

**Proposition 218 Notification****NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS AND TENANTS OF REAL PROPERTY WHO ARE DIRECTLY LIABLE TO PAY  
WASTEWATER BILLS OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED  
WASTEWATER RATE ADJUSTMENTS**

Hearing Date and Time: December 15, 2022 at 4:00 PM  
Hearing Location: Rubidoux Community Services District, Board Room,  
3590 Rubidoux Blvd., Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

**Why Wastewater Rate Adjustments are Needed**

Rubidoux Community Services District (the “District”) collects wastewater generated by the homes and businesses of the District within the Counties of Riverside/San Bernardino and conveys it through District owned facilities to the City of Riverside Wastewater Treatment Plant for treatment and disposal. Once treated and discharged back into the environment, the recycled water provides beneficial use as a water supply to the Santa Ana River. The level of treatment given to this wastewater is subject to both State and Federal regulations. The District is a Partner in the City of Riverside’s Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The District is required by state law and District policy to collect revenues sufficient to cover the costs of operating the wastewater enterprise. Costs recovered through rate revenue include energy, mechanical equipment and supplies, infrastructure maintenance, and salaries and benefits for wastewater enterprise staff. Other wastewater enterprise costs include the City of Riverside’s Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant charges for wastewater treatment and disposal which have risen significantly over the years and are expected to continue to rise in the future. Also, supply chain issues have increased the cost for District parts/chemicals combined with the rising cost of inflation has put significant financial constraints on the District’s operating budget.

The above financial impacts on the wastewater system are not captured in the District’s current rate structure. In January 2022, the District began a Comprehensive Cost of Services Study (“COSS”) to confirm the adequacy of revenues to operate, maintain, and replace system assets to meet current and long-term needs of the District. At the conclusion of the COSS, it was determined the existing rates are not adequate to meet the District’s future financial obligations to ensure safe and reliable wastewater conveyance and treatment. A draft copy of the Administrative Record provided at the conclusion of the COSS is currently located on the District website at [www.rcsd.org](http://www.rcsd.org) or may be obtained from the District office during normal business hours at the address noted above.

**Hearing**

Proposition 218 governs the procedures to adjust rates and require that the District provide notice of the proposed rate schedule to all property owners and tenants of real property who are directly liable to pay wastewater bills a minimum of forty-five (45) days prior to holding a Public Hearing. For the proposed wastewater rates to “not take effect,” a majority of the property owners and tenants of real property who are directly liable to pay wastewater bills are required to file opposition to the proposed wastewater rates.

In accordance with AB 3030, the District hearing will include consideration of adopting an ordinance that will authorize the District to adjust rates for a five-year period commencing on July 1, 2023, through July 1, 2027. Such adjustments may be imposed annually provided however that the cost components to provide the service are not more than the stated amounts reflected in the notice. Pursuant to AB 3030, the District must and will conduct a 30-day review period followed by a Public Hearing to effectuate all proposed wastewater rate increases in subsequent years.

**Property owners and tenants of real property who are directly liable to pay wastewater bills may file a written and signed protest against the proposed wastewater rates with the General Manager at or before the close of the Public Hearing, December 15, 2022.** A protest must contain a description of the property owned or being rented sufficient to identify the property. If you own or rent more than one parcel, you may file a single protest, but it must identify each parcel you own or rent located in the District’s service area. If the name on the written protest is not shown on the last equalized assessment roll of the County as the owner of the property, the signer of the protest must also submit written evidence of ownership or tenancy. At the Public Hearing, the Board of Directors shall hear all testimony for and against the proposed wastewater rates and tabulate the submitted protests. There must be a 50% plus one to negate the proposed wastewater rates.

The Board of Directors will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed wastewater rates on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 4:00 PM at the Rubidoux Community Services District, Board Room, 3590 Rubidoux Blvd., Jurupa Valley, CA 92509.

**Written protests may be mailed or delivered in person to: Rubidoux Community Services District, 3590 Rubidoux Blvd., Jurupa Valley, CA 92509 Attention: General Manager**

**Impact of Proposed Wastewater Rate Adjustments**

The proposed wastewater rate adjustments would be implemented effective July 1 of the five-year period (2023-2027). The proposed wastewater rates will have varying impacts on customers depending on customer class and projected flow. Proposed wastewater rates for each customer class are detailed in the Wastewater Rate Table below. Additionally, the proposed wastewater rates may be viewed in the draft Administrative Record.

Wastewater Rates						
	<i>Effective Date</i>	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	<i>July 1, 2027</i>
Customer Class		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
<b>Fixed Charges (\$/Month)</b>						
Residential		\$ 29.55	\$ 31.62	\$ 33.84	\$ 36.21	\$ 38.75
Non-Residential		\$ 29.55	\$ 31.62	\$ 33.84	\$ 36.21	\$ 38.75
<b>Variable Rates (\$/HCF*)</b>						
Non-Residential**		\$ 2.38	\$ 2.55	\$ 2.73	\$ 2.93	\$ 3.14

\* 1 HCF is 100 cubic feet, or 748 gallons of water.

\*\* Variable Rates for Non-Residential customers are charged per HCF of water consumed over 7 HCF.