



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 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 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 the sewer collection system. CSA 34 provides sanitation service for the El Rio, Strickland Tract and the Juvenile Justine Complex. Sewage from the El Rio Sewer Collection System is conveyed to the City of Oxnard for wastewater 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. The last sewer rate increase of 2.7% was approved by the Board of Supervisors in June 2018, Resolution No. 20-87. This year, a \$2.00 per month increase, effective July 1, 2021, is necessary due to the 4% increase in sewer treatment costs, a 3% increase in labor costs, and to maintain appropriate financial reserves (of 25% of operating expenses and 10% of operating revenue).

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.

What are the Current and Proposed Rates?

CURRENT RATES FY 2020-21	PROPOSED RATES FY 2021-22
\$38.00 per month, per RUE	\$40.00 per month, per RUE
\$456.00 per year, per RUE	\$480.00 per year, per RUE

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: Water and Sanitation Department, Attn: CSA 34 Sewer Rate Protest, 6767 Spring Road, P.O. Box 250, Moorpark, CA 91320-0250. 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 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. Any verbal protests unaccompanied by a written protest or 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 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 record. 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.