



COUNTY of VENTURA

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

## PROPOSED INCREASES TO WATER RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES

**HEARING DATE:** December 10, 2024, 11:30 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** City Council Chambers, Simi Valley City Hall,  
2929 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley, CA 93063

### 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 the city of Simi Valley (Waterworks District No. 8).

### WHY ARE RATE ADJUSTMENTS REQUIRED?

These rates are based on the cost of providing water service to our customers and developed during the budget process. The rates must recover the cost of purchasing and producing water, maintaining, and improving the systems. The main factors for the rate increases include:

- 9.5% estimated increase in the cost of imported water for 2025
- 4% estimated increase in the cost of power for 2025
- 5% estimated increase in the cost of labor for 2025
- 3% estimated increase in the cost of materials for 2025
- New 1.5-million-gallon reservoir and Saddlebow pipeline project financed by 0% interest State Revolving Fund Loan with 30% principal forgiveness

### WHAT ARE THE CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATES?

These rates will be effective on the next regularly scheduled meter reading and billing cycle on or after January 1, 2025. The proposed rates will be no higher than those shown.

WATER COMMODITY RATES				MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGES - METERS		
RESIDENTIAL		CURRENT RATES	PROPOSED RATES	METER SIZE	CURRENT RATES	PROPOSED RATES
<b>28-DAY BILLING CYCLE</b>				3/4-inch	\$26.06	\$28.54
<b>Tier 1</b>	0 – 9.33 HCF*	\$5.91	\$6.47	1-inch	\$37.49	\$41.05
<b>Tier 2</b>	9.34 - 50.40 HCF	\$7.01	\$7.68	1 1/2-INCH	\$66.06	\$72.34
<b>Tier 3</b>	>50.41 HCF	\$8.79	\$9.63	2-INCH	\$100.33	\$109.86
<b>35-DAY BILLING CYCLE</b>				3-INCH	\$208.88	\$228.72
<b>Tier 1</b>	0 – 11.67 HCF	\$5.91	\$6.47	4-INCH	\$368.83	\$403.87
<b>Tier 2</b>	11.68 - 63.00 HCF	\$7.01	\$7.68	6-INCH	\$751.58	\$822.98
<b>Tier 3</b>	>63.01 HCF	\$8.79	\$9.63	<b>MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGES - FIRE LINE</b>		
OTHER CLASSES		CURRENT RATES	PROPOSED RATES	METER SIZE	CURRENT RATES	PROPOSED RATES
NON-RESIDENTIAL		\$7.16	\$7.84	6-INCH	\$48.03	\$52.59
TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION		\$7.37	\$8.07	<i>NOTE: Water used through private fire services will be charged at the temporary construction water rate</i>		
<i>*HCF = Hundred Cubic Feet (748 Gallons); AF = Acre Feet (435.60 HCF)</i>						

## HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE?

If you wish to oppose the proposed water rate increases you must submit a written protest by mail before the December 10, 2024, 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 on July 1, 2024, 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) will not be counted. For protests by regular mail, please allow enough time for the mail to be delivered to the District before the public hearing; the District is not responsible for U.S. Postal Service delays. Only one protest per property will be counted. For 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.

Per 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.