

**Proposition 218 Notification
NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED WATER SERVICE RATE ADJUSTMENT**

**Hearing Date & Time: May 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible
Hearing Location: City of Portola, Council Chambers
35 Third Avenue, Portola, CA 96122**

The public hearing will cover the proposed 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 rate adjustments for water service. This Notice has been sent to all property owners within the City of Portola and outside of the City where the City provides water service. If adopted, the proposed rate adjustments will become effective for bills issued on or after July 1, 2011 and for bills issued on or after July 1, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015.

This Notice of Public Hearing provides information regarding the proposed rate adjustments to property owners within the City of Portola and outside of the City where the City provides water service pursuant to the requirements of California Constitution Article XIII D Section 6 (commonly referred to as Proposition 218). The proposed rate adjustments will be presented to the City Council for adoption on **May 11, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers**. This Notice also provides information on how rates are calculated, the reasons for the required rate adjustments, how customers can receive more information on the effect of the proposed rate adjustments on their water bill and how to file a protest against the proposed rate adjustments.

The City recently completed a comprehensive rate study and annually prepares an analysis of the revenues and expenditures for the water enterprise to ensure sufficient revenues are collected to effectively provide for the short and long-term water service needs of the community. Revenues received from water charges are restricted solely for the water enterprise.

HOW WATER RATES ARE CALCULATED:

Multi-Year Rate Setting Strategy -The rate study that was conducted includes a five-year look ahead at operating and capital program costs in order to forecast the necessary funds for upcoming expenses and avoid significant and unexpected increases in rates. To achieve planned service goals, incremental rate increases over a number of years are the preferred method for ensuring rate stability. Table 1 of this Notice shows the proposed rates.

Rates Based on Customer Usage Choices - Under the City's water rate structure, bills are based on customer usage choices and resulting demand on the water system. The City has a two component water rate – a minimum base charge and a consumption rate based on the volume of water used.

Service Availability Charge – A service availability charge has been developed that reflects the cost of maintaining the water system regardless of the customer's use of the system (e.g. water consumption). This charge reflects the fixed costs of maintaining the system so that when the customer returns the service is available and ready for use.

WATER DEPARTMENT:

Keeping costs down is one of our main concerns, especially during these difficult economic times. Water operations are an independent enterprise (business activity) within the City. Water department expenditures and revenues must balance while providing our customers with a high level of service and quality drinking water.

Operational costs, such as electricity for wells and the water treatment plant, fuel for vehicles and chemical costs have increased. The ever increasing requirements from the State of California add yet additional costs. Though at times the new requirements seem onerous, they are all ultimately intended to protect the water quality for our customers.

Concerns, Please Contact Us For More Information:

If you have questions or comments about the proposed water rate adjustments or wish to protest, you may:

Address The Council: Attend the Public Hearing on May 11, 2011

Telephone: (530) 832-6803

Write: PO Box 1225, 35 Third Avenue, Portola, CA 96122

Protests against the proposed rate adjustments must be submitted in writing, identify the property by street address or Plumas County Assessor's Parcel Number, the owner(s) of the property, and include the signature(s) of the property owner(s). If written protests against the proposed adjustments in the fees for water service are filed at or prior to the hearing by a majority of the property owners, the City Council will not approve the rate adjustments.

Owners of multiple properties may submit one protest for each property owned.

Table 1: CURRENT AND PROPOSED WATER RATES

CLASS	Current	Proposed				
		July 1, 2011	July 1, 2012	July 1, 2013	July 1, 2014	July 1, 2015
Monthly Meter Charge						
5/8" Meter	\$24.55	\$18.75	\$23.45	\$29.30	\$33.70	\$37.05
3/4" Meter	\$35.28	\$41.98	\$52.50	\$65.65	\$75.50	\$83.05
1" Meter	\$62.15	\$73.96	\$92.45	\$115.55	\$132.90	\$146.20
1 1/2" Meter	\$139.41	\$165.90	\$207.35	\$259.20	\$298.10	\$327.90
2" Meter	\$246.49	\$293.32	\$366.65	\$458.30	\$527.05	\$579.75
3" Meter	\$248.98	\$296.29	\$370.35	\$462.95	\$532.40	\$585.65
4" Meter	\$252.28	\$300.21	\$375.25	\$469.05	\$539.40	\$593.35
6" Meter	\$259.80	\$309.16	\$386.45	\$483.05	\$555.50	\$611.05
<i>Monthly Availability Service Charge is equal to the Monthly Meter Charge</i>						
Consumption Rate (\$/unit; 1 unit is 1,000 gallons)						
All customers	Over Allowance	All Consumption				
	\$2.39	\$2.80	\$3.65	\$4.70	\$5.51	\$6.20

How Do I Calculate My New Water Rates

Basis of Proposed Rates: The proposed rates were designed to fairly and equitably recover the cost of providing water service from all customer classes. The cost of providing service will be recovered through a fixed fee, called the **monthly meter charge** and through a variable charge, called a **consumption rate** that will apply to the amount of water you consume each billing cycle (month). The **monthly meter charge** is determined by each customer's actual meter size.

Estimating Your New Water Bill	Estimating Your New Water Bill						
<p>The fixed fee (called a monthly meter charge) and the consumption rate, that will apply to the amount of water you consume, may be estimated as follows:</p> <p>Step 1: Find your monthly meter charge - Your water meter size will determine your monthly meter charge. Table 1, located above, shows the proposed monthly meter charge for each meter size. Most residential meters are 5/8".</p> <p>Step 2: Determine your level of consumption - You can find this information in your most recent water bill in the usage column. The proposed consumption rates are listed at the top of Table 1 located above.</p> <p>Step 3: Estimate your new water bill - To calculate how much your new water bill will be, add your monthly meter charge to your consumption rate (which is the number of units of water you consume multiplied by the per unit consumption rate).</p> <p>The sample calculation on the right is for a single family home with a 5/8" meter and 8 units of consumption. Your monthly water bill will vary, depending on the number of units consumed and recorded on your meter each month.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sample calculation using rates effective July 1, 2011</p> <p>Step 1: Monthly Meter Charge From the proposed water rate table above, determine the monthly meter charge</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5/8" meter = \$18.75/month</p> <p>Step 2: Consumption Rate Assuming this customer uses 8 units of water each month</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8 units @ \$2.80 per unit \$22.40/month</p> <p>Step 3: Estimate your new bill</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>Monthly service charge:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$18.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Consumption charge:</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>\$22.40</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Projected new bill:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$41.15</td> </tr> </table> <p>Sample calculation based on a single family home using 8 units of water a month.</p>	Monthly service charge:	\$18.75	Consumption charge:	<u>\$22.40</u>	Projected new bill:	\$41.15
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposed Increase to Utility Rates



Date: June 9, 2009
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: City Council Chambers, City Hall
 735 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara will consider a recommendation to adopt a resolution, at the above-indicated time and place, to increase water, wastewater (sewer), and solid waste collection rates charged by the City. Increases would be effective on utility bills dated July 1, 2009 or later. Sample billing comparisons for current and proposed rates are shown on the reverse.

