



PROPOSITION 218 NOTICE

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED SEWER RATE INCREASE

Ventura County Waterworks District No. 16 (Piru)

Hearing Date and Time: Tuesday, June 12, 2018, 11:00 a.m.

Location: Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, Ventura County Government Center
800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009-1920

Why are you Receiving this Notice?

The Ventura County Board of Supervisors will be conducting a Public Hearing on a proposed sewer rate increase for Ventura County Waterworks District No. 16 (District). This notice is being mailed to you by the 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 sewer services. This letter serves as notice that the District will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, to consider proposed changes to its current sewer rates to take effect on July 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 Rate Changes Required?

The principle factors for the proposed rate increase include:

- Power cost increases of 5% and labor charges of 3%;
- Increased costs to maintain and operate the District’s infrastructure, and;
- Required rebuilding of cash reserves, necessary to pay off a \$1.7 million general fund loan by Fiscal Year 2028.



The rate increase reflect the District’s need to:

- (1) provide sewer service based on actual costs-of-service, and to 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 Sewer Rates Fund?

District provides sanitation service for the community of Piru. The Ventura County Water and Sanitation Department provides administration, management, operations, and maintenance services for the District. Wastewater from the District’s service area is collected and treated at the Piru Wastewater Treatment Plant.

What are the Proposed Rates?

To offset increased costs, we are therefore recommending a 10% sewer rate increase:

<i>Sewer Service Charges</i>	
<i>Current</i>	<i>Proposed</i>
\$78.52 per month	\$86.37 per month
\$942.24 per year	\$1,036.44 per year

We have prepared a report that identifies which parcels benefit from the services provided by the District and lists by Assessor's Parcel Number that show the annual amount of the sewer service charge for each parcel. These parcels are also depicted on a set of maps on file in the County Surveyor's Office. A copy of the report may be obtained by calling (805) 378-3005. The report will also be filed with the Clerk of the Board prior to the public hearing.

The Clerk of the Board is located on the fourth floor of the Hall of Administration at the Ventura County Government Center, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The report will also be filed with the Clerk of the Board prior to the Public Hearing.

The Impact on your Annual Tax Bill or Monthly Bill

In an effort to reduce the cost of collections, the sewer charges are collected through the annual general County tax roll. The District does have several tax-exempt institutional accounts that are billed monthly.

How do you Protest?

Sewer 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). (4) a statement that you are protesting the 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 June 12, 2018. 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.