

Mariposa Public Utility District
P.O. Box 494
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**Mariposa Public Utility District
Proposition 218 Notification
NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES**

Hearing Date & Time: November 30, 2020, at 6:30 PM or as soon thereafter as possible

Hearing Location: Mariposa Public Utility District Fire Station #1, 5273 State Highway 49 North,
Mariposa, CA 95338 (across from DMV)

Questions / More Information: Mariposa Public Utility District at (209) 966-2515
or the District's web site www.mariposapud.org

Why Am I Receiving This Notice?

You are receiving this notice in accordance with Proposition 218, a state law which requires providers of public utility services (including water and wastewater service) to notify rate payers of increases in proposed rates. Your property, in the town of Mariposa, receives service from the **Mariposa Public Utility District** ("the District").

This notice is intended to provide you with information on the service provided by the District, the reasons for the proposed rates, and the methods by which you can protest the proposed rates if you desire.

What Service Do Rates Fund?

The District provides water service to approximately 722 residential customers, 183 commercial customers, and 359 motel units.

Why is a Rate Increase Needed?

The District has not increased water and wastewater rates since 2018. Current rates do not reflect the full cost necessary to provide these services. The proposed rates are designed to sustainably operate and maintain each utility.

Basis of Proposed Rates

Article XIIIID of the California Constitution (also known as Proposition 218) requires that providers of public utility services levy service charges that are clearly linked to the cost of providing the service to each parcel. The cost of service calculation includes expenses such as debt service, labor, energy, chemicals and other supplies, and the cost of providing required maintenance of the system. The rates proposed herein are designed to meet all legal requirements and fairly and equitably recover the required revenue from all customers. The rates were developed by an independent consultant retained by the District and the final findings of that report, which include the detailed calculations showing the basis for these fees, are available at the Mariposa Public Utility District administrative office, (4992 7th Street) or on our web site www.mariposapud.org under the customer service tab.

Proposed Rate Changes

The District is proposing to eliminate the current five tier structure for charging commercial water customers and charge a uniform rate for all usage. Commercial customers are proposed to be charged based on meter size rather than customer category. Residential rates are proposed to be charged based on a new four tier structure. The proposed change is designed to comply with the legal requirements of Proposition 218. The new rate will be reflected beginning on the January 2021 utility bills.

Current and Proposed Wastewater Rates (first rate increases effective on January 2021 utility bill)

Current and Proposed Monthly Wastewater Rates	Current	Rate Effective				
		January 2021 Billing	July 2021 Billing	July 2022 Billing	July 2023 Billing	July 2024 Billing
Residential Per Unit	\$48.50	\$52.72	\$57.30	\$62.28	\$67.70	\$73.58
Multi-Family Residence Per Unit	\$39.00	\$39.63	\$40.26	\$40.91	\$41.57	\$42.23
Commercial #A	\$48.50	\$50.84	\$53.29	\$55.87	\$58.56	\$61.39
Commercial #B	\$116.50	\$122.00	\$127.76	\$133.78	\$140.10	\$146.71
Commercial #C	\$316.50	\$354.59	\$397.27	\$445.08	\$498.64	\$558.65
Commercial #D	\$369.50	\$402.53	\$438.52	\$477.72	\$520.43	\$566.95
Commercial #E	\$785.00	\$828.43	\$874.26	\$922.62	\$973.66	\$1,027.52
Motels Per Unit	\$32.50	\$34.82	\$37.31	\$39.97	\$42.83	\$45.89
Hospital	\$1,121.00	\$1,156.27	\$1,192.65	\$1,230.17	\$1,268.87	\$1,308.80
Institutional	\$1,055.00	\$1,104.84	\$1,157.04	\$1,211.70	\$1,268.94	\$1,328.89

Current and Proposed Water Rates (proposed water rates effective on January 2021 utility bill)

A. RESIDENTIAL- BASE AND METERED RATE						
	CURRENT MONTHLY BASE RATE	1-5,000 Gallons	5,001-10,000 Gallons	10,001-15,000 Gallons	15,001-20,000 Gallons	20,001+ Gallons
Current	\$31.80	\$2.55	\$2.85	\$3.75	\$5.25	\$6.10
		Per 1,000 Gal	Per 1,000 Gal	Per 1,000 Gal	Per 1,000 Gal	Per 1,000 Gal