Water Rates (Applicable only to customers billed by the City for water service)

The proposed water rate increase is three and one-half percent (3.5%) of quantity charges and monthly service charges for all customer classes. Small variations above or below the 3.5% amount may occur due to rounding. The monthly bill for the average in-City single family residential customer (twelve hundred cubic feet of water) would increase from \$59.31 to \$61.39 under the proposed rates. Buy-in fees for new construction are proposed to increase as shown on the reverse. The proposed increase will fund increasing water system costs resulting from inflation, increased treatment costs caused by changes to water quality from the Zaca fire, stricter water quality regulations, and the ongoing need to repair and upgrade the water system, including rehabilitation of the City's Ortega Groundwater Treatment Plant and improvements at Cater Water Treatment Plant.

Wastewater Rates (Applicable only to customers billed by the City for sewer service)

The proposed wastewater rate increase is four percent (4%) of the City's current charges for all customer classes. Small variations above or below the 4% amount may occur due to rounding. The maximum monthly charge for a single family residential customer would increase from \$31.67 to \$32.93 under the proposed rates. Buy-in fees for new construction are proposed to increase as shown on the reverse. The proposed increase will fund increasing wastewater system costs resulting from inflation and the ongoing need for rehabilitation of the City's wastewater treatment plant and collection system.

Solid Waste Rates (Applicable only to customers billed by the City for solid waste collection)

The City proposes to increase rates for solid waste collection by up to 1.2% for all customers receiving collection services from franchised haulers within the City limits. The increase is needed in order to meet the City's contractual obligation to compensate the haulers for changes in the cost of doing business. Basic residential service (one trash can) would increase from \$25.76 to \$26.08 under the proposed rates. Residential service would continue to include up to 32 gallons of free collection for greenwaste and up to 95 gallons of free collection for mixed recycling.

Note: This notice is intended only for customers billed by the City of Santa Barbara for water, wastewater, and/or solid waste collection services. Please disregard this notice with regard to any services billed to you by other agencies. Sample charges are shown on the reverse. For a complete itemization of all current and proposed rates, go to www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/water or call (805) 564-5460.

If you oppose any of the above increases, please deliver your protest **in writing** to the City Clerk of the City of Santa Barbara at 735 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, CA, 93101, prior to or during the City Council's consideration of this item on June 9, 2009. (If you wish to submit your protest during the public hearing, please deliver it to City Staff in the Council Chamber.) Because multiple rates are being considered by City Council at the same hearing, please indicate the specific rate you are protesting.

Typical Water and Wastewater Billing Comparisons – Current vs. Proposed Rates

Customer Class	Example	Assumed Monthly Usage (hcf/mth)	Total Monthly Water & Wastewater Charges*		
			Current Rates	Proposed Rates	\$ Increase
Single Family Residential	Low User 5/8" meter	6	\$55.34	\$57.40	\$2.06
	Average User 5/8" meter	12	\$90.98	\$94.32	\$3.34
	Above Average User 1" meter	40	\$241.92	\$250.55	\$8.63
Multi-Family Residential Building	12 dwelling units 2" meter	60	\$538.61	\$558.89	\$20.28
Commercial	75% at Block 1 rate 25% at Block 2 rate 2" meter	60	\$508.85	\$527.24	\$18.39
Industrial/ High Strength Commercial	75% at Block 1 rate 25% at Block 2 rate 2" meter	100	\$834.45	\$864.94	\$30.49
Irrigation- Commercial	75% at Block 1 rate 25% at Block 2 rate 2" meter – no sewer	60	\$375.05	\$385.04	\$9.99
Recycled Water	2" meter – no sewer	250	\$527.45	\$545.69	\$18.24
Irrigation- Residential	1 acre of irrigated area 75% at Block 1 rate 25% at Block 2 rate 1" meter – no sewer Allotments are annualized – monthly average shown at right	40	\$215.29	\$222.80	\$7.51
Irrigation- Recreation		120	\$361.29	\$374.30	\$13.01
Irrigation- Agriculture		72	\$193.23	\$199.82	\$6.59
Out-of-City Customers	Currently charged at 130% of rates for corresponding in-City classes; no change is proposed in this percentage.				

* Not including 6% utility tax on water, as applicable

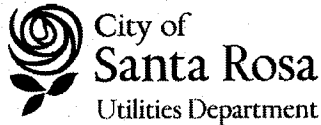
Water and Wastewater Buy-in Fees for New Construction – Current vs. Proposed

Customer Class:	Multi-Family Resid.		Single Family Resid.	All Other Classes								
	5/8"	1" & larger		5/8"	1"	1½"	2"	3"	4"	6"	8"	10"
Water Buy-in, Current:	\$1,431	\$3,579	By meter size at right	\$2,805	\$7,013	NA	\$22,440	\$44,881	\$70,126	\$140,252	\$224,403	\$322,579
Proposed:	\$2,904	\$7,261		\$5,691	\$14,227	\$28,455	\$45,528	\$91,056	\$142,275	\$284,549	\$455,279	\$654,463
Sewer Buy-in, Current:	\$1,143	\$2,240	\$2,240	\$2,240	\$5,601	NA	\$17,922	\$35,844	\$56,007	\$112,014	\$179,222	\$257,631
Proposed:	\$2,101	\$4,118	\$4,118	\$4,118	\$10,294	\$20,588	\$32,941	\$65,882	\$102,941	\$205,882	\$329,411	\$473,528

Typical Trash, Recycling, & Greenwaste Billing Comparisons Current vs. Proposed Rates @ 1.2% Increase

Service Level	Current Rates	Proposed Rates	\$ Increase
Basic Residential Service (32-gal trash, 32-gal greenwaste, up to 95-gal recycle)	\$25.76	\$26.08	\$0.32
Basic Multi-Unit Residential (4-32 gal trash/week, + up to 95-gal greenwaste, up to 95-gal recycling)	\$33.98	\$34.40	\$0.42
Basic Business Service (32-gal trash/week, up to 95-gal greenwaste, up to 95-gal recycle)	\$25.76	\$26.08	\$0.32

For more information, including a complete itemization of all current and proposed rates:
www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/water or (805) 564-5460



**CITY OF SANTA ROSA PROPOSITION 218
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED INCREASES TO WATER, RECYCLED
WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE CHARGES**

DATE: December 6, 2011
TIME: At or after 5:00 PM
LOCATION: Santa Rosa City Council Chamber, City Hall
 100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa

You are receiving this notice because you are either a City of Santa Rosa water, recycled water and/or wastewater customer or you own property that is receiving City water, recycled water and/or wastewater service. The City Council will be considering a recommendation from the Board of Public Utilities to adopt increases to the water, recycled water and wastewater service charges at a public hearing on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at the Santa Rosa City Council Chamber, 100 Santa Rosa Avenue. The hearing will start at 5:00 PM or after. The new service charges, if adopted, will go into effect on or after January 14, 2012.

