

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED INCREASES
TO WATER RATES, SERVICE CHARGES, RECLAIMED
WATER SERVICE CHARGES, AND INTEGRATION OF
FIVE-YEAR PASS-THOROUGH RATES**

Hearing Date: April 26, 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. 1 (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. 1 (Moorpark)**

The district provides water and sanitation services to the city of Moorpark (City) and the contiguous areas to the north and west of the City limits. The District provides 80% imported water from the State Water Project, delivered through the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, and Calleguas Municipal Water District, as well as 20% from local groundwater. The Moorpark Reclamation Facility is located west of the City along Highway 118, has a capacity to:

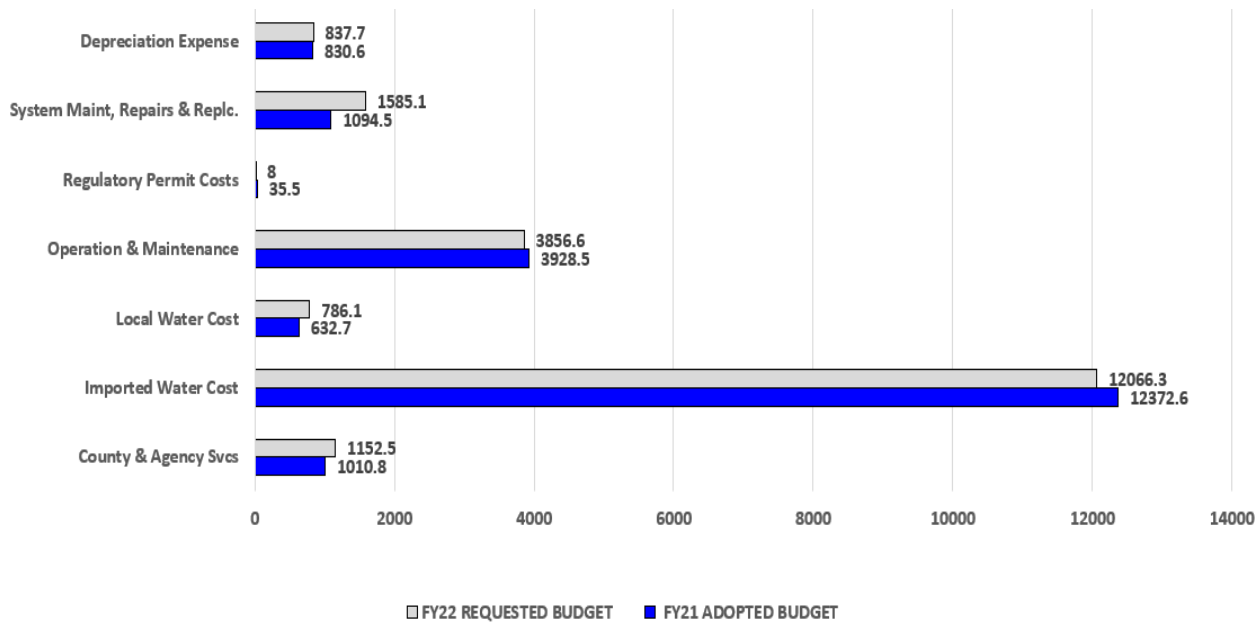
- ❖ Collect sewage via a system consists of approximately 107 miles of sewer lines and four (4) sewer lift stations
- ❖ Process 5.0 million gallons per day (MGD)
- ❖ Produce 1.5 MGD of reclaimed water for irrigation to the treatment plant, Moorpark Country Club Golf Course, Rustic Canyon Golf Course, and some agricultural customers
- ❖ Distribute recycled water through a system consisting of 7 miles of pipeline, 1 booster pump station, and 1.5-million-gallon storage reservoir

▪ **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 main 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
- ❖ The Las Posas Groundwater Basin adjudication and other litigation costs (\$415k)

■ 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. Effective for five future years starting January 1, 2023, a pass-through of Calleguas Municipal Water District rates, per Government Code 53756, with notice of pass-through adjustments not less than 30 days before the effective date. The proposed rates will be no higher than shown.

Potable Water Commodity Rates			
Residential		Current Rates	Proposed Rates
28-day Billing Cycle			
Tier 1	0 – 9.33 HCF*	\$3.95	\$4.09
Tier 2	9.34 – 23.33 HCF	\$4.72	\$4.89
Tier 3	>23.34 HCF	\$5.42	\$5.61
35-day Billing Cycle			
Tier 1	0 – 11.67 HCF	\$3.95	\$4.09
Tier 2	11.68 – 29.17 HCF	\$4.72	\$4.89
Tier 3	>29.18 HCF	\$5.42	\$5.61
Agricultural		\$4.09 (\$1,781.60/AF)	\$4.49 (\$1,955.84/AF)
Commercial		\$4.52	\$4.68
Industrial		\$4.25	\$4.40
Institutional		\$5.08	\$5.26
Multi-Family Residential		\$4.18	\$4.33
Non-Tiered Residential		\$4.84	\$5.01
Temporary Construction		\$6.44	\$6.67

