

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED INCREASE FOR THE SEWER RATE, AGRICULTURAL WATER RATE AND THE MONTHLY WATER SERVICE CHARGES

# Hearing Date: June 6, 2023 | 10:00 a.m.

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

# **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. In 2022, approximately 73% of water delivered was from imported sources, 18% was from local groundwater, and 9% from recycled water. The Moorpark Reclamation Facility is located west of the City along Highway 118, has a capacity to:

- Process up to 5.0 million gallons per day (MGD)
- Collect sewage via a system consists of approximately 107 miles of sewer lines and four (4) sewer lift stations
- 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 service to our customers and developed during the budget process. The rates must recover producing water, maintaining, and improving the systems. The main factors for the rate increases include:

- Minimal growth in the number of sewer customers
- Estimated increase in the cost of power up to 3.5% for calendar year 2023
- Estimated increase in the cost of labor of 3.5% for fiscal year 2023
- Estimated increase in the cost of treatment up to 3.5% for fiscal year 2023

### WHEN ARE THE RATES AND CHARGES EFFECTIVE?

The proposed rates and charges will be no higher than shown and will be effective beginning on the next regularly scheduled meter reading and billing cycle on or after July 1, 2023.

## WHAT ARE THE CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATES AND CHARGES?

|   | Potable Water Rate & Charges | 5                      |  |  |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| Classification  | Current Rate                 | Proposed Rate          |  |  |
| Agricultural  | \$4.69 (\$2,042.50/AF)       | \$4.95 (\$2,155.73/AF) |  |  |
| * HCF = Hundred Cubic Feet (748 Gallons); AF = Acre Feet (435.60 HCF) |                              |                        |  |  |

| Potable Water Monthly Service Charges - Meters |                 |                  |  |  |
|--|-----------------|------------------|--|--|
| Meter Size                                     | Current Charges | Proposed Charges |  |  |
| 4-inch   | \$167.53        | \$173.40         |  |  |
| 6-inch   | \$338.28        | \$350.12         |  |  |

|            | Sewer Rate & Charges          |                  |  |  |  |
|------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--|--|--|
| Measure    | Current Rate                  | Proposed Rate    |  |  |  |
| Per ERU    | \$28.00                       | \$29.00          |  |  |  |
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| Reciair    | med Water Monthly Service Cha | rges - weters    |  |  |  |
| Meter Size | Current Charges               | Proposed Charges |  |  |  |
| 3/4-inch   | \$14.51                       | \$15.16          |  |  |  |
| 1-inch     | \$19.57                       | \$20.45          |  |  |  |
| 1 1/2-inch | \$32.19                       | \$33.64          |  |  |  |
| 2-inch     | \$47.33                       | \$49.46          |  |  |  |
| 3-inch     | \$95.27                       | \$96.56          |  |  |  |
| 4-inch     | \$165.93                      | \$173.40         |  |  |  |
| 6-inch     | \$335.04                      | \$350.12         |  |  |  |

### **HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE?**

If you wish to oppose the proposed rate increases you must submit a written protest by mail prior to the June 6, 2023, 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's agenda and learn how you can participate please visit <a href="http://www.ventura.org/meetings-and-broadcasts">http://www.ventura.org/meetings-and-broadcasts</a> 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, 2022, 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 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.



### **30-DAY NOTICE: PROPOSED INCREASES TO WATER RATES**

# **VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 1 (MOORPARK)**

On April 26, 2022, the Board of Ventura County Waterworks District No. 1 (District) passed a resolution that authorized the pass-through of wholesale water rate increases from Calleguas Municipal Water District (Calleguas) to the District's customers for up to five years. Pursuant to Government Code 53756, the pass-through adjustment of Calleguas' rates requires notification to customers not less than 30 days before the effective date. On July 6, 2022, the Calleguas Board of Directors approved a combined wholesale potable water rate increase of 4.5%, effective January 1, 2023. As a result of the approved Calleguas rate increase, the District's customers are hereby notified that the variable commodity charges and fixed meter charges for potable water will increase by 4.5% effective January 1, 2023. The new rates and meter charges are shown in the table below:

|              |                             | Potable Water Commodity Rates   |                        |
|--------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| F            | Residential                 | <b>Current Rates</b>            | Proposed Rates         |
| <b>28-</b> d | lay Billing Cycle           |                                 |                        |
| Tier 1       | 0 - 9.33 HCF*               | \$4.09                          | \$4.27                 |
| Tier 2       | 9.34 - 23.33 HCF            | \$4.89                          | \$5.11                 |
| Tier 3       | >23.34 HCF                  | \$5.61                          | \$5.86                 |
| <b>35-</b> d | lay Billing Cycle           |                                 |                        |
| Tier 1       | 0 - 11.67 HCF               | \$4.09                          | \$4.27                 |
| Tier 2       | 11.68 – 29.17 HCF           | \$4.89                          | \$5.11                 |
| Tier 3       | >29.18 HCF                  | \$5.61                          | \$5.86                 |
| A            | Agricultural                | \$4.49 (\$1,955.84AF)           | \$4.69 (\$2,042.96/AF) |
| Commercial   |                             | \$4.68                          | \$4.89                 |
|              | Industrial                  | \$4.40                          | \$4.60                 |
| Ir           | nstitutional                | \$5.26                          | \$5.50                 |
| Multi-F      | amily Residential           | \$4.33                          | \$4.52                 |
|              | ered Residential            | \$5.01                          | \$5.24                 |
| Tempor       | ary Construction            | \$6.67                          | \$6.97                 |
| HCF = Hund   | dred Cubic Feet (748 Gallon | s); AF = Acre Feet (435.60 HCF) |                        |
|              |                             | Water Monthly Service Charges - | Meters                 |
|              | Meter Size                  | Current Rates                   | Proposed Rates         |
|              | 3/4-inch                    | \$14.51                         | \$15.16                |
| 1-inch       |                             | \$19.57                         | \$20.45                |
| 1 1/2-inch   |                             | \$32.19                         | \$33.64                |
|              | 2-inch                      | \$47.33                         | \$49.46                |
|              | 3-inch                      | \$95.27                         | \$99.56                |
|              | 4-inch                      | \$165.93                        | \$167.53               |
|              | 6-inch                      | \$335.04                        | \$338.28               |
|              | Potable \                   | Nater Monthly Service Charges - | Fire Line              |
|              | Meter Size                  | Current Rates                   | Proposed Rates         |
|              | 2-inch                      | \$9.50                          | \$9.93                 |
|              | 3-inch                      | \$14.35                         | \$15.00                |
|              | 4-inch                      | \$22.70                         | \$23.72                |
|              | 6-inch                      | \$52.73                         | \$55.10                |
|              | 8-inch                      | \$104.55                        | \$109.25               |
|              |                             |                                 |                        |
|              | 10-inch                     | \$182.44                        | \$190.65               |