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Chairman. The dinner chairman role was a switch from the "Master of Ceremony" that is traditional at such functions.

Davis called upon former mayor and Palmdale City Councilman, Larry Chimbole to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Two injured in accident

Two persons were injured in an early-morning accident Saturday on the Antelope Valley Freeway, south of Angeles Forest Hwy., but details of the accident were not known at press time.

Hospitalized but in satisfactory condition at Palmdale General Hospital were Regina M. Moore, 37, of Mint Canyon Rd., Saugus, being treated for fractured ribs, cuts, and bruises.

More seriously injured, but recovering satisfactorily was Donald R. Hatton, 40, of Huntington Beach who received a fractured back in the accident.

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of years ago. Mojave, like all State Water Project customers in this area, would be served by the Antelope Valley - East Kern Water Agency's proposed system.

$10 Million

Robert Elland, Deputy Director of the Department of Water Resources, explained that Water Agency taxpayers have already invested more than $10 million in the State Water Project and will invest more millions every year for the next several decades, regardless how much or how little of the water is actually taken from the aqueduct and delivered to users.

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16 (street lighting), the tax rate would drop 26 cents. But for those taxpayers who live in neither of these areas, the tax rate would jump $1.29.

Homeowners in only CSA No. 16 and County Service Area 12.9 (school crossing guard), but not the PUD, would see the rate go up 89 cents.

Those living in just the PUD, but not the two county service areas would have a tax hike of 14 cents.

All these rates are based on $100 of assessed property value.
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