



# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASES

**Hearing Date: January 11, 2022 | 10:00 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 of 3.5% for calendar year 2022
- ❖ Estimated increase in the cost of power up to 4% for calendar year 2022
- ❖ Estimated increase in the cost of labor, including salaries and benefits, of 3.5% for fiscal year (FY) 2022
- ❖ Estimated increase in the cost of materials up to 3% for FY 2022
- ❖ Estimated increase in planned capital projects, including a much-needed new 1.74-million-gallon reservoir, and repairs and maintenance on aging infrastructure

### ▪ WHAT ARE THE CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATES?

The proposed rates will be no higher than shown. Commencing on February 23, 2022.

Commodity Rates			
Residential		Current Rates	Proposed Rates
Tier 1	0 – 10 HCF*	\$5.01	<b>\$5.24</b>
Tier 2	>10 – 54 HCF	\$5.94	<b>\$6.21</b>
Tier 3	>54 HCF	\$7.45	<b>\$7.79</b>
Non-Residential		\$6.07	<b>\$6.34</b>
Temporary Construction		\$6.25	<b>\$6.53</b>

\* HCF = Hundred Cubic Feet (748 Gallons); AF = Acre Feet (435.60 HCF)

<b>Monthly Service Charges - Meters</b>		
<b><i>Meter Size</i></b>	<b><i>Current Rates</i></b>	<b><i>Proposed Rates</i></b>
<b>3/4-inch</b>	\$22.10	<b>\$23.09</b>
<b>1-inch</b>	\$31.78	<b>\$33.21</b>
<b>1 1/2-inch</b>	\$56.00	<b>\$58.52</b>
<b>2-inch</b>	\$85.06	<b>\$88.89</b>
<b>3-inch</b>	\$177.09	<b>\$185.06</b>
<b>4-inch</b>	\$312.69	<b>\$326.76</b>
<b>6-inch</b>	\$637.18	<b>\$665.85</b>
<b>Monthly Service Charges - Fire Line</b>		
<b><i>Meter Size</i></b>	<b><i>Current Rates</i></b>	<b><i>Proposed Rates</i></b>
<b>6-inch</b>	\$40.70	<b>\$42.55</b>
<b><i>NOTE: Water used through private fire services will be charged at the temporary construction water rate</i></b>		

**• 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.vcpbublicworks.org/wsd/ratesandcharges/>

**• HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE?**

If you wish to oppose the proposed water rate increases you must submit a written protest by mail prior to the January 11, 2022 public hearing at 10:00 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 on July 1, 2021, 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. Any verbal protests unaccompanied by a written protest or protests delivered by facsimile (fax) protests will not be counted. If you choose to submit your protest by regular mail, please allow enough time for the mail to be delivered to the District prior to the public hearing; the District 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 public hearing if the Hall of Administration is closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic on the hearing date, please visit <http://www.ventura.org/meetings-and-broadcasts> the Thursday prior to the hearing date.

Per newly enacted section 53759 of the Government Code, effective January 1, 2022, there is a 120-day statute of limitations for challenging any new, increased, or extended fee or charge from the effective date or of the date of the final passage, adoption, or approval of the ordinance, resolution or motion, whichever is later.

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