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Ward 2 Director John Coleman represents Lafayette. He sees his job as a customer advocate. "I try to protect the ratepayers. I opposed the last two budgets because the rates were too high," he said. Coleman would like to see a debate to have rates based on need and usage, such as on lot size, weather conditions and where customers live. "People have done an excellent job of conserving water. We're selling less than we did in 2013. Our job is to sell water, but there is a fine line between selling and conserving," the director said. He delivered the same warning as Young. "Rates are not going to be reduced. We have capital needs, and the pipelines are very old." Coleman said the district is looking at testing models for the new Lafayette Reservoir tower. "We want to preserve the tower, unless it will cost millions of dollars. Then we will be hard pressed to do it." The tower project is slated for completion in 2020. Other Lafayette projects ahead include repaving the trail around the Reservoir, which Coleman said will be completed in 2019. "And we will be tearing down the Leland Reservoir and putting in two smaller reservoirs, to improve water quality issues," Coleman said.

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According to Town Manager Cynthia Battenberg, the town is in the process of issuing warning notices and having them placed on the vehicle windshields in an effort to educate the owners prior to citing them for a violation. "We're not looking to generate revenue through this," said Police Chief Jon King. Rather, the chief pointed out the problems the auto row may cause, such as preventing those who have a legitimate need for the parking spots from using them, or crimes such as break-ins and auto theft. The auto row is across the street from the Moraga Safeway, where an armed robbery occurred in January. "You don't want your streets looking like a used car lot," added King, who said that the town is working with legal counsel on the exact wording of the ordinance to make sure it is specific enough as to exact locations. Larry Yu of Moraga parked his 2003 Mercedes Benz on the lot for five days and said he had about three responses. He said he would not be particularly upset if the town halts the unofficial auto sales program. "I'll just take the car home. Maybe I'll buy an ad in the newspaper," Yu said. Now there's an advertising strategy whose comeback is long overdue.

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