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Water district schedules public hearing on new meter ban

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The Rancho California Water District has scheduled a public hearing on a board member's proposal to temporarily stop installing new water meters and guaranteeing water for new development projects.

It's not yet known whether the district board of directors will vote on John Hoagland's idea following the public hearing at 6 p.m. Nov. 9 at the district headquarters, 42135 Winchester Road in Temecula.

Hoagland maintains the district can't ask its current customers to conserve water while accepting new demands for service. But critics of his idea say the proposal will stifle growth as the region tries to recover from the recession.

The district serves Temecula, part of Murrieta and nearby unincorporated areas.

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