The City's Water, Recycled Water and Wastewater Utilities

The City of Santa Rosa provides water services to over 50,000 residential, commercial, industrial and irrigation customers. The City provides approximately 7 billion gallons of water per year and maintains over 620 miles of water pipelines, 6,500 fire hydrants, and 22 storage tanks. The City provides wastewater services to approximately 45,000 customers, maintaining over 580 miles of sewer mains and 19 wastewater lift stations. In addition, the City owns and operates the Subregional Water Reuse System, providing wastewater treatment, disposal and reuse for more than 225,000 people in Santa Rosa, Cotati, Rohnert Park, Sebastopol and South Park Sanitation District. The City's share of the costs to run the Subregional Water Reuse System is approximately 75%, with the other four user agencies contributing the remaining 25%. The Subregional Water Reuse System is one of the largest water recyclers in the state, reusing between 90-100% of the recycled water it produces annually for urban irrigation, agricultural irrigation and to recharge the Geysers steam fields to produce energy.

How are the City's utilities funded?

The City's utilities are enterprises, supported by water, recycled water and wastewater service charges and fees. Service charges and fees for service are used to pay for the ongoing operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of existing water, recycled water and wastewater systems. Costs associated with growth and serving new development are paid for from connection or demand fees. This public notice and the public hearing will only cover proposed increases in water, recycled water and wastewater service charges.

How has the City Utilities Department cut costs?

Santa Rosa continues to make every effort to keep costs down while maintaining the high level of service that customers have come to expect. The 2011/2012 Utilities Department budget is less than any Utilities Department budget since fiscal year 2005/06. Over the past few years, the City has worked with employees to reduce labor costs and the Utilities Department has acted to significantly reduce expenses by eliminating positions and reducing operating costs. For the most recent budget for Fiscal Year 2011/2012, the Utilities Department reduced the budget for water by 8.9%, for wastewater by 2.8%, and for the Subregional Water Reuse System by 3.9%.

Reasons for the Proposed Service Charge Increases

Service charge increases are necessary to cover the rising cost of services and supplies, as well as to comply with new, unfunded regulations requiring retrofits and upgrades to existing facilities. There are several reasons for the proposed service charge increase:

- Capital improvement projects to repair/replace and maintain aging water and sewer infrastructure
- New construction projects to meet existing customers' storage and fire flow needs
- Restoration of water fund reserves that have been drawn down due to the economic recession
- Increasing rate revenue stability by re-balancing the water fixed monthly charge
- Costs associated with new required environmental regulations

How would the service charges change?

Service charges are comprised of two components: 1) a user charge based on the amount of water used or wastewater flow generated each billing period, and 2) a fixed monthly charge based on customer meter size. The City is proposing the following increases to user charges and fixed monthly charges for water, recycled water and wastewater for 2012 and 2013:

- 2012 - 1% increase for the water and recycled water user charges, an 18% increase (\$1.50 per month for the average single-family residential customer) for the water and recycled water fixed monthly charges, and a 3% increase for both the wastewater fixed monthly charges and user charges.
- 2013 - 1% increase for the water and recycled water user charges, a 15.2% increase (\$1.50 per month for the average single-family residential customer) for the water and recycled water fixed monthly charges, and a 3% increase for both the wastewater fixed monthly charges and user charges.

Water, Recycled Water and Wastewater Rate Structures

Santa Rosa has a rate structure that encourages water conservation. Customers are charged a fixed monthly charge based on meter size and a user charge based on usage, per thousand gallons, for each billing period. The following details the rate structure for each type of customer:

- **Single-Family Residential (SFR)** customers are charged a water fixed monthly charge based on meter size and a user charge based on a four tiered water rate structure that encourages water conservation. In addition to the water fixed monthly charge, SFR customers that have water-only accounts (accounts with no City-provided wastewater service) that use City water for both indoor and irrigation uses are assigned a water cap and charged a user charge based on a four tiered water rate structure. The water cap is calculated by averaging usage during winter billing periods occurring during the months of November through March. In addition to the water fixed monthly charge, SFR customers with no sewer cap due to an absence of irrigation usage have all water billed at the Tier 1 user charge.
SFR customers are charged a wastewater fixed monthly charge based on meter size and a wastewater user charge based on calculated wastewater use as defined by the sewer cap (see below).
- **Sewer Cap** is determined based on indoor water usage, this is calculated by averaging usage during winter billing periods occurring during the months of November through March. During any billing period, if water usage is less than the sewer cap, accounts are charged wastewater user charges on the basis of actual water usage (the lesser amount).
- **Multi-family/Industrial/Commercial** customers are charged a water fixed monthly charge based on meter size and a user charge based on a uniform rate. Multi-family/Industrial/Commercial customers are charged a wastewater fixed monthly charge based on meter size and a wastewater user charge based on calculated wastewater use as defined by the sewer cap (see above).
- **Dedicated Irrigation Accounts** have a meter used only for irrigation and are charged a water fixed monthly charge based on meter size and a user charge based on site-specific billing period water budgets determined for each billing period in arrears.
- **Recycled Water** customers use recycled water for irrigation or other eligible uses and are charged a recycled water fixed monthly charge based on meter size and recycled water user charges based on site-specific billing period water budgets determined for each billing period in arrears.
- **Billing Period Water Budget** is the amount of water that the landscape needed during the billing period and is determined by using the site's square footage measurements for the type of landscape and the evapotranspiration rate.

Other Pertinent Rate-Related Changes – Minimum Sewer Charge

Pursuant to City Code Section 15-20.040(C), the City has the authority to set a minimum sewer user charge. The minimum sewer user charge will be set at 1,000 gallons per month or a sewer cap of 1.0. During any billing period, if water usage is less than 1,000 gallons, accounts will not be billed user charges.

Estimating Your Utility Bill

An average single-family residential customer having a sewer cap of 4,000 gallons and using 7,000 gallons of water per billing period will see his/her bill increase by \$3.81 per bill in 2012. However, every customer's usage is unique and each customer's bill will vary. You can estimate how the proposed service charges will affect your utilities bill in 2012 by using the formulas below. You will need a copy of a recent utility bill. From your utility bill, locate your fixed monthly charge determined by your meter size (most single-family residential accounts have a 5/8" meter), your sewer cap, and the amount of water that you use in each tier. Use the information from your bill and the amounts from the tables on the next page with the equations below:

Proposed Single Family Residential Water Charges:

$$\text{Fixed Cost by meter size} + \left(\text{Tier 1 water use} \times \frac{\$ \text{ per } 1000 \text{ gallons}}{1000} \right) + \left(\text{Tier 2 water use} \times \frac{\$ \text{ per } 1000 \text{ gallons}}{1000} \right) + \left(\text{Tier 3 water use} \times \frac{\$ \text{ per } 1000 \text{ gallons}}{1000} \right) + \left(\text{Tier 4 water use} \times \frac{\$ \text{ per } 1000 \text{ gallons}}{1000} \right) = \text{Est. Monthly Water Bill}$$

2012 Single Family Residential Calculation Example:

$$\mathbf{\$9.85 + (4 \times \$4.55) + (3 \times \$5.24) = \$43.77 \text{ (Est. monthly water bill)}}$$

