



# PROPOSITION 218 NOTICE

## NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASES Ventura County Waterworks District No. 19 (Somis)

Hearing Date and Time: December 5, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

Location: Ventura County Government Center, 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009-1920

### Why are you Receiving this Notice?

This notice is being mailed to you by the Ventura County Waterworks District No. 19 (“District”) pursuant to the California Constitution Article XIID (also known as “Proposition 218”). Under terms of Proposition 218, the District is required to notify property owners of proposed changes to property-related fees such as water services. This letter serves as notice that the District will hold a public hearing on December 5, 2017, to consider proposed changes to its current water rates to take effect on January 1, 2018. Any interested person shall be permitted to present written and/or oral testimony. The District may impose reasonable time limits on both the length of the entire public hearing and the length of each interested person’s oral testimony.

### Why are the Rate Changes Required?

The principle factors for the proposed rate increases include:

- Rate increases by Calleguas Municipal Water District (the District’s water purveyor) of 3.4% in 2017 and 5.8% in 2018;
- Cost of electricity increase of up to 10%; and
- Labor including salaries and benefits increases of 4.6% in 2017 and 6% in 2018

These rate increases reflect the District’s need to: (1) provide water service based on an actual costs-of-service basis, and fairly and equitably distribute these costs to customers; (2) effectively balance the District’s income with expenditures to better protect customers from rate instability; and (3) meet all applicable legal requirements.

### What do Water Rates Fund?

The District provides water services to 1048 active customer accounts in the community of Somis. The District provides imported water from the California State Water Project, through Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, and Calleguas Municipal Water District, as well as 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, as well as 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.

### What are the Proposed Rates?

Commodity Rates for Residential Customers			
Tier	Proposed Monthly Use (HCF)	Current 2017	Proposed 2018
1	0 - 10	\$2.19	\$2.35
2	>10 – 31	\$2.67	\$2.86
3	> 31	\$3.53	\$3.78

Note: Rates per 100 Cubic Feet of Water (HCF)=748 Gallons

Commodity Rates for Other Customer Classes		
Customer Class	Current 2017	Proposed 2018
Agricultural	\$2.91 (\$1,267.60/AF)	\$3.02 (\$1,315.51/AF)
Commercial	\$3.01	\$3.23
Industrial	\$5.00	\$5.35
Institutional	\$3.26	\$3.49
Multi-Family Residential	\$3.03	\$3.25
Temporary Construction	\$5.20	\$5.57
Lift Charges	\$0.21	\$0.23

Note: Rates Per 100 cubic feet of water (HCF) = 748 gallons; AF = Acre Feet (435.60)

Monthly Meter Charges		
Meter Size	Current 2017	Proposed 2018
3/4-inch	\$18.34	\$20.18
1-inch	\$28.07	\$30.88
1 1/2-inch	\$52.37	\$57.61
2-inch	\$81.53	\$89.69
3-inch	\$173.89	\$191.28
4-inch	\$309.99	\$340.99
6-inch	\$635.65	\$699.22

Monthly Fireline Charges		
Meter Size	Current 2017	Proposed 2018
2-inch	\$8.52	\$9.38
3-inch	\$17.59	\$19.35
4-inch	\$33.22	\$36.55
6-inch	\$89.34	\$98.28
8-inch	\$186.13	\$204.75

Note: Water used through private fire services will be charged at the temporary construction water rate

## The Impact on Your Water Bill

To assist you in determining the impact of the proposed rates, a bill calculator is available at <http://vcpublicworks.org/water-sanitation-department/water-and-sanitation-services>

## How do you Protest?

Water rates are subject to majority protest, which means if a majority of impacted property owners (or renters if they are financially responsible for the bill), submit a written protest against the increase, the District cannot institute the new rates. Protests should contain the following information: (1) the property's Assessor's Parcel Number, if known, and address; (2) your Water and Sanitation Department Customer-Account Number; (3) whether you are the owner of record of the property (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), or a tenant that is billed directly by the District for water service; (4) a statement that you are protesting the water rate increase; and (5) your name (printed), date, and original signature. You may send your written protest to the Ventura County Clerk of the Board, 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009; or bring it in person to the public hearing on December 5, 2017. For further information, call 805-378-3000, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. To view the Board agenda visit <http://www.ventura.org/meetings-and-broadcasts> the Thursday prior to the public hearing date.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING YOUR WATER RATES



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FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

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