Bloomington, Colton, East Highlands, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Mentone, Redlands, Rialto, Yucaipa, San Bernardino and portions of Fontana and Riverside County.

Our primary water source is from the California State Water Project (SWP) via Lake Silverwood (also known as the East Branch of the State Aqueduct). The District's State Contract Entitlement is 102,600 acre-feet per year. There are currently 42 miles of 12" to 78" diameter pipelines in the delivery system. The annual District budget is approximately \$30,000,000.

The State Water Project (SWP) was approved through a state-wide election in December, 1960. This year's SWP needs for the District's share of the project are about \$34,400,00 with payments continuing until the year 2035.

The District Tax Rate for the SWP and District Bonds in fiscal year 2008-09 is 16.50 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. For a house assessed at \$100,000, the taxes for the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District are \$165.00.

Our District is one of 29 contractors who are part of the California State Water Project. The District's maximum annual entitlement for State Project Water is 102,600 acre-feet, out of a total for all 29 contractors of 4,185,000 acre-feet.

The District supplies both native and State Water Project water for direct delivery or groundwater recharge to areas within the District boundaries. The District has constructed its major transmission pipelines as joint ventures with other water agencies to save money which would otherwise have been spent on parallel pipelines.

Please feel free to call our District Office if you have further questions about the District portion of your tax bill.

Sincerely,
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

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