

ALCOSAN's web site has a hard-to-find Third Party Review of the consent agreement. The outside engineers who did it were competent. The Review is impressive, particularly the Executive Summary and Section Six which analyzes the consumer cost impact! If you can't find it, you can go the web site I put up: it's www.alcosancost.com. Included on it is this Cost and Issues paper intended for fact finding parties and concerned consumers.

Just the monitoring and paperwork alone associated with the consent will cause the present average household's ALCOSAN sewer bill (that's homeowners and renters) to rise rapidly...from a present \$294 per year to \$523 a year. Then, the effect of the \$3 billion of phased construction will kick in, raising your household's sewer bill to \$1,300 a year when the dust settles!

That Third Party Review concluded even back in 2002: *(and this is a direct quote:)* "As monies are spent for remediation it is predicted that this number will increase significantly and the only conclusion that can be drawn from this simplified approach is that a remedial plan of \$2.0 billion, let alone the \$3.0 billion referenced in the Concept Plan, is clearly unaffordable to a significant number of the municipalities." *(end of quote)*

This analysis at www.alcosancost.com indicates resulting impact will be substantial. Over 30% of the area's households are on Social Security. They have very limited ability to pay a \$1,300 sewer bill. Furthermore, as discussed in the downloadable www.alcosan.com analysis, the resulting annual bill of \$1,300 represents 3.4% of the area's Median Household Income. This is over twice that of the EPA maximum cost guideline for such projects!

All this poses very serious issues that media and concerned citizens should ask of ALCOSAN ... and of other parties. This analysis details them.

There are over 25 questions for ALCOSAN alone in the analysis such as:

- **Is inflation even included in the \$3 billion?**
- **With those high consumer costs, is the project even financeable?**
- **What's ALCOSAN's track record of bringing in project's on time and within budget?**
- **How qualified is ALCOSAN's board to oversee \$3 billion of design and construction?**
- **... and many others?**

I will be happy to provide a copy for you after the meeting ...or...you or anyone else that's interested can download the cost impact analysis and question guides at www.alcosancost.com... that's alcosancost stuck together.

Put simply: With its \$3 billion consent signature, ALCOSAN is proposing to build the equivalent of 1.3 Hoover Dams to be paid for by less than 300,000 people. [Hoover dam cost \$165 million in 1936 or \$2.3 billion today; Alcosan customers total 294,000 households with one principal breadwinner per household.]