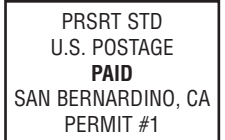




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Description of District

The East Valley Water District (EVWD) is a California Special District established in 1954 under section 30000 et seq. of the California Water Code. The District serves approximately 65,000 residents in the City of Highland, and portions of the City of San Bernardino and the County of San Bernardino, in a service area of approximately 30 square miles.

The District is engaged in pumping, treating and distributing water to its customers, as well as maintaining a collection system for residential and commercial wastewater that is delivered for treatment at a plant owned by the City of San Bernardino Water Department.

Notice of Public Hearing for Proposed Sewer Treatment Rate Increase

Article XIID of the California Constitution requires the East Valley Water District (EVWD) to send notification of a proposed rate increase to all owners and tenants of real property within EVWD's service area who would be directly liable to pay for water and / or sewer service to the property at least 45 days prior to a public hearing at which adoption of the proposed rate increases will be considered. Please be advised that this document shall serve as formal notification to you that EVWD's Board of Directors will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed increases described herein on Tuesday, November 22nd, 2011, at 6:00 pm in the East Valley Water District Board Room located at 3654 E Highland Ave, Suite 30, Highland, California.

Why Sewer Treatment Rates are Rising

The East Valley Water District does not provide sewer treatment services to its customers. Instead, the District contracts with the City of San Bernardino for sewer treatment in accordance with Joint Powers Agreements (JPA) dated 1957 and 1965, as amended. Under the JPAs, wastewater collected by the District's sewer mains is conveyed to the City of San Bernardino Treatment Plant for treatment. The JPAs also stipulate that the City and District will adopt uniform ordinances affixing sewer treatment charges for customers within their respective service areas, and that the rate setting body will be the City Council of the City of San Bernardino.

On January 10, 2011, the San Bernardino City Council held a public hearing to review the findings of a rate study performed by the engineering firm of R.W. Beck. Based on that study, the City of San Bernardino Water Department staff recommended that the Council approve a two step sewer treatment rate increase, with incremental increases to become effective on February 1, 2011 and January 1, 2012. The rate increases recommended by City staff were approved.

Copies of the R.W. Beck study and the City Water Department staff report are available on the EVWD's website www.eastvalley.org.

East Valley Water District refrained from passing through the City rate increases to District customers while members of the District Board and Staff investigated the reasons for, and necessity of, the amount of the increases. As a result, the District has been subsidizing bills to District customers by continuing to bill customers at old sewer treatment rates while remitting payment to the City at the increased rates. Having met with City Water Department staff, and toured sewer treatment facilities, and unable to subsidize the rate increases indefinitely, the District must now consider adopting sewer treatment rates being charged by the City.

How to Participate in the Hearing Process

If you have any question or comments about the proposed rates, or wish to protest, you may:

Write – written protests may be mailed or delivered in person to East Valley Water District, Attention Board Secretary, PO Boxes 3427, San Bernardino, CA 92413. Written protests must specify the rate or charge being protested and must include your name, parcel number and / or service address, and your signature. E-mailed protests will not be accepted. Please identify on the front of the envelope, whether mailed or delivered in person, which fee you are protesting

Attend the Public Hearing – written protests may also be submitted at the Public Hearing on November 22nd 2011 at 6:00 pm in the EVWD Board Room, 3654 E. Highland Ave. Suite 30 Highland California. Written protest must be received before the conclusion of the Public Hearing. You may address the Board, however, oral comments do not qualify as a formal protest unless accompanied by a written protest.

Call, Visit or Log-on - copies of the R.W. Beck study and the City Water Department staff report, along with the proposed Sewer Ordinance and Rate Resolution containing the new Sewer Treatment Rate, are available on the EVWD’s website www.eastvalley.org, at the EVWD office, or by calling (909) 885-4900.

Public Hearing Process – at the time of the Public Hearing, the Board of Directors will hear and consider all protests and objections. After the Public Hearing, if a majority of the property owners and tenants of real property directly liable for paying water and sewer bills for the affected parcels file written protests in opposition to the proposed rate increases, the increases will not be imposed. However, if a majority protest is not received, EVWD’s Board of Directors may increase its sewer treatment rates in the manner described in this Notice. If adopted, the proposed rates would become effective January 1, 2012, bringing the Sewer Treatment rates billed by the District into alignment with the Sewer Treatment rates the District pays to the City of San Bernardino.

	Current Rates	Proposed Rates (Eff. 1/1/12)
Residential sewer treatment charges:		
Monthly fixed charge	16.00	18.50
Commercial sewer treatment charges:		
Monthly fixed charge	2.00	2.40
Volume charges (per HCF of water used)		
Multi-family (4+ units, incl. MHP)	.95	1.25
Commercial/Retail/Light Industrial	1.90	2.10
Restaurants, motels w/restaurants	2.00	2.70
Laundromats	1.30	1.50
Dry Cleaners	1.90	2.20
Schools, Daycare, Churches	.70	1.10
Offices, Motels w/o Restaurants	1.50	1.50
Hospitals, Convalescent Homes	.95	1.35
Auto Repair / Service / Wash	1.30	1.30