

# Havasú's mayor looks for help from Washington?

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## **Duped and hoodwinked**

Yup...that was the big news from Mr. Nexsen and city manager Cassens on Friday, October 4. They are trying to stretch out sewer debt repayment over 40 years with federal help.

That story was covered in the TNH the following morning. And, with 1,500 people in my email address book, that piece produced a lot of Internet traffic. So, what are the folks that pay the sewer bills saying about this new 40-year deal?

## **The Obama administration loves Arizona!**

John C distributed an October 3 news article from the Associated Press; *“Arizona leaders have a history of bumping heads with federal officials, including fights over illegal immigration and control of public lands. Brewer made headlines early last year when she pointed her finger at President Obama.”*

Jack J in an email response to John C commented; *“Just a few weeks ago, it didn’t take Obama’s people but three days to refuse Brewer’s request for emergency funding for the Yarnell fire disaster. And with Havasu being a hot-bed of Tea Partyers trying to impeach Obama and close the government over Obama-Care, you can bet they wouldn’t send Nexsen a bucket of warm spit if the entire town was on fire. Does Nexsen really think Havasu folks are that dumb...to think Obama is going help him fix our ugly sewer system debt?”*

## **Refinance the sewer debt over 40 years?**

That proposal also drew a bunch of comments from my email friends. Nancy D wrote; *“Good heavens...40 years means in my lifetime, I’ll never be free of the debt of this crazy sewer system! My daughter, who’ll get my house, will be thrilled with the fact that we saddled our kids with our stupid sewer debt.”*

Jason G who is a financial advisor for retirees wrote; *“Where does Nexsen get such brilliant ideas? Refinance bonds that are currently at 2% with new bonds at 3% just to lower the monthly principal payments? Which will significantly increase the total debt load due to the added interest?”*

Bookkeeper Mary O responded; *“So, Nexsen promotes his 40-year plan (which the EPA has previously outlawed) to lower principal payments by \$8 million per year...which simply defers the payments. Joan Y chimed in; In an editorial on September 22, the TNH editor stated a one-cent dedicated sales tax could generate \$10 million a year. That makes sense as we could shove some of the burden off on spring breakers, snow birds, and the boating crowd as they sure do a lot of flushing. The state just dropped its tax one-cent and did anyone notice? Nexsen could have replaced that state one-cent sales tax and produced \$100 million over ten years! But, Nexsen, who rules city hall with an iron fist, and the council voted to do nothing.”*

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