

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:
PROPOSED INCREASES TO WATER RATES

Hearing Date: May 24, 2022 | 10:00 a.m.

**Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, Hall of Administration, Ventura County
Government Center, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009-1920**

Please take notice the Ventura County Waterworks District No. 19 (District) will hold a public hearing on the following proposed increases on the date, at the time and location listed above.

▪ VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 19 (Somis)

The District provides water to the community of Somis. In 2021, 0.30% of the water was imported water from the State Water Project, delivered through the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and Calleguas Municipal Water District, and the remaining 99.7% of the water was groundwater from local wells. All revenue generated from your monthly water bills is used to meet costs such as purchasing imported water, electricity, chemicals, maintenance of the water distribution infrastructure, and salaries and benefits for District staff – all of which are needed to bring water to your community. Revenues are not used for other general governmental purposes.

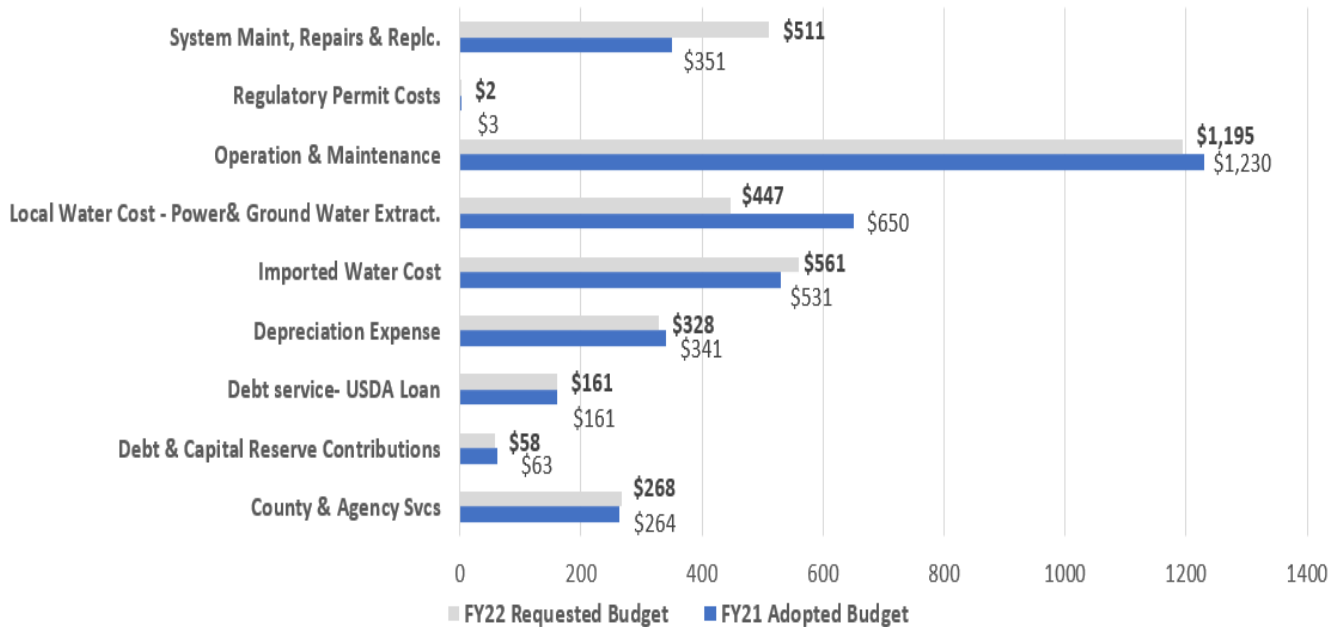
▪ WHY ARE RATE ADJUSTMENTS REQUIRED?

Our rates are based on the actual cost to provide water and sewer service to our customers and developed during the budget process. The rates must recover the cost of purchasing and producing water, maintaining, and improving the systems. The principal factors for the rate increases include:

- ❖ Increased cost of imported water of 3.5% for calendar year 2022
- ❖ Estimated increase in the cost of power up to 4% for calendar year 2022
- ❖ Estimated increase in the cost of labor of 3.5% for fiscal year 2022
- ❖ Estimated increase in the cost of materials up to 3% for fiscal year 2022
- ❖ Balcom Canyon reservoir repair & recoating in fiscal year 2023 (rate funded)
- ❖ Well #4 pump replacement in fiscal year 2023 (rate funded)
- ❖ Pipeline replacement Highway 118 in fiscal year 2023-24
- ❖ Bradley station Greentree reservoir in fiscal year 2024-2025 (debt funded)

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▪ WHAT DO THE WATER RATES PAY FOR?



