

**Notice to Property Owners: Proposed Rate Actions by
County of San Bernardino, Special Districts Department,
Water/Sanitation Division, County Service Area 42 (District)**

The County of San Bernardino Board of Supervisors (Board), acting as the governing body of the District, is considering an increase in water and sewer rates for all classes of users, effective July 1, 2009. The water rate(s) increase is driven by chlorine system upgrades and a tank inspection that is due every 10 years and must be completed in Fiscal Year 2009/10. Other factors affecting the rates are an increase in the payment amounts for workers compensation insurance and higher than expected delinquencies in fee collections.

\$10.62 of the \$29.74 sewer rate increase is due to significantly higher sewer treatment charges by Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority. \$11.47 of the increase is due to charges related to the Sewer System Management Plan required by the State Water Resources Control Board. The remaining \$7.65 increase is from higher district operating costs including auditing charges and Countywide Cost Allocation.

Both water and sewer functions have experienced higher than normal delinquencies in collections.

The Board will make its decision following a public hearing to be held Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the County Government Center, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, Board Chambers First Floor in San Bernardino, California.

The proposed increase in water rates applies uniformly to residential and commercial customer classes, as outlined below. The proposed increase in sewer rates is applied to customers based on industry factors that reflect the cost for collection, treatment and disposal of the wastewater generated by each customer group. Please note that water/sewer bills will continue to be sent bi-monthly.

Rates are reviewed and recalculated annually using an intensive review process that includes use of projection models and interface with Operations, Administration and Engineering professionals. Factors to be considered include the level of revenue needed to fund current plans for future infrastructure (repair and replacement); cash flow needs; reserve requirements; anticipated operating costs; and continued integrity of service delivery and the system.

WATER

Facility Charge by Meter Size	2008/2009 Monthly Fee	2009/2010 Monthly Fee
¾" meter	\$33.39	\$34.39
1" meter	\$49.45	\$50.93
1 ½" meter	\$88.30	\$90.95
2" meter	\$130.39	\$134.30
3" meter	\$225.60	\$232.37
4" meter	\$349.20	\$359.68
6" meter	\$646.88	\$666.29
8" meter	\$957.84	\$986.58
Bi-Monthly Water Consumption	2008/2009 Bi-Monthly Fee	2009/2010 Bi-Monthly Fee
0 – 14 hcf*	\$1.59	\$1.64
>14 – 80 hcf*	\$1.77	\$1.82
>80 hcf* and above	\$1.91	\$1.97

*hcf = 100 cubic feet of water or 748 gallons of water

SANITATION

2008/2009 Monthly User Fee Per EDU (Equivalent Dwelling Unit)	2009/2010 Monthly User Fee Per EDU (Equivalent Dwelling Unit)
\$42.48	\$72.22

The Public Hearing

The public hearing will be held at the **Board's regular meeting of Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the County Government Center, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, Board Chambers First Floor in San Bernardino, California.** At the hearing, the Board proposes to adopt a resolution that establishes water and sewer increases and the charges as outlined above.

Customers may respond to proposed rate increases prior to the public hearing by filing a written protest. A valid protest must contain a description of the property (address or Assessors Parcel Number) sufficient to identify the property, the signature of the property owner of record, or written evidence that the signer is the owner, if he or she is not named on the last tax roll.

Protests can be mailed or personally delivered to: the Special Districts Department, Water/Sanitation Division at 12402 Industrial Boulevard, Building D, Suite 6, Victorville, California 92395. All protests must be received by the District by 5:00 p.m. on June 15, 2009, or it must be presented at the Board meeting on June 16, 2009, prior to the close of the public hearing on the matter. If a majority of affected property owners file written protests, the proposed rate changes will not be put into effect. Note that no more than one protest per parcel may be submitted.

A Word About Your Water Bill

Please note that in the District's water rate structure, the strongest impact on your water bill is the amount of water you use each day. You have the final say in lowering your bill by simply lowering the amount of water you use. District staff is available to talk with you about your specific water conservation needs. Please feel free to contact us at 760/955-9885 or 800/554-0565.

NOTE: This notice was mailed using current billing records. You may receive more than one copy if you own multiple properties or own property under more than one name. We regret any inconvenience.