



# PROPOSITION 218 NOTICE

## NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED SEWER RATE INCREASE

Ventura County Waterworks District No. 16 (Piru)

**Hearing Date and Time: Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 10:30 a.m.**

Location: Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, Ventura County Government Center  
800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009-1920

### Why are you Receiving this Notice?

The Board of Ventura County Waterworks District No. 16 (“Board”) will be conducting a Public Hearing on a proposed sewer rate increase for Ventura County Waterworks District No. 16 (“District”). This notice is being mailed to you by the District following the California Constitution Article XIID (also known as Proposition 218). Pursuant to Proposition 218, the District is required to notify property owners of proposed changes to property-related fees such as sewer services.

### Why are the Rate Changes Required?

Annually, as part of the budget process, the sewer rate is reviewed to determine if adjustments are needed to accommodate projected expenses. The last sewer rate increase of 5% was approved by the Board in June 2023, Resolution No. 23-079. This year, a 5% increase effective July 1, 2024, is necessary due to overall increases in maintenance and labor costs to operate the District’s infrastructure, and to maintain appropriate financial reserves (25% of operating expenses and 10% of operating revenue). This increase in revenues is also needed to pay off a \$2 million loan from the County of Ventura’s general fund related to the 2009 construction of the water treatment facility by fiscal year (“FY”) 2028.

To reduce the costs of collections, the sewer charges are collected through the annual general County tax roll. A report has been prepared to identify which parcels benefit from the services provided by the District and list each by Assessor's Parcel Number. The annual amount of the sewer service charge for each parcel may be obtained by calling the District at (805) 378-3000, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The report will also be filed with the Clerk of the Board before the public hearing. The District has several tax-exempt institutional accounts that are billed monthly.

### What are the Current and Proposed Rates?

CURRENT RATES FY 2023-24	PROPOSED RATES FY 2024-25
\$109.55 per month, per ERU*	\$115.02 per month, per ERU
\$1,314.54 per year	\$1,380.24 per year
<small>* Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) is the base from which water demands service classifications are calculated, a single-family resident is one unit.</small>	

### How do you Protest?

If you wish to oppose the proposed sewer rate increase, you must submit a written protest by mail before the public hearing at the following address: Attn: Waterworks District No. 16 (Piru) Sewer Rate Protest, 6767 Spring Road, P.O. Box 250, Moorpark, CA 93021. 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 a leaseholder (if you were not the owner of the property as of Ventura County’s last tax roll on July 1, 2023, please include confirmation that you presently own the property); (3) A statement that you are protesting the sewer rate increase; and (4) Your name (printed), the date, and your original signature.

Written protests received after the conclusion of the public hearing will not be counted. Verbal protests unaccompanied by a written protest or protests or facsimile (fax) will not be counted. If you choose to submit your protest by regular mail, please allow sufficient time for the mail to be delivered to the District before the public hearing; the District is not responsible for U.S. Postal Service delays. Only one protest per property will be counted. 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, legal challenges to new, increased, or extended fees or charges must be brought within 120 days of either the effective date of the fee or charge, or the date of the ordinance, resolution, or motion adopting or approving the fee or charge, whichever is later.