▪ WHAT ARE THE CURRENT AND PROPOSED WATER RATES?

Effective beginning on the next regularly scheduled meter reading and billing cycle on or after July 1, 2022. The proposed rates will be no higher than shown.

Water Commodity Rates			
Residential		Current Rates	Proposed Rates
28-day Billing Cycle			
Tier 1	0 – 9.33 HCF*	\$2.35	\$2.41
Tier 2	9.34 – 28.93 HCF	\$2.86	\$2.93
Tier 3	> 28.94 HCF	\$3.78	\$3.87
35-day Billing Cycle			
Tier 1	0 – 11.67 HCF	\$2.35	\$2.41
Tier 2	11.68 – 36.17 HCF	\$2.86	\$2.93
Tier 3	> 36.18 HCF	\$3.78	\$3.87
Other Classes		Current Rates	Proposed Rates
Residential Multi Family		\$3.25	\$3.33
Commercial		\$3.23	\$3.31
Agricultural		\$3.02 (\$1,315.51/AF*)	\$3.10 (\$1,350.36/AF)
Industrial		\$5.35	\$5.48
Institutional		\$3.49	\$3.58
Temporary Construction		\$5.57	\$5.71
Lift Charges		\$0.23	\$0.24
* HCF = Hundred Cubic Feet (748 Gallons); *AF = Acre Feet (435.60 HCF)			

Monthly Service Charges – Meters		
Meter Size	Current Rates	Proposed Rates
3/4-inch	\$20.18	\$22.68
1-inch	\$30.88	\$31.65
1 1/2-inch	\$57.61	\$59.05
2-inch	\$89.69	\$91.93
3-inch	\$191.28	\$196.06
4-inch	\$340.99	\$349.51
6-inch	\$699.22	\$716.70
Monthly Service Charges - Fire Line		
Meter Size	Current Rates	Proposed Rates
2-inch	\$9.38	\$9.61
3-inch	\$19.35	\$19.83
4-inch	\$36.55	\$37.46
6-inch	\$98.28	\$100.74
8-inch	\$204.75	\$209.87
NOTE: Water used through private fire services will be charged at the temporary construction water rate		

▪ HOW MUCH WILL MY BILL CHANGE?

To assist you in determining the impact of the proposed rates, a bill calculator is available at <https://www.vcpublishworks.org/wsd/ratesandcharges/>

▪ HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE?

If you wish to oppose the proposed rate increases you must submit a written protest by mail prior to the public hearing to the following address: Attn: WWD19 Rate Protest, P.O. Box 250, Moorpark, CA 93020-0250. To view the Board agenda and learn how you can participate at the hearing if the Hall of Administration is closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit <http://www.ventura.org/meetings-and-broadcasts> the Thursday prior to the public hearing date. Protests must contain the following information: (1) the property's Assessor's Parcel Number and address; (2) whether you are the owner of record of the property or are a tenant/leaseholder (if you are a property owner but did not own the property as of the last tax roll on July 1, 2021, include confirmation of your property ownership); (3) a statement that you are protesting the rate increases; and (4) your name (printed), date, and original signature. The District will not count written protests received after the conclusion of the public hearing. Any verbal protests unaccompanied by a written protest or protests delivered by facsimile (fax) protests will not be counted. If you choose to submit your protest by regular mail, please allow enough time for the mail to be delivered to the District prior to the public hearing. The District is not responsible for U.S. Postal Service delays. Only one protest per property will be counted (even if multiple meters are located on the property). If you own multiple properties affected by the proposed increases, you should submit separate protests for each affected parcel, as the protest threshold is based upon a majority of the total number of parcels. Once opened, protests are disclosable public records.

Per newly enacted section 53759 of the Government Code, effective January 1, 2022, there is a 120-day statute of limitations for challenging any new, increased, or extended fee or charge from the effective date or of the date of the final passage, adoption, or approval of the ordinance, resolution or motion, whichever is later.