

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:
PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASES

Hearing Date: December 8, 2020 | 11:30 a.m.
Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, Hall of Administration, Ventura County
Government Center, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009-1920

Please take notice that the Ventura County Waterworks District No. 17 (District) will hold a public hearing on the following proposed water rates increases on the date, at the time and location listed above.

▪ VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 17 (BELL CANYON)

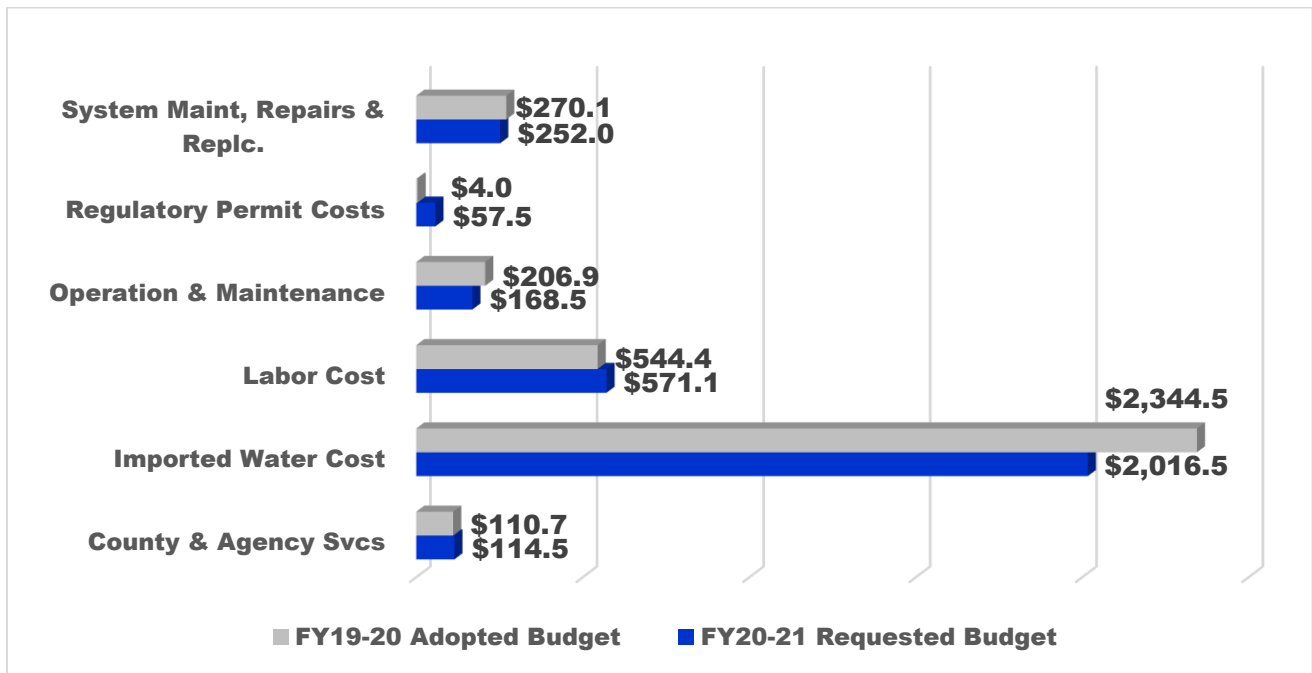
The District provides potable water to the community of Bell Canyon, Boeing North American Incorporated, and Las Virgenes Municipal Water District customers in the Santa Susana Knolls. The District's entire water supply is imported water from the State Water Project, delivered through the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Calleguas Municipal Water District, and city of Simi Valley (Waterworks District No. 8).

▪ WHY ARE RATE ADJUSTMENTS REQUIRED?

The District proposes to increase rates based on:

- ❖ Increased cost of imported water for calendar year 2021 of 3%
- ❖ Estimated increase in the cost of power (3% - 5% per year)
- ❖ Estimated increase in the cost of labor, including salaries and benefits
- ❖ Estimated increase in operations and maintenance expenditures for planned capital projects, including a much-needed new 1.74 million-gallon reservoir, as well as repairs and maintenance on aging infrastructure.

▪ WHAT DO THE RATES PAY FOR?



▪ WHAT ARE THE CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATES?

The proposed rates will be no higher than shown.

Commodity Rates			
Residential		Current Rates	Proposed Rates
Tier 1	0 – 10 HCF*	\$4.68	\$5.01
Tier 2	>10 – 54 HCF	\$5.55	\$5.94
Tier 3	>54 HCF	\$6.96	\$7.45
Non-Residential		\$5.67	\$6.07
Temporary Construction		\$5.84	\$6.25
<i>* HCF = Hundred Cubic Feet (748 Gallons); AF = Acre Feet (435.60 HCF)</i>			
Monthly Service Charges - Meters			
Meter Size		Current Rates	Proposed Rates
3/4-inch		\$19.05	\$22.10
1-inch		\$27.39	\$31.78
1 1/2-inch		\$48.27	\$56.00
2-inch		\$73.32	\$85.06
3-inch		\$152.66	\$177.09
4-inch		\$269.56	\$312.69
6-inch		\$549.29	\$637.18
Monthly Service Charges - Fire Line			
Meter Size		Current Rates	Proposed Rates
6-inch		\$35.09	\$40.71
<i>NOTE: Water used through private fire services will be charged at the temporary construction water rate</i>			

▪ HOW MUCH WILL MY BILL CHANGE?

To assist you in determining the impact of the proposed rates, a bill calculator is available at <https://www.vcpublicworks.org/wsd/ratesandcharges/>

▪ HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE?

If you wish to oppose the proposed water rate increases you are requested to submit a written protest by mail prior to December 8, 2020 public hearing at 11:30 a.m. to the following address: Attn: WWD17 Water Rate Protest, 6767 Spring Road, P.O. Box 250, Moorpark, CA 93020-0250. 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 are a tenant/leaseholder (if you are a property owner but did not own the property as of the last tax roll, include confirmation of your property ownership); (3) a statement that you are protesting the water rate increases; and (4) your name (printed), date, and original signature. The District will not count written protests received after the conclusion of the public hearing. Facsimile (fax) protests will not be accepted. If you choose to submit your protest by regular mail, please allow enough time for the mail to be delivered; the District is not responsible for U.S. Postal Service delays. To view the Board agenda, and learn how you can participate at the hearing during COVID-19, please visit <http://www.ventura.org/meetings-and-broadcasts> the Thursday prior to the public hearing date.

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