



OILDALE MUTUAL WATER COMPANY

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Your Water Company Since 1919

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NOR tells Oildale Mutual – “Shut-Up!”

Stop telling citizens, taxpayers and water users what we’re up to!
NOR Water District files Legal Complaint citing Company’s Facebook, Newsletter



As the citizens of Oildale know, your water company, which has been serving you for nearly one hundred years, has filed litigation to put a stop to the excessive charges being forced on our customers by our water wholesaler, NOR Municipal Water District. We have identified some of these gross abuses via our newsletters and Facebook page, as is our right as American citizens under our country’s Constitution.

In an apparent attempt to stifle the free speech of Oildale Mutual Water Company, NOR Municipal Water District has recently filed a complaint with the court seeking, among other things, to punish the Company for daring to speak out to the citizens of Oildale. Apparently this publicly-financed district does not want you to know what its elected Board of Directors has been up to.

No matter how loudly government entities like NOR

Municipal Water District complain, Oildale Mutual Water Company will continue to speak out and demand accountability and responsible use of our customers’ dollars. We simply cannot afford to do otherwise.

Oildale Mutual looks forward to the November 6th election, where you will have the opportunity to vote for more responsible leadership on this important board. Please see our articles in this edition on the business-minded individuals willing, ready and able to clean up the NOR Municipal Water District mess, bring spending under control and return accountability to this taxpayer-funded district.

We are proud to support these men and encourage you to do the same. You can find out more information, request a yard sign or contribute to their campaigns at: www.ReformNORwater.com

WE PAY NOR WATER DISTRICT FOR OUR WATER SUPPLY. SHOULD WE HAVE TO PAY FOR THIS?

- Tens of thousands of **YOUR dollars** spent on travel junkets (China, Canada and Cuba have all been approved in the past)
- Tens of thousands of **YOUR dollars** going to Board members for mileage, travel and “meetings” – exceeding \$9,000 for a Board member in one year
- Home security system installed at employee’s private residence in Tehachapi! (NOR Director Jack Scoles...approved an \$8,200 system for their prior GM’s house – paid for by **YOU!**)
- Employee costs that are 35% higher than Oildale Mutual’s. Employee costs last year at NOR Water District exceeded \$1 million dollars...for 6 employees!
- The former general manager’s pay at NOR Municipal Water District was increased an average of over 17% per year between 2000 and 2010. This same employee received over \$60,000 in cash bonuses – that **YOU** paid for!

Q: SO WHAT CAN WE DO?

A: VOTE FOR NEW LEADERSHIP.

IF LEFT UNCHECKED YOUR WATER BILL WILL GO UP!



Unfortunately incumbent board member Jack Scoles has voted for ALL of the waste and improper personal expenditures described here.

Incumbent Jack Scoles has also pocketed over \$20,000 for himself in meeting “fees” and mileage charges since 2008 – plus thousands of dollars in travel and conference expenses.

It's time for new leadership and fiscal accountability. We support common sense and business smarts.

DENNIS MEIER for NOR Municipal Water District Board of Directors.

“Dennis Meier – The Taxpayer’s Advocate”

If there’s one thing Dennis Meier can’t stand, it’s having to pay for charges incurred by somebody else. Now, he wants to make sure that he and others won’t have to.

Backed by the Oildale Mutual Water Company, the 74-year-old Meier is campaigning for one of three soon-to-be-vacant seats on the North of the River Municipal Water District’s Board of Directors. Meier said he’s running for the office in support of the many Oildale residents who may be unaware of what’s going on behind the scenes at NOR, a wholesale water supplier.

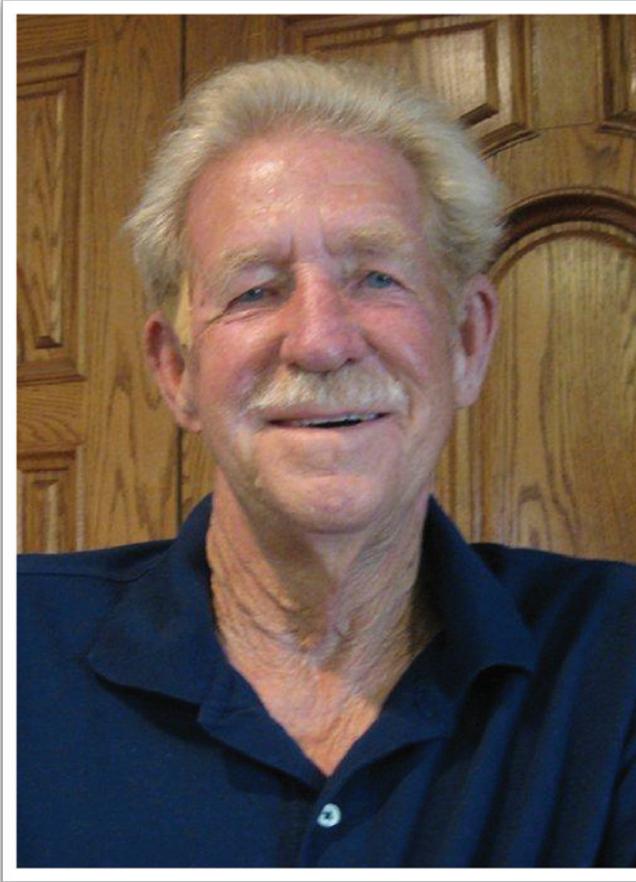
“The thing that bothers me is how corrupt things seem to be,” the soft-spoken Meier said. “People are not paying attention to stuff like they should.”

Meier calls the upcoming election a “game changer” that will alter the culture of the NOR Municipal Water District, a taxpayer financed public agency he believes is in dire need of greater accountability.

“The Board is entrenched in the way they’ve done things all these years, basically rubber stamping every charge that comes in front of them,” he said. “I want to slash some of those costs.”

Meier and his supporters say he’s spent a career learning about water and how it’s delivered. He worked more than three decades for Rain for Rent, laying pipelines for water and gas. Happily retired since 1999, he and Mary, his wife of 54 years, spend much of their time enjoying the company of their four children, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Meier said he also has the time, experience and drive



Dennis Meier

to make a difference on the Board, starting with basic fiscal responsibility. All charges incurred by NOR are supposed to be directly related to the cost of providing water, he said, but travel junkets and administrative perks somehow make it into the mix.

“Residents of Oildale are getting billed for things they don’t get a benefit from,” he said. “That’s money that doesn’t need to be spent.”

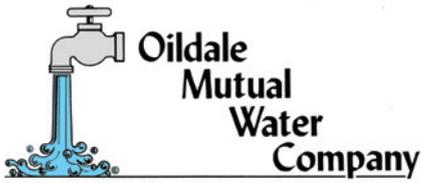
Meier noted that some of those things the NORMWD board approved and customers are paying for include the purchase of hundreds of thousands of

dollars of computer and satellite equipment, custom software, personal home security system, bonus pay as high as \$30,000 in one year and a pay package for the former GM that cost the district a jaw-dropping \$300,000.

It’s time, Meier said, to stop the financial flood.

“I agree with (OMWC President) Don Wattenbarger when he said they’re spending money on things we don’t want, don’t need and can’t afford,” Meier said. “It’s time to change the way they do things.”

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