



PROPOSITION 218 NOTICE

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

Camarillo Utility Enterprise (Camarillo Airport)

Hearing Date and Time: Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 1:00 p.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 Ventura County Board of Supervisors will be conducting a Public Hearing on proposed sewer rates for Camarillo Utility Enterprise (CUE). The County of Ventura Water and Sanitation Department (Department) is responsible for the administration, operations, and maintenance of the sewer collection system. CUE provides sanitation services to the Department of Airports, their tenants, and several other property owners located at the Camarillo Airport. Sewage from the CUE Collection System is conveyed to the Camarillo Sanitation District for wastewater treatment.

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 was approved by the Board of Supervisors in June 2018. Staff is recommending a 10% increase to the sewer service charges from \$14.77 per Hundred Cubic Feet (HCF) average water usage, to \$16.25 per HCF, and from \$28.60 to \$31.46 for the fixed monthly service charge. Projected expenses have increased for the following reasons: previous years and current sewage treatment costs charged by the City of Camarillo; increases to power costs of 5%; labor charge increases of 3%; and depletion of capital reserves needed to fund future repair projects. These adjustments are projected to eliminate the net deficit by FY 2020 and gradually stabilize cash reserves.

What are the Current and Proposed Rates?

<i>Monthly Sewer Service Charge Per HCF Used</i>		<i>Monthly Sewer Fixed Charge</i>	
<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
\$14.77 per HCF	\$16.25 per HCF	\$28.60	\$31.46

How do you Protest?

If you wish to oppose the proposed sewer rate increase, you are requested to submit a written protest by mail prior to the public hearing to the following address: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Attn: CUE Sewer Rate Protest, Hall of Administration, 4th Floor, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009-1920. 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, 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), date, and original signature.

The Department will not count written protests received after the conclusion of the public hearing. Verbal protests unaccompanied by a written protest will not be counted, and facsimile (fax) protests will not be accepted. If you choose to submit your protest by regular mail, please allow sufficient time for the mail to be delivered; the Department 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 record.