

# **Notice to Property Owners: Proposed Rate Actions by County of San Bernardino, Special Districts Department, Water/Sanitation Division, County Service Area 79 (District)**

The County of San Bernardino Board of Supervisors (Board), acting as the governing body of the District, is considering an increase in sewer rates for all classes of users, effective July 1, 2009. The rate increase is to offset the effect of lost customers and slow rebuilding in the community following the Grass Valley and Slide Fires in October 2007. In addition the district will incur increased maintenance and replacement costs due to planned projects. 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 the sewer rate is applied uniformly to customers based on industry factors that reflect the cost for collection, treatment and disposal of the wastewater generated by each customer. Please note that 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 level of revenue needed to fund current plans for future infrastructure (repair and replacement); cover cash flow needs; provide reserve requirements; cover anticipated operating costs; and ensure continued integrity of service delivery and system.

## **SANITATION**

<b>2008/2009 Monthly User Fee Per EDU (Equivalent Dwelling Unit)</b>	<b>2009/2010 Monthly User Fee Per EDU (Equivalent Dwelling Unit)</b>
\$56.18	\$57.87

### **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 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

For further questions, please call (800) 554-0565 or (760) 955-9885.

***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.