This example is based on a 5/8" meter, sewer cap of 4,000 gallons (or 4.0), and 7,000 gallons of water usage

Proposed Sewer Charges:

$$\text{Fixed Cost by meter size} + \left(\text{Sewer Usage} \times \frac{\$ \text{ per } 1000 \text{ gallons}}{1000} \right) = \text{Est. Monthly Sewer Bill}$$

2012 Sewer Calculation Example:

$$\mathbf{\$19.57 + (4 \times \$12.00) = \$67.57 \text{ (Est. monthly sewer bill)}}$$

This example is based on a 5/8" meter and 4,000 gallons of sewer usage

Proposed Service Charge Increases – User Charge

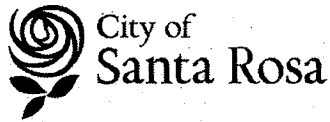
User Charge (per 1,000 gallons)	Current Charge (\$ per 1,000 gallons)	Proposed increase effective 1/14/2012	Proposed increase effective 1/1/2013
WATER			
Single-Family Residential			
Tier 1 (up to the sewer cap)	\$4.50	\$4.55*	\$4.60*
Tier 2 (Sewer cap to 8,000 gallons above sewer cap)	\$5.19	\$5.24*	\$5.29*
Tier 3 (8,001 to 30,000 gallons above sewer cap)	\$6.47	\$6.53*	\$6.60*
Tier 4 (Over 30,000 gallons above sewer cap)	\$9.71	\$9.81*	\$9.91*
Dedicated Irrigation			
Tier 1 (Up to 125% of billing period water budget)	\$4.75	\$4.80*	\$4.85*
Tier 2 (126 - 200% of billing period water budget)	\$6.47	\$6.53*	\$6.60*
Tier 3 (Over 200% of billing period water budget)	\$9.71	\$9.81*	\$9.91*
Multi-Family Residential	\$4.96	\$5.01*	\$5.06*
Commercial and Industrial	\$4.96	\$5.01*	\$5.06*
RECYCLED WATER			
Dedicated Irrigation			
Tier 1 (Up to 125% of billing period water budget)	\$4.51	\$4.55*	\$4.59*
Tier 2 (126 - 200% of billing period water budget)	\$6.47	\$6.53*	\$6.60*
Tier 3 (Over 200% of billing period water budget)	\$9.71	\$9.81*	\$9.91*
Commercial and Industrial	\$4.71	\$4.76*	\$4.80*
WASTEWATER			
All customers	\$11.65	\$12.00	\$12.36

* Plus or minus the automatic adjustment that passes through any adopted increases or decreases in the wholesale charges for water established by the Sonoma County Water Agency (City Code Section 14-08.15)

Proposed Service Charge Increases – Fixed Monthly Charge

Monthly Fixed Service Charge (by meter size)	Current Charge (\$)	Proposed increase effective 1/14/2012	Proposed increase effective 1/1/2013
WATER			
5/8" meter	\$8.35	\$9.85	\$11.35
1" meter	\$15.21	\$17.95	\$20.68
1½" meter	\$29.07	\$34.30	\$39.52
2" meter	\$48.86	\$57.65	\$66.42
3" meter	\$114.27	\$134.84	\$155.33
4" meter	\$194.40	\$229.39	\$264.26
6" meter	\$425.58	\$502.18	\$578.52
RECYCLED WATER			
5/8" meter	\$7.52	\$8.87	\$10.22
1" meter	\$13.69	\$16.15	\$18.61
1½" meter	\$26.16	\$30.87	\$35.56
2" meter	\$43.97	\$51.88	\$59.77
3" meter	\$102.84	\$121.35	\$139.80
4" meter	\$174.96	\$206.45	\$237.83
6" meter	\$383.02	\$451.96	\$520.66
WASTEWATER			
5/8" meter	\$19.00	\$19.57	\$20.16
1" meter	\$42.32	\$43.59	\$44.90
1½" meter	\$90.31	\$93.02	\$95.81
2" meter	\$157.33	\$162.05	\$166.91
3" meter	\$349.03	\$359.50	\$370.29
4" meter	\$617.36	\$635.88	\$654.96
6" meter	\$1,384.07	\$1,425.59	\$1,468.36

VISIT SRCITY.ORG/UTILITYRATES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED SERVICE CHARGE INCREASES



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SANTA ROSA, CA 95402

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ATTENTION

This notice contains important information about proposed rate increases for water, recycled water, and wastewater services.

Notice of Public Hearing

Date: December 6, 2011

Time: At or after 5:00 PM

**Santa Rosa Council Chamber
100 Santa Rosa Avenue,
Santa Rosa**

On Tuesday, December 6, 2011, at or after 5:00 PM, the Santa Rosa City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the proposed increases to water, recycled water and wastewater service charges as described in this notice.

Additional information is available on the City's website at srcity.org/utilityrates

How to protest the proposed rate increases

All owners and tenants of property receiving water, recycled water and/or wastewater service, all City water, recycled water and/or wastewater customers, and interested persons are invited to attend the Public Hearing and be heard about proposed increases to the service charges for water, recycled water and wastewater service. An owner or tenant of property receiving City water, recycled water or wastewater service may protest the proposed increased service charges by submitting a written protest by mail or in person to the City Clerk, 100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Room 10, Santa Rosa, CA 95404. Written protests must be received (*not postmarked*) by the City Clerk before or during the public hearing. Any protest submitted by e-mail or other electronic means will not be accepted.

The protest must be signed by the property owner(s) or tenant(s) and must include the assessor's parcel number(s) or street address(es) of all property(ies) serviced. Only one written protest per identified parcel or property will be counted for purposes of determining whether there is a majority protest.

Cost data regarding the proposed increased charges is available for review during business hours at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Room 10. For questions call (707) 543-3150. Additional information about the proposed increases may be found at srcity.org/utilityrates.



Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency

5 Harris Court, Building D, Monterey, CA 93940
(831) 372-2385 • (831) 449-6366 • (831) 722-9288

ATTACHMENT A

Notice of Public Hearing

The Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency (MRWPCA) Board of Directors recommended consideration of the proposed scheduled of maximum rates for July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014 shown in the table below for treatment of wastewater.

Utility fee calculations are based on the cost of operation and maintenance expenses (including labor, utilities, supplies and materials), capital expenditures for infrastructure (including buildings, roadways and pipelines), debt service payments on bonds and other debt, and adequate reserves for meeting capital and operational needs;

This rate increase is due to the rising costs of treating wastewater and is based on the actual cost of providing the service.

Before taking final action on the proposed rate increase, a public hearing for the proposed increase will be June 27, at 7:00 p.m. at the MRWPCA administration office at 5 Harris Court, Building D, Monterey. For additional information regarding the increase call MRWPCA Customer Service Department at (831) 372-2385, (831) 449-6366 or (831) 722-9288.

If adopted, the fee increase will go into effect on July 1, 2011 and July 1 of each subsequent year. Protests regarding the proposed increases must be submitted in writing to the address listed above before or at the public hearing. Protests must contain a description that is sufficient to identify a property (such as parcel number), must identify the owner(s) of the property or properties for which the protest is entered, and be signed by the property owner(s) or by the tenant directly responsible for payment of the fees subject to the proposed increase. Only one protest may be filed per parcel or service address. Proposed user fees are listed in the chart.