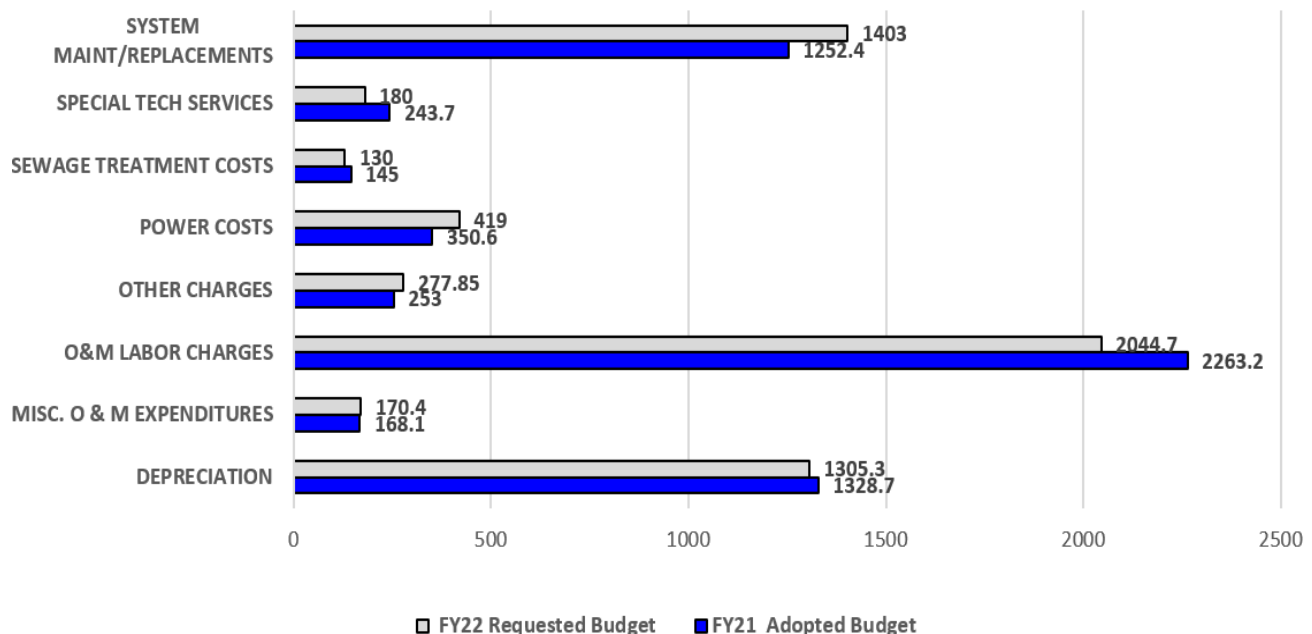
* HCF = Hundred Cubic Feet (748 Gallons); AF = Acre Feet (435.60 HCF)

Potable Water Monthly Service Charges - Meters		
Meter Size	Current Rates	Proposed Rates
3/4-inch	\$14.02	\$14.51
1-inch	\$18.91	\$19.57
1 1/2-inch	\$31.10	\$32.19
2-inch	\$45.73	\$47.33
3-inch	\$92.05	\$95.27
4-inch	\$160.32	\$165.93
6-inch	\$323.71	\$335.04
Potable Water Monthly Service Charges - Fire Line		
Meter Size	Current Rates	Proposed Rates
2-inch	\$9.18	\$9.50
3-inch	\$13.86	\$14.35
4-inch	\$21.93	\$22.70
6-inch	\$50.95	\$52.73
8-inch	\$101.01	\$104.55
10-inch	\$176.27	\$182.44
20-inch	\$1056.29	\$1093.26
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/>

■ WHAT DO THE SEWER AND RECLAIMED WATER RATES PAY FOR?



▪ WHAT ARE THE PROPOSED MONTHLY RECLAIMED METER CHARGES?

Reclaimed Water Monthly Service Charges – Agricultural Meters		
Meter Size	Current Rates	Proposed Rates
1-inch	\$12.26	\$19.57
1 1/2-inch	\$22.98	\$32.19
2-inch	\$38.21	\$47.33
3-inch	\$80.53	\$95.27
4-inch	\$155.59	\$165.93
6-inch	\$311.89	\$335.04
Reclaimed Water Monthly Service Charges – Non-Agricultural Meters		
Meter Size	Current Rates	Proposed Rates
3/4-inch	\$8.44	\$14.51
1-inch	\$14.79	\$19.57
1 1/2-inch	\$28.03	\$32.19
2-inch	\$47.06	\$47.33
3-inch	\$99.49	\$95.27
4-inch	\$193.51	\$165.93
6-inch	\$387.73	\$335.04

▪ HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE?

If you wish to oppose the proposed rate increases you must submit a written protest by mail prior to the April 26, 2022, public hearing at 10:00 a.m. to the following address: Attn: WWD1 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.

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