

**TOWN OF
APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**

AGENDA MATTER

Subject Item:

WATER RATE INCREASE PROTEST/INTERVENTION UPDATE

Summary Statement:

As a result of rate increase application filings with the Public Utilities Commission by both Apple Valley Ranchos Water and Golden State Water Companies, Council directed staff in June 2008 to engage water rights special legal counsel to investigate the ability of the Town to protest and/or intervene in the rate increase process. After a preliminary investigation completed by Somach Simmons and Dunn, it was confirmed that the time period to protest the applications had passed; however, formal intervention options in the rate-making process still exist. Somach Simmons and Dunn are prepared to proceed with these options if so directed.

Recommended Action:

Provide direction to staff.

Proposed by: Director of Public Services **Item Number** _____

T. M. Approval: _____ **Budgeted Item** Yes No N/A