	Current	Proposed		
		7/1/2011	7/1/2012	7/1/2013
Business/Government	\$8.30	\$8.70	\$9.20	\$9.75
Residential	\$12.00	\$12.75	\$13.50	\$14.30
Hotel/Motel	\$4.95	\$5.30	\$5.60	\$5.95
Bed&Breakfast Inn	\$3.30	\$3.55	\$3.75	\$4.00
Supermarket	\$78.35	\$86.15	\$91.30	\$96.80
Medical Office	\$10.70	\$11.15	\$11.80	\$12.50
Dental Office	\$14.45	\$15.10	\$16.00	\$16.95
Rest Home/Convalescent	\$3.10	\$3.30	\$3.50	\$3.70
General Hospital	\$18.35	\$19.55	\$20.70	\$21.95
Animal Hospital	\$21.50	\$22.90	\$24.25	\$25.70
Restaurant—One Meal	\$0.75	\$0.80	\$0.85	\$0.90
Restaurant—Two Meals	\$1.15	\$1.25	\$1.35	\$1.45
Restaurant—Three Meals	\$2.15	\$2.40	\$2.55	\$2.70
Restaurant w/Bar	\$2.15	\$2.40	\$2.55	\$2.70
Bar	\$18.75	\$19.75	\$20.95	\$22.20
Nightclub	\$54.65	\$57.70	\$61.15	\$64.80
Takeout Food—Small	\$26.50	\$27.15	\$28.80	\$30.55
Takeout Food—Medium	\$64.10	\$69.75	\$73.95	\$78.40
Takeout Food—Large	\$116.30	\$122.60	\$129.95	\$137.75
Bakery	\$30.10	\$33.55	\$35.55	\$37.70
Theater	\$25.35	\$27.00	\$28.60	\$30.30
Bowling Center	\$77.20	\$81.00	\$85.85	\$91.00
Mortuary	\$38.40	\$42.20	\$44.75	\$47.45
School (Minimum)	\$8.30	\$8.70	\$9.20	\$9.75
School (0-6)	\$0.10	\$0.10	\$0.10	\$0.10
School (7-College)	\$0.20	\$0.20	\$0.20	\$0.20
Boarding School	\$2.40	\$2.55	\$2.70	\$2.85
Service Station/Repair	\$8.80	\$9.25	\$9.80	\$10.40
Dry Cleaners	\$26.50	\$27.80	\$29.45	\$31.20
Laundromats	\$6.70	\$7.00	\$7.40	\$7.85
Vacant Residence	\$7.20	\$7.65	\$8.10	\$8.60
Vacant Business	\$6.35	\$6.65	\$7.05	\$7.45



Carmel Area
Wastewater District
3945 Rio Road
Carmel, CA 93923
831.624.1248

CAWD is a special district dedicated to protecting public health and the environment with the cost-effective collection and treatment of wastewater and the return of clean water to the environment.

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**LOOKING FOR A
REASON TO DINE OUT?**

Eating at your favorite Carmel restaurant will help keep CAWD fees in check after we install a new Receiving Station in February 2011. The station will accept drop-offs from haulers who transport discarded oil and fats from local restaurants for recycling.

Currently our microturbines save about \$36,000 each year in energy costs by recapturing methane gas, a plant by-product. Adding more oil and grease to our digester will increase gas production, saving an additional \$7,200 annually on our PG&E bill.

In addition, haulers will pay a per gallon tipping fee to CAWD, generating \$76,000 in new revenue each year. This is just one example of how we continually strive to reduce costs and maximize plant operation.

**— Proposition 218 Notification —
Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Sewer Rate Increase**

Thursday, June 24, 2010

9:30 am

**Carmel Area Wastewater District
3945 Rio Road
Carmel, CA 93922**

On June 24, 2010, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be taken up, the Carmel Area Wastewater District (CAWD) Board of Directors will hold a public hearing prior to the adoption of its sewer rates. The hearing will be held at the District Offices located at 3945 Rio Road, Carmel, CA 93922.

Carmel Area Wastewater District is a self-supporting entity—we depend upon sewer rates and charges to fund the operating and maintenance costs of the wastewater treatment plant and collection system. Sewer rates are established each year effective July 1. The District utilizes a rate model devised by the State Water Resources Control Board that allocates costs based on flow, biochemical oxygen demand, and suspended solids across designated customer categories. The table set forth below details the proposed rate increase for each customer category. By a significant margin, the largest customer category in our service area is residential. The rate increase we propose for residential customers is equivalent in dollar terms to an increase of \$1.39 per month in fiscal year 2010-11 and \$1.46 per month in fiscal year 2011-12.

The primary reasons we need to increase rates is because of cost hikes that other vendors pass along to us, coupled with a loss of interest and investment income due to the current economic downturn. We must absorb constant price increases for hauling services, commodity products, power and water. While we vigilantly track cost-effectiveness and implement money-saving alternatives whenever possible, there simply are no substitutes on the market for many of the chemicals we need to transform wastewater into clean water that can be safely discharged into the environment. Please see the article on page one of our accompanying newsletter for more budget details.

The procedural requirements of Proposition 218 require that the District provide a notice of the proposed rate schedule to all property owners of record forty-five (45) days prior to holding a public hearing. In order for the increase to "not take effect," a majority of the property owners are required to file opposition to the increase.

Property owners may file a written and signed protest against the proposed increase with the Board of Directors of Carmel Area Wastewater District (CAWD) at or before the close of the public hearing. To be valid, a protest must be in writing even if you plan to attend the public hearing. E-mail protests cannot be formally considered. Each written protest must include the parcel owner's name, service address, assessor's parcel number for the parcel served, and the parcel owner's signature. Only one protest will be counted per parcel. If you own more than one parcel, you may file a single protest, but it must identify each parcel you own. The protest must be signed by the property owner(s). If the signer(s) is not shown on the last equalized assessment roll of Monterey County as the owner(s) of the property, the signer(s) must provide written evidence of ownership of said property. At the hearing, the Board of Directors shall hear all protests and tabulate the ballots.

For more information regarding the proposed rate plan, please call Barbara Buikema, CAWD Finance Officer, at (831) 624-1248.

