



## PROPOSITION 218 NOTICE

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

County Service Area No. 34 (El Rio)

**Hearing Date and Time: Tuesday, June 12, 2018, 11:30 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 proposed sewer rates for County Service Area No. 34 (CSA 34). The County of Ventura Water and Sanitation Department (Department) is responsible for the administration, operations, and maintenance of CSA 34, which was formed in December 2005. Sewage from El Rio, Strickland Tract, and the Juvenile Justice Complex is transported to the City of Oxnard (City) for treatment and disposal.

### *Why are Rate Changes Required?*

Annually, as part of the budget process, the sewer rate is reviewed to determine if adjustments are needed to accommodate projected expenses. On January 24, 2006, the Board of Supervisors approved a monthly sewer service charge of \$37.00 per Residential Unit Equivalent (RUE). This year, a rate adjustment is necessary due to the inflationary rate increases in power costs of 5%, labor charges of 3% and a City treatment rate increase of 12%. Staff is recommending a 2.7% sewer rate increase from \$37.00 per month, per RUE, to \$38.00 per month, per RUE.

In an effort to reduce the cost of collections, the sewer charges are collected through the annual general County tax roll. A report identifying which parcels benefit from the services provided by the Department, and lists by Assessor's Parcel Number, the annual amount of the sewer service charge for each parcel may be obtained by calling the Department at (805) 378-3005, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The report will also be filed with the Clerk of the Board prior to the public hearing.

### *What are the Current and Proposed Rates?*

<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
\$37.00 per month, per RUE (\$444.00 per year)	\$38.00 per month , per RUE (\$456.00 per year)

### *How do you Protest?*

If you wish to oppose the proposed sewer rate increase, you are requested to submit a written protest by mail prior to June 12, 2018 public hearing to the following address: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Attn: CSA 34 Sewer Rate Protest, Hall of Administration, 4th Floor, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009-1920. Protests must contain the following information: (1) the property's Assessor's Parcel Number and address; (2) whether you are the owner of record of the property or a leaseholder (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); (3) a statement that you are protesting the sewer rate increase; and (4) your name (printed), date, and original signature.

The Department will not count written protests received after the conclusion of the public hearing. Verbal protests unaccompanied by a written protest will not be counted, and facsimile (fax) protests will not be accepted. If you choose to submit your protest by regular mail, please allow sufficient time for the mail to be delivered; the Department is not responsible for U.S. Postal Service delays. Only one protest per property will be counted. If you own multiple properties affected by the proposed increases, you should submit separate protests for each affected parcel, as the protest threshold is based upon a majority of the total number of parcels. Once opened, protests are disclosable public record.