

**WESTWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND WATER RATE INCREASES**

In connection with proposed increases to rates for water service fees, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Westwood Community Services District (District) will hold a **Public Hearing on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** in the Westwood Visitor Center, located at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Ash St, Westwood, CA 96137, to consider the adoption of increases to the rates for its water service fees to the parcel for which you are shown as the record owner or customer of record. The amount of the rate increases proposed to be imposed on your parcel and the bases upon which they were calculated are described below under "Proposed Rate Increases," and as set forth in the enclosed Engineer's Analysis and Recommendations.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider all written protests against the rate increases to the District's water service fees proposed to be imposed on parcels within the District. As the record owner or customer of record of a parcel identified to be subject to the imposition of the proposed rate increases, you may submit a written protest against the proposed rate increases. (If the identified parcel has more than one record owner and/or customer of record, only one written protest will be counted.) Each protest must: (1) be in writing; (2) state the specific rate increase (water service fees) for which the protest is being submitted in opposition; (3) provide the location of the identified parcel (by assessor's parcel number or street address); and (4) include the original signature of the record owner or customer of record submitting the protest. Protests submitted by e-mail, facsimile, or other electronic means will not be accepted. Written protests may be submitted by mail to the District Secretary P.O. Box 319, Westwood, CA 96137 or in person at the District Office located at 319 Ash St, Westwood, CA 96137, or in person at the public hearing, as long as they are received prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Please identify on the front of the envelope for any protest, whether mailed or submitted in person to the District Secretary, that the enclosed letter is for the Public Hearing on the Proposed Increase to Water Rates.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the District's Governing Board will consider adopting the proposed rate increases to the water service fees. Oral comments at the public hearing will not qualify as formal protests unless accompanied by a written protest. If, at the close of the public hearing, written protests against the proposed rate increases as outlined above are not presented by a majority of the record owners or customers of record of the identified parcels upon which they are proposed to be imposed, the Board will be authorized to impose the rate increases. If adopted, the rate increases for the water service fees are proposed to be effective for bills dated on or after July 1, 2022, and on each monthly utility bill thereafter.

**PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASES**

District staff have reviewed the current water rate rates and determined that an increase in the rates is necessary in order to recover sufficient revenues to operate and maintain the City's water system. The proposed rate structure for water service fees will provide revenues sufficient for (1) providing water system services; (2) purchasing or leasing supplies, equipment, or materials necessary to provide water system services; and (3) obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain water system services within existing service areas.

Current usage water rate:

\$0.35 per 1000 gallons per month after the Base of 30,000 gallons. Note: Apartments to be charged \$41.27 per unit per month. The usage rate will apply to the master meter(s).

The proposed water rate increases, if adopted, will be as follows:

Usage rate: \$1.00 per 1000 gallons per month after the Base of 20,000 gallons. Note: Apartments to be charged \$41.27 per unit per month. The usage rate will apply to the master meter(s).

In addition, on July 1, 2023 and every July 1 thereafter, the Board of Directors may increase any of the rates specified above to an amount not greater than the specified rate increased by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index - West Urban since the original effective date of these rates, as needed to pay for increased costs of providing water service.

For further details regarding the bases and reasons for the proposed rate increases for the City's water service fees, or if you have other questions, please contact the District at (530) 256-3211.