Carmel Area Wastewater District Proposed Sewer Rate Increases for 2010-2012

User Categories	2010-11 Proposed Annual Rates	%	2011-12 Proposed Annual Rates	%
		Change		Change
Veterinary Offices (each location)	\$ 693.50	4.84%	\$ 724.50	4.40%
Vet Hospital/Boarding (each location)	\$ 1,676.00	4.87%	\$ 1,750.00	4.42%
Bakery (each location)	\$ 1,123.00	4.86%	\$ 1,170.00	4.19%
Bar (each location)	\$ 588.00	4.68%	\$ 605.82	3.03%
Beauty Salon (each location)	\$ 430.00	5.41%	\$ 452.00	5.12%
Business/Govt./Retail (1-10 employees = one unit)	\$ 219.40	5.86%	\$ 230.42	5.02%
Camera/Photo (each location)	\$ 308.00	4.40%	\$ 318.92	3.55%
Church/Synagogue/Mission (each location)	\$ 313.00	5.15%	\$ 330.00	5.43%
Convalescent Hospital (per bed)	\$ 174.90	4.77%	\$ 182.26	4.21%
Dental Office (per dentist)	\$ 350.00	0.00%	\$ 350.00	0.00%
Gym/Health Spa (each location)	\$ 415.00	4.56%	\$ 431.12	3.88%
Hotel/Motel (per room)	\$ 188.00	4.85%	\$ 194.79	3.61%
Laundromat (per machine)	\$ 319.50	5.00%	\$ 334.60	4.73%
Laundry (each location)	\$ 1,482.00	3.94%	\$ 1,553.00	4.79%
Market (each location)	\$ 544.10	5.00%	\$ 571.32	5.00%
Medical Office (per physician)	\$ 190.00	4.86%	\$ 196.00	3.16%
Residential/Minimum vacant (each location)	\$ 370.50	4.72%	\$ 388.00	4.72%
Restaurants (per seat/meal)	\$ 26.22	4.80%	\$ 27.54	5.03%
School (per population)	\$ 14.32	4.99%	\$ 14.90	4.05%
Service Station (per pump)	\$ 1,186.00	5.37%	\$ 1,256.94	5.98%
Supermarket (each location)	\$ 11,451.08	2.74%	\$ 12,013.78	4.91%
Special Users (each location)	\$ 325.60	3.63%	\$ 338.02	3.81%

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE RESTRUCTURING AND INCREASE IN WATER RATES AND CHARGES

Dear Customer:

Glendale Water & Power (GWP) is proposing new rates and charges for its water utility. This notice explains the rate design and revenue adjustments that will be recommended to the Glendale City Council at the date, time, and location specified below.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for the proposed rate restructuring and increases will be held on Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Glendale Council Chambers, 613 E. Broadway, 2nd Floor.

WHY IS THERE A NEED FOR INCREASED REVENUE FOR THE WATER UTILITY?

In recent years, GWP has depleted cash reserves to pay for the costs and expenses to operate the water utility. The costs incurred by GWP to operate, maintain, repair and replace infrastructure such as pipes, pumps and other essential facilities continue to increase. The increases associated with GWP's expenses include the increased cost of purchased water, regulatory compliance, water treatment, outside services, material, and energy costs for ground water pumping. The proposed water rates will ensure that the water utility collects sufficient revenue to cover fixed expenses, fund capital improvements through revenue bonding, and build up cash reserves to fund ongoing repair and replacement of the water system in future years to maintain reliable service.

Like many other Southern California utilities, Glendale supplements local water resources with water purchased from the Metropolitan Water District (MWD). The cost of MWD continues to increase. In 2009, due to the higher price for water and the MWD reduced supplies, Glendale was faced with the challenge of asking customers to lower their use, thus lowering sales, while continuing to manage costs, address infrastructure needs, and maintain financial stability. Although Glendale is no longer under mandatory water conservation, it's not expected or recommended for customers to use water inefficiently. While California is still faced with inadequate regional water supplies and GWP continues to purchase a portion of its overall water needs from MWD, a new rate design has been developed to reflect the customers' current and projected water demand and to fund the utility's expenses.

The proposed rates and charges are calculated based on the cost to provide service to the area. Required revenue is based on projected expenses for operations, maintenance, and required repairs and/or replacement. Projected income is based on past volumetric sales, distinguishing income derived from Fixed Charges and Commodity Charges. The fixed monthly service charge recovers fixed costs of providing water services, which are allocated based on number of accounts and the size of a customer's water meter. The commodity charge recovers variable costs of providing water service, including the cost of ground water production, direct and indirect costs of purchased water from MWD, and costs associated with the delivery of water which are allocated based on the demand (amount of base & peak usage) that each customer class places on the water utility. In order for GWP to continue providing efficient and high quality water service to its customers, the proposed restructured rates will enable it to collect revenue for the expenses of the operation of the water utility. The proposed revenue increase will be 2% for the first year, 2% for the second year, 4% for the third year, and 5% for the fourth year.

WHY IS THE RATE STRUCTURE CHANGING?

In an effort to innovate rates and promote efficient use of water, the City Council has encouraged and requested that GWP design a new rate structure that is cost-based and accomplishes the goal of water efficiency. The proposed rate structure accomplishes this goal as the new single-family rate structure encourages conservation through appropriate price signaling.

HOW IS THE NEW RATE DESIGN DIFFERENT?

The existing single class rate structure was expanded to four distinct customer classes (Single-Family, Multi-Family, Commercial, and Irrigation). Based on a detailed multi-year consumption analysis and detailing of billing records, accounts were grouped based on user classification and peaking factor to create an appropriate and equitable rate design. The total cost of serving each customer class is determined by distributing each of the utility cost components among the user classes based upon the respective service requirements of each customer class. As such, a cost of service rate study enables a water utility to proportionately allocate cost to each customer class and adopt rates that equitably recovers those costs from the accounts within the respective customer class. For single-family customers, the rate redesign changes the existing two-tiered rate structure to one with five-tiers, which reflects the increased cost of providing service as customers consume a greater amount of water. For multi-family customers, the rate redesign provides three tiers, and for commercial and irrigation customers, there is a single tier.

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT MY WATER BILL?

As an example, the average monthly consumption for single-family residential customers in Glendale is approximately 19 Hundred Cubic Feet (hcf) at the cost of \$63.78. The proposed revenue adjustment with the rate redesign will result in a \$4.13 decrease in the monthly bill of a single-family residence that uses 19 hcf for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2011-2012. A single-family customer that consumes the Glendale average (19hcf) would be charged as follows:

This notice is being sent to property owners in the City of Glendale listed in the Los Angeles County Assessor's database as well as to all individuals who are electric and water customer account holders. As a result, you may receive this notice in duplicate. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

	Existing Structure & Rates		Proposed Structure & Rates		Difference	
	Unit Cost	Tier Cost	Unit Cost	Tier Cost		
Customer Charge (varies by meter size, 5/8" meter shown)		15.66		18.73	3.07	
Commodity (usage) Charge (varies by consumption)	Existing Consumption Blocks	Unit Cost	Tier Cost	Proposed Consumption Blocks	Unit Cost	Tier Cost
Tier 1	0 - 10 units	\$ 2.07	\$ 20.75	0 - 6.26 units	\$ 1.52	\$ 9.54
Tier 2	>10.01	3.04	27.37	6.27 - 12.52	1.89	11.84
Tier 3		N/A		12.53 - 31.03	3.02	19.55
Tier 4		N/A		31.04 - 40.28	3.35	
Tier 5		N/A		> 40.29	3.85	
Water Adjustment Charge	All Water Units	TBD		MWD Water Units	TBD	
Total Commodity Charge		\$ 48.12		\$ 40.92		(7.19)
Total Monthly Charge (Bill)		63.78		59.65		(4.13)

(1) WAC - Adjusted semi-annually based on actual expenditures

HOW TO FIND OUT MORE DETAILS

You can get more detailed information by contacting the GWP Customer Services Department at **(818) 548-3300**.

