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Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Increase to Water and Wastewater Rates

When is the Hearing?

Thursday, February 13th, 2024, at 6:00

The Calpella County Water District Board of Directors will hold a public hearing via teleconference and in person (meeting details to be provided, please go to <http://willowcountywaterdistrict.org/agendas> or call the District office) to consider the proposed water and wastewater rates. During the public hearing, the Board of Directors will accept oral and written testimony, as well as written protests, regarding the water and/or wastewater rates. Oral comments at the Public Hearing will not qualify as formal protests.

Protesting the Proposed Water and/or Wastewater Rates

Any property owner of record of a parcel that would be subject to the proposed rates or any tenant directly liable for payment of water and/or wastewater service fees (i.e., a customer of record), may protest the proposed rate changes. To be counted, protests must:

1. Be in writing with an original signature from the property owner of record or tenant directly liable for the payment of the water and/or wastewater bill.
2. Identify the parcel for which the protest is filed, by street address or Assessor's Parcel Number (APN).
3. State that the signer opposes the proposed rates (specify water, wastewater or both).
4. Be received by the District at any time prior to the close of the public hearing that will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 13, 2024. A protest may be mailed to the Calpella County Water District or deposited in our utility bill drop off box located at 151 Laws Ave. Ukiah, California 95482, or delivered to the same address during regular business hours. Please include the following notation on the front of the envelope for any written protest: "ATTN: Protest of Proposed Water/Wastewater Rates."

If the District receives written protests in excess of 50 percent of the parcels receiving water and/or wastewater service from the District, the Board may not adopt the proposed rates. Only one protest will be counted for each parcel. Email, fax, telephone, or oral protests of any kind will not be counted. Mailed protests received after the close of the public hearing will not be counted, even if they were postmarked earlier.

This notice is being sent pursuant to Government Code § 53756(d).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE INCREASES

Why am I Receiving this Notice?

You are receiving this notice because our records indicate that you are an account holder and/or the owner of a parcel receiving water and/or wastewater service from the Calpella County Water District (District). The purpose of this notice is to give you information about proposed changes to water and/or wastewater rates and how you can participate in the rate-setting process.

Questions?
Please contact the District at
(707) 462 - 2666
Monday through Fridays from
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Need for Increase in Water and Wastewater Rate Revenue

The District is committed to ensuring that our customers receive clean, safe, and reliable water and wastewater treatment services, and that these utility systems are maintained to high standards that protect our community's health and safety, as well as the environment. The District's water and wastewater rates were last increased seven years ago in 2016.

In order to adequately and responsibly support the cost of District's operation and maintenance, improve water and wastewater system facilities, and maintain financial stability, the District is proposing an increase in both water and wastewater rates. The District's current and estimated future revenue needs are detailed in the *Calpella County Water District - 2024 Water and Wastewater Rate Study (2024 Rate Study)*, which can be obtained by contacting the District office.

Proposed Water and Wastewater Rates

To meet projected revenue needs, as documented in the 2024 Rate Study, the District is proposing scheduled rate increases over a five-year period. The initial increase will occur on February 16, 2024, as shown in Table 1 for water and Table 2 for wastewater.

Water and Wastewater Rate Structure Methodology

The updated water and wastewater rate cost of service analyses ensure that each ratepayer is paying an equitable and proportionate share of the District's costs to provide the service. The proposed rates meet legal requirements for cost of service and proportionality. Details of the District's current and estimated future revenue needs as well as the methodology for updating the water and wastewater rates can be found in the 2024 Rate Study. Complete proposed rate schedules for the next five years are shown on Table 1 for water and Table 2 for wastewater. The exact change in each customer's water bill will depend on a customer's water usage.

How Much Will My Water and/or Wastewater Bill Be?

You can find information about your water service and water usage patterns from your past bills. If you would like assistance in determining how the proposed water and wastewater rates may affect your water/wastewater bill, please contact the District Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm.

Table 1 - Proposed Water Rate Schedule

Implementation Date:	February 16, 2024	February 16, 2025	February 16, 2026	February 16, 2027	February 16, 2028
Water Usage Rates (per TGAL)					
Standard Rate	\$3.86	\$4.40	\$5.02	\$5.62	\$6.18
Pumping Surcharge	\$0.90	\$1.03	\$1.17	\$1.31	\$1.44
Fixed Monthly Base Charges					
3/4"	\$32.02	\$36.50	\$41.61	\$46.60	\$51.26
1"	\$47.11	\$53.71	\$61.23	\$68.58	\$75.44
1.5"	\$84.85	\$96.73	\$110.27	\$123.50	\$135.85
2"	\$130.13	\$148.35	\$169.12	\$189.41	\$208.35
3"	\$235.78	\$268.79	\$306.42	\$343.19	\$377.51
4"	\$386.71	\$440.85	\$502.57	\$562.88	\$619.17

Table 2 - Proposed Wastewater Rate Schedule

	February 16, 2024	February 16, 2025	February 16, 2026	February 16, 2027	February 16, 2028
Sewer Service Charge (per REU*):	\$61.00	\$74.42	\$90.79	\$98.05	\$102.95

* Residential equivalent unit