

Notice to Property Owners: Proposed Rate Actions by County of San Bernardino, Special Districts Department, Water and Sanitation Division, County Service Area 70, Zone GH (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, 2011. The 18% increase is driven by higher operation and maintenance costs; the addition of an isolation valve to prevent sewer overflows; higher than expected delinquencies; and a multi-phase approach to offset revenue reductions due to a contract renegotiation. The Board will make its decision following a public hearing to be held Tuesday, June 7, 2011 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 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 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. Additional factors 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 system integrity and service delivery.

SANITATION

2010/2011 Monthly User Fee Per EDU (Equivalent Dwelling Unit)	2011/2012 Monthly User Fee Per EDU (Equivalent Dwelling Unit)
\$28.25	\$33.34

The Public Hearing

The public hearing will be held at the **Board's regular meeting of Tuesday, June 7, 2011, 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 and 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 6, 2011, or must be presented at the Board meeting on June 7, 2011, 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.*