In addition, three Community Meetings have been scheduled to discuss the proposed rate restructure and revenue increase with customers. For more information on these Community Meetings please check our website www.GlendaleWaterAndPower.com.

- Thursday, January 12, 2012, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Sparr Heights Community Center
1613 Glencoe Way, Glendale, CA 91208
- Wednesday, January 18, 2012 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Brand Library, Recital Hall
1601 West Mountain Street, Glendale, CA 91201
- Thursday, January 19, 2012, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Pacific Edison Community Center
501 South Pacific Avenue, Glendale, CA 91204

HOW TO PROTEST THE PROPOSED CHANGES

Glendale City Council will consider the new rate structure and proposed revenue increase, along with the revised Ordinance Relating To Water Rates, at a public hearing on Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Glendale Council Chambers, 613 E. Broadway, 2nd Floor.

Under Proposition 218, if you are the owner of record, or a tenant, of a parcel(s) subject to the proposed rates, you may submit a written protest against the proposed rate increase. If written protests are filed by a majority of the affected property owners, the proposed rate increase will not be imposed.

A written protest must contain a description of the parcel or parcels in which the party signing the protest has an interest sufficient to identify the parcel(s) including Assessor's Parcel Number (APN). If the party signing the protest is not shown on the last equalized assessment roll of Los Angeles County as the owners of the parcel(s), the protest must contain, or be accompanied by, written evidence that such party is the owner, or tenant, of the parcel(s).

Written protests regarding the proposed rate increase may be mailed to: City of Glendale, City Clerk, 613 E. Broadway Ave. RM 110, Glendale, CA 91206-4393. Written protests may also be personally delivered to the City Clerk at this address. To be valid, a protest must be in writing and received by the City Clerk at or before the time of the protest hearing.

Fixed Monthly Charge

Meter Charge	Existing	Proposed			
		FYE 2012	FYE 2013	FYE 2014	FYE 2015
5/8"	\$ 15.66	\$ 18.73	\$ 19.61	\$ 21.18	\$ 23.07
3/4"	15.66	21.97	23.01	24.83	27.05
1"	15.66	28.46	29.79	32.15	35.01
1 1/2"	27.53	44.68	46.75	50.43	54.90
2"	44.70	64.15	67.11	72.38	78.77
3"	68.66	109.57	114.60	123.58	134.47
4"	116.73	174.46	182.45	196.72	214.04
6"	185.34	336.67	352.07	379.59	412.96
8"	297.22	531.34	555.61	599.02	651.66
10"	425.45	758.44	793.08	855.03	930.15

Fire Meter Charges

4"	39.08	179.41	187.65	202.37	220.21
6"	55.86	351.05	367.19	395.98	430.90
8"	78.19	561.98	587.84	633.96	689.89
10"	133.99	813.55	851.03	917.86	998.90

Variable Charges

Commodity (usage) Charge	Existing Structure & Rates		Proposed Structure & Rates				
	Existing Tiers	Unit Cost	Proposed Tiers	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015
Single Family			Allotment	Unit Cost			
Tier 1	0 - 10 units	\$ 0.840	0 - 6.26 units	\$ 1.52	\$ 1.59	\$ 1.72	\$ 1.87
Tier 2	>10.01	1.810	6.27 - 12.52	1.89	2.00	2.18	2.39
Tier 3		N/A	12.53 - 31.03	3.02	3.08	3.18	3.30
Tier 4		N/A	31.04 - 40.28	3.35	3.41	3.54	3.67
Tier 5		N/A	> 40.29	3.85	3.95	4.13	4.33
Water Adjustment Charge (1)	All Units	1.24	MWD Water Units	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Multi Family							
Tier 1	0 - 10 units	\$ 0.840	0 - 5.10 units	\$ 1.61	\$ 1.69	\$ 1.81	\$ 1.96
Tier 2	>10.01	1.810	5.11 - 10.2	2.92	2.96	3.03	3.10
Tier 3		N/A	>10.21	3.42	3.49	3.60	3.74
WAC	All Units	1.24	MWD Water Units	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Commercial							
Tier 1	0 - 10 units	\$ 0.840	All Units	\$ 2.68	\$ 2.75	\$ 2.87	\$ 3.00
Tier 2	>10.01	1.810					
WAC	All Units	1.24	All Units	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Irrigation							
Tier 1	0 - 10 units	\$ 0.840	All Units	\$ 2.87	\$ 2.95	\$ 3.08	\$ 3.24
Tier 2	>10.01	1.810					
WAC	All Units	1.24	All Units	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

(1) WAC - Adjusted semi-annually based on actual expenditures

Just as under the current rate structure, GWP proposes that the above adjustable rates and charges periodically be subject to an adjustment to accommodate future changes in the cost of purchased water and electricity. The Water Adjustment Charge (WAC) is determined every 6 months and applies to all customer classes as shown in the table above.

Glendale Water & Power is offering free Landscape Classes to all Glendale customers.

The winter season has just begun. This is the ideal time to begin planning and preparing your landscape to plant a California Friendly garden in the early spring. Join us at one of our free Saturday morning classes. Customers will also take home a free kit of water saving devices worth \$35.

In these free classes you will learn:

- step by step tips on how you can plan and grow a water-smart garden;
- how to design/redesign your landscape for water use reduction;
- how to reduce your turf area and what you can use to replace your lawn;
- information on California-friendly low-water use plants.

Upcoming Classes:

Saturday, February 11, 2012
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Glendale

Saturday, March 3, 2012
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Glendale

Saturday, March 31, 2012
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Glendale

More classes will be available in April, May and June. Space is limited and classes fill up quickly. Call or e-mail to reserve your place: 818-548-3280 or jgaines@ci.glendale.ca.us. Class location will be provided when your attendance is confirmed.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED CHANGES IN MONTHLY RATES, FEES AND CHARGES
FOR MARINA COAST WATER DISTRICT SERVICE AREAS**

Marina and the Ord Service Area

(Proposition 218 Notice)

Public Hearing for Marina Service Area: The previously scheduled meeting has been moved from July 13 to August 10, 2010, 7:00 p.m., MCWD Office, 11 Reservation Road, Marina, CA

Public Hearing for Ord Community Service Area: The previously scheduled meeting has been moved from July 9 to August 13, 2010, 3:00 p.m., FORA Conference Facility/Bridge Center, 201 13th St., Building 2925, Marina, CA

The Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) proposes to update the water and wastewater rates, fees and charges in order to be able to continue to operate, maintain and improve the District's water and wastewater facilities for the areas MCWD serves in Marina and on the former Fort Ord. The area the District serves on the former Ft. Ord is known as the "Ord Community Service Area." Except as changed by these updates, other existing rates, fees and charges will remain in effect. Changes to rates, fees and charges for the Ord Community Service Area require approval by both MCWD and the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA).

