



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASES

Hearing Date: January 23, 2024 | 10:30 a.m.

**Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, Hall of Administration, Ventura County
Government Center, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009-1920**

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 by Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Calleguas Municipal Water District, and the City of Simi Valley (Waterworks District No. 8).

WHY ARE RATE ADJUSTMENTS REQUIRED?

The principal factors for the rate increase include:

- ❖ 6% passthrough in the cost of imported water from CMWD for 2024
- ❖ 4% estimated increase in the cost of power for 2024
- ❖ 3.5% estimated increase in the cost of labor for 2024
- ❖ 3% estimated increase in the cost of materials for 2024

An additional 1.5% increase is required to account for:

- ❖ Future capital expenditures and debt service for the construction of a new 1.5-million-gallon reservoir.

WHAT ARE THE CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATES?

The proposed rates and charges will be effective beginning on the next regularly scheduled meter reading and billing cycle on or after February 1, 2024. The proposed rates will be no higher than shown.

WATER COMMODITY RATES			
Residential		Current Rates	Proposed Rates
28-day Billing Cycle			
Tier 1	0 – 9.33 HCF*	\$5.50	\$5.91
Tier 2	>9.34 – 50.40 HCF	\$6.52	\$7.01
Tier 3	>50.41 HCF	\$8.18	\$8.79
35-day Billing Cycle			
Tier 1	0 – 11.67 HCF*	\$5.50	\$5.91
Tier 2	>11.68 – 63.00 HCF	\$6.52	\$7.01
Tier 3	>63.01 HCF	\$8.18	\$8.79
Other Classes		Current Rates	Proposed Rates
Non-Residential		\$6.66	\$7.16
Temporary Construction		\$6.86	\$7.37
* HCF = Hundred Cubic Feet (748 Gallons); AF = Acre Feet (435.60 HCF)			

Monthly Service Charges – Meters		
Meter Size	Current Rates	Proposed Rates
3/4-inch	\$24.24	\$26.06
1-inch	\$34.87	\$37.49
1 1/2-inch	\$61.45	\$66.06
2-inch	\$93.33	\$100.33
3-inch	\$194.31	\$208.88
4-inch	\$343.10	\$368.83
6-inch	\$699.14	\$751.58
Monthly Service Charges - Fire Line		
Meter Size	Current Rates	Proposed Rates
6-inch	\$44.68	\$48.03
NOTE: Water used through private fire services will be charged at the temporary construction water rate		

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.vcpublishworks.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 23, 2024, public hearing at 10:30 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.

Written protests received after the conclusion of the public hearing will not be counted. 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 (even if multiple meters are located on the property). 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.

Effective January 1, 2022, legal challenges to new, increased, or extended fees or charges must be brought within 120 days of either the effective date of the fee or charge, or the date of the ordinance, resolution, or motion adopting or approving the fee or charge, whichever is later.

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