



PROPOSITION 218 NOTICE

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

Camarillo Utility Enterprise (Camarillo Airport)

Hearing Date and Time: Tuesday, June 23, 2020, 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 increases for Camarillo Utility Enterprise (CUE). The County of Ventura Water and Sanitation Department (Department) is responsible for the administration, operations, and maintenance of the sewer collection system. CUE provides sanitation services to the Department of Airports, their tenants, and several other property owners located at the Camarillo Airport. Sewage from the CUE Collection System is conveyed to the Camarillo Sanitation District for wastewater treatment.

Why are the 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. The last sewer rate increase of 10% was approved by the Board of Supervisors in June 11, 2019, Resolution 19-66. Staff is recommending 15% increases as shown in the table below. Projected expenses have increased for the following reasons: increases in previous years and current sewage treatment costs charged by the City of Camarillo of 5%; increases to power costs of 5%; labor charge increases of 3%; and restoration of the capital reserve, which has decreased by \$402,000 over the past five fiscal years. These adjustments are projected to eliminate the net deficit by FY 2021 and gradually stabilize cash reserves.

What are the Current and Proposed Rates?

CURRENT MONTHLY RATES FY 2019-20	PROPOSED MONTHLY RATES FY 2020-21
\$16.25 per hundred cubic feet (HCF)	\$18.69 per HCF
\$31.46 fixed	\$36.18 fixed

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 the public hearing to the following address: Ventura County Water & Sanitation Department, Attn: CUE Sewer Rate Protest, 6767 Spring Road, P.O. Box 250, Moorpark, CA, 93020. 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. To view the Board agenda, visit <http://www.ventura.org/meetings-and-broadcasts> the Thursday prior to the public hearing date.