	PROPOSED MONTHLY BASE	1-5,000 Gallons	5,001-10,000 Gallons	10,001-20,000 Gallons	20,001+ Gallons
Proposed	\$29.05	\$3.49	\$4.17	\$4.36	\$6.76
		Per 1,000 Gal	Per 1,000 Gal	Per 1,000 Gal	Per 1,000 Gal

B. COMMERCIAL BASE RATES	
CUSTOMER CLASS	CURRENT MONTHLY
Multi-Small Business*	\$23.85
CDF Baptist Church **	\$109.40
Elem School **	\$159.00
High School**	\$556.50
Class 1 Commercial *	\$69.65
Class 2 Commercial *	\$99.55
Jail**	\$159.00
Court House Gov't Center**	\$79.50
Parks & Recreation**	\$109.40
History Center Library**	\$59.80
Hospital **	\$109.40

B. PROPOSED COMMERCIAL BASE RATE	
METER SIZE	PROPOSED MONTHLY RATE
Commercial 3/4"	\$29.05
Commercial 1"	\$48.42
Commercial 2"	\$154.95
Commercial 4"	\$484.21
Commercial 6"	\$968.42

*Add commercial metered rate.

**Add residential metered rate.

C. COMMERCIAL METERED RATE MULTI-SMALL BUSINESS, COMMERCIAL CLASS 1 AND 2 ONLY		C. PROPOSED COMMERCIAL
METER PER 1,000 GALLONS	CURRENT USAGE RATES	PROPOSED, ALL USE PER 1,000 GALLONS
1-10,000	\$3.05	\$4.25
10,001-15,000	\$4.15	
15,001-20,000	\$5.25	
20,001-25,000	\$6.10	
25,001 +	\$6.95	

D. COMMERCIAL (MOTEL)					
	MONTHLY BASE RATE PER UNIT	1-3,000 Gallons	3,001-6,000 Gallons	6,001-9,000 Gallons	9,001 + Gallons
Current	\$7.95	\$3.40	\$4.70	\$6.55	\$9.40
		Per 1,000 Gal	Per 1,000 Gal	Per 1,000 Gal	Per 1,000 Gal
	PROPOSED BASE RATE PER UNIT	<i>All Use</i>			
Proposed	\$7.26	\$4.25			
		Per 1,000 Gal			

E. UNTREATED IRRIGATION		
	MONTHLY BASE RATE	ALL USE
Current	\$69.65	\$1.90
		Per 1,000 Gal
Proposed	Based on Meter Size	\$2.11
		Per 1,000 Gal

Where Does Our Water Come From?

Stockton Creek Reservoir, a 440-acre foot reservoir about one mile from the town of Mariposa, is the District's primary water supply. Additionally, the District owns and operates a pump station on the Merced River near Saxon Creek and a water treatment facility which draws water from the reservoir. In the event of low run-off in the Stockton Creek watershed, the District can divert water from the Saxon Creek Water Project to the Stockton Creek Reservoir. Finally, the District has four water wells connected to the water distribution system which supply various pressure zones.

Compliance with Proposition 218

Proposition 218 requires that public utility providers follow a strictly defined process for increasing fees such as water and wastewater service rates. Generally speaking, the District must 1) inform affected property owners of the proposed rates, 2) clearly demonstrate the amounts of the proposed rates are cost justified (the cost of service study is on file at the District or on our web site www.mariposapud.org under the customer service tab. and 3) hold a public hearing no less than 45 days after noticing property owners, at which time the District hears all protests to the proposed rates. These rates are subject to "majority protest," meaning they **cannot be imposed** if a majority of affected property owners submit **written** protests opposing the rates.

To Protest This Change

- 1) Notify the District in writing (Mariposa Public Utility District, P.O. Box 494, Mariposa, CA 95338) prior to the close of the November 30, 2020 public hearing that you oppose the proposed increase to either the water rates, wastewater rates, or both. You must identify the property affected by the proposed rates and the property owner must sign the **written protest**. OR
- 2) Attend the November 30, 2020, public hearing at the time and place identified on page 1 of this notice and submit a written protest before the close of the public hearing.