



## 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 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 Board of Ventura County Waterworks District No. 16 (“District”) will be conducting a Public Hearing on a proposed sewer rate increase for the District on June 23, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, Ventura County Government Center, 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California. This notice is being mailed to you by the District pursuant to the California Constitution Article XIII D (also known as Proposition 218). 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 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 2019. This year, a 3.5% rate increase effective July 1, 2020, is necessary due to increases in power costs of 5% and labor rate increases of 3%; increased cost to maintain and operate the District’s infrastructure; and the increased revenues needed to pay off a \$1.7 million general fund loan related to the 2009 plant construction by FY 2028.

To reduce the cost of collections, the sewer charges are collected through the annual general County tax roll. A report has been prepared identifying which parcels benefit from the services provided by the Department and listing each 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. The District does have several tax-exempt institutional accounts that are billed monthly.

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

<i>Current Rate FY 2019-20</i>	<i>Proposed Rate FY 2020-21</i>
<b>\$95.01 per month</b>	<b>\$98.34 per month</b>
<b>\$1,140.12 per year</b>	<b>\$1,180.02 per year</b>

### *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: Attn: Waterworks District No.16 (Piru) Sewer Rate Protest, 6767 Spring Road, P.O. Box 250, Moorpark, CA 93021. 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. 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.