



# 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 22, 2021, 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 proposed sewer rates 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 15% was approved by the Board of Supervisors in June 2020, Resolution 20-88. This year, a \$1.86 per month increase in per HCF rate, and \$3.62 per month increase in fixed cost, effective July 1, 2021, is necessary due to a 3% increase in maintenance and labor costs, and to maintain appropriate financial reserves ( of 25% of operating expenses and 10% of operating revenue).

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

CURRENT MONTHLY RATES FY 2019-20	PROPOSED MONTHLY RATES FY 2020-21
\$18.69 per hundred cubic feet (HCF)	\$20.55 per HCF
\$36.18 fixed	\$39.80 fixed

### *How do you Protest?*

If you wish to oppose the proposed sewer rate increase, you must submit a written protest by mail prior to the public hearing at 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 on July 1, 2020, 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. Any verbal protests unaccompanied by a written protest or protests delivered by facsimile (fax) will not be counted. If you choose to submit your protest by regular mail, please allow sufficient time for the mail to be delivered to the Department prior to the public hearing; 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 records. To view the Board agenda, and learn how you can participate in the hearing during COVID-19, please visit <http://www.ventura.org/meetings-and-broadcasts> the Thursday prior to the public hearing date.