PROPOSED INCREASE FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES. The District currently charges customers a monthly fee for water based on the amount of the water consumed. The monthly consumption rate is currently an inclining block with three tiers. The District currently charges a flat rate for wastewater services. The District proposes to increase water and wastewater rates as set forth herein.

PROPOSED INCREASE FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE FEES. The District currently charges monthly service fees as a condition of service, based on the cost of labor and materials necessary to provide the services. The District proposes to increase water and wastewater service fees as set forth herein.

REASON FOR THE INCREASES. Since the last rate increase, the costs of energy, labor, raw materials and all other components necessary to provide water and wastewater services and to maintain and repair the facilities used to provide such services have increased. The proposed 7.8% for Marina and 7.8% for former Fort Ord increase is based information presented by engineering and financial advisors to the Boards of Directors of FORA and MCWD demonstrating the need to increase rates, fees and charges to maintain water and wastewater services within the MCWD's existing service areas. The specific information relating to the need for the rate increase as well as the calculation of the amount of the increase is on file at the MCWD's office.

HOW THE RATES, FEES AND CHARGES WERE CALCULATED. A study has been conducted by an independent consulting firm. That study concluded that the proposed rates will provide enough funds for the District to recover the cost of operation & maintenance and administration. All rates, fees and charges are calculated based on the cost to provide services. The water rates are calculated based on the amount of water used. Wastewater rates are calculated based on the amount of wastewater discharged, measured by equivalent dwelling units (one residence equals one dwelling unit).

PROPOSED CHANGE IN WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES.**FOR CENTRAL MARINA CUSTOMERS.****CENTRAL MARINA MONTHLY WATER RATES**

EXISTING RATE	PROPOSED RATE
Water Consumption Charge	Water Consumption Charge
\$1.93 per hcf (0-8 hcf)	Effective August 10, 2010
\$2.35 per hcf (9-16 hcf)	\$2.08 per hcf (0-8 hcf)
\$4.29 per hcf (16 + hcf)	\$2.53 per hcf (9-16 hcf)
	\$4.62 per hcf (16 + hcf)

One hcf, or hundred cubic feet, is 748 gallons

CENTRAL MARINA MONTHLY WASTEWATER RATES

EXISTING RATE	PROPOSED RATE
\$7.70 per equivalent dwelling unit	Effective August 10, 2010
	\$8.30 per equivalent dwelling unit

CENTRAL MARINA MONTHLY WATER SERVICE FEES

EXISTING FEE	METER SIZE	PROPOSED FEE (Effective August 10, 2010)
\$15.87	5/8" or 3/4"	\$17.11
\$39.66	1"	\$42.75
\$79.32	1-1/2"	\$85.51
\$126.90	2"	\$136.80
\$237.94	3"	\$256.50
\$396.57	4"	\$427.50
\$793.14	6"	\$855.00
\$1,586.28	8"	\$1,710.01
\$72.73	Temporary Water Service	\$78.40

ORD COMMUNITY SERVICE AREA CUSTOMERS.**ORD COMMUNITY SERVICE AREA MONTHLY WATER RATES**

EXISTING RATE	PROPOSED RATE
Water Consumption Charge \$2.06 per hcf (0-8 hcf) \$2.89 per hcf (9-16 hcf) \$3.73 per hcf (16 + hcf)	Water Consumption Charge Effective August 13, 2010 \$2.22 per hcf (0-8 hcf) \$3.12 per hcf (9-16 hcf) \$4.02 per hcf (16 + hcf)
Monthly Flat Rate Billing \$74.58 per unit without meter	Monthly Flat Rate Billing Effective August 13, 2010 \$80.40 per unit without meter
Monthly Capital Surcharge Billing (for new connection) \$20.00 per edu per month	Monthly Capital Surcharge Billing (for new connection) Effective August 13, 2010 \$20.00 per edu per month

One hcf, or hundred cubic feet, is 748 gallons, edu - equivalent dwelling unit

ORD COMMUNITY SERVICE AREA MONTHLY WASTEWATER RATES

EXISTING RATE	PROPOSED RATE
\$22.60 per equivalent dwelling unit	Effective August 13, 2010 \$24.36 per equivalent dwelling unit
Monthly Capital Surcharge Billing (for new connection) \$5.00 per edu per month	Monthly Capital Surcharge Billing (for new connection) Effective August 13, 2010 \$5.00 per edu per month

ORD COMMUNITY SERVICE AREA MONTHLY WATER SERVICE FEES

EXISTING FEE	METER SIZE	PROPOSED FEE (Effective August 13, 2010)
\$15.13	5/8" or 3/4"	16.31
\$37.81	1"	40.76
\$75.60	1-1/2"	81.50
\$120.96	2"	130.39
\$226.80	3"	244.49
\$378.00	4"	407.48
\$755.99	6"	814.96
\$1,511.99	8"	1,629.93
\$72.73	Temporary Water Service	\$78.40

PUBLIC HEARING – ORD SERVICE AREA. The MCWD Board and the FORA Board will hold a public meeting at 3:00 p.m. on August 13, 2010 at the FORA Conference Facility/Bridge Center at 201 13th Street, Building 2925, Marina, California. At the hearing, FORA and the MCWD will consider all protests against the proposed increases in rates, fees and charges. If written protests against any proposed change are presented by a majority of owners and tenants who pay their bills directly to MCWD, FORA and MCWD will not impose the change.

PUBLIC HEARING – CENTRAL MARINA SERVICE AREA. The MCWD Board will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. on August 10, 2010 at the MCWD Office at 11 Reservation Road, Marina, California. At the hearing, the MCWD will consider all protests against the proposed increases in rates, fees and charges. If written protests against any proposed change are presented by a majority of owners and tenants who pay their bills directly to MCWD, MCWD will not impose the change.

PROTESTS TO PROPOSED CHARGES. If you are the owner of record of a parcel or parcels served by the MCWD or you are a tenant who makes payment directly to the MCWD for rates, fees and charges for water and wastewater services, you may submit a protest against the proposed rates, fees and charges by filing a **written protest** with the District at or before the time set for the public hearing. If written protests are presented by a majority of owners, including tenants who make direct payment to MCWD, MCWD and FORA will not impose the new rates, fees and charges. A protest must contain a description of the parcel or parcels in which the party signing the protest has an interest, sufficient to identify the parcel(s). If the party signing the protest is not shown on the last equalized assessment roll of Monterey County as the owner of the parcel(s), the protest must contain, or be accompanied by, written evidence that such party is the owner of the parcel(s) or is a tenant who makes payments directly to the MCWD for water and wastewater rates, fees and charges (a copy of recent MCWD bill would be sufficient evidence). Only one protest per property will be counted. Protests regarding the proposed charges may be mailed or personally delivered to: **Marina Coast Water District, 11 Reservation Road, Marina, CA 93933-2099, and must be received by the time set for the public hearing.**

If you have any questions about this notice, please call MCWD at (831) 384-6131 during regular business hours.

PROTEST FORM

Name: _____

Address of Parcel (Service Address): _____

Assessor's Parcel Number (if known): _____

Reason for Protest: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____