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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASE**

**November 17th, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

**Willow Creek Community Services District Office
135 Willow Rd, Willow Creek, CA 95573**

~OR~ by ZOOM Meeting ID: 414 162 5718 (<https://zoom.us/j/4141625718>)
DIAL IN: 1-669-900-6833 (press *9 to raise your hand to speak and *6 to mute/unmute)
NOTE: Protest votes must be in writing and cannot be made through ZOOM

Notice is hereby given that at the date, time and place shown above, the Willow Creek Community Services District (District) will hold a public hearing to consider a water rate increase to cover water treatment and water distribution services for the next five (5) years (2023-2027). The purpose of this notice is to describe the proposed water rates and notify you of the public hearing.

Protesting the Proposed Water Rates

Written protests from property owners and District customers may be submitted in writing any time **before the closing** of the public hearing (date and time stated above). Protests may be mailed to the District, hand delivered to the District at the customer counter or brought to the District public hearing and hand delivered at that time. Protests will be accepted and tabulated pursuant to Prop 218 requirements. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 53755(a)(3)(b) only one written protest will be counted per parcel. If written protests against the proposed rates are presented by a majority of owners and/or customers (50 percent plus one), then the District cannot approve the proposed rate increase and will have to find other means or methods to mitigate rising costs.

A protest must be received, in writing, by the District prior to the close of the public hearing (date and time stated above) and include the following:

- Signature of the property owner or customer of record submitting the protest
- The address of the property (service address or Assessor Parcel Number (APN))
- Statement of protest against the proposed water rate increase.

Questions

You may contact the District at 530-629-2136 or by email at willowcreekcsd@gmail.com if you have any questions about this notice or the proposed water rate increases.

Water Rate Study

The Willow Creek Community Services District recently hired Trinity Valley Consulting Engineers to complete a water rate study. The study determined that our rates need to be increased, such that we can accomplish the following:

- Produce sufficient revenue to fund ongoing operations and maintenance in order to meet current and anticipated cost increases.
- Build and maintain both operating and capital replacement reserves and continue the ongoing repairs and replacement program in the water treatment and distribution system.

More Information

For further project information, please visit the District website for the 2022 WCCSD Water Rate Study at www.willowcreekcsd.com/water-services

Water Rates

The water rate structure is proposed to stay the same as the current format. Each meter is charged a minimum monthly charge (base rate) based upon meter size. Each meter is then allowed a minimum usage with the minimum charge. For example, a standard residential 5/8" meter is allowed 750 cubic feet with the minimum charge. If a customer uses over the minimum usage amount, they are then charged an additional fee per 100 cubic feet (consumption rate). The tables below list the current and proposed water rates. The fee for multiple units is calculated by multiplying the number of units by the 5/8" meter rate. The minimum usage is also determined by multiplying the number of units by the 750 cubic foot minimum.

Current Rates

Meter Size	Minimum Charge	Minimum Usage (cft)	Overage charge per 100 cft
5/8"	\$36.30	750	\$1.65
3/4"	\$41.00	1035	\$1.65
1"	\$60.60	2223	\$1.65
1 1/2"	\$88.45	3911	\$1.65
2"	\$132.80	6598	\$1.65
3"	\$158.50	8156	\$1.65

Proposed Water Rates for 2023

Meter Size	Minimum Charge	Minimum Usage (cft)	Overage charge per 100 cft
5/8"	\$38.50	750	\$1.75
3/4"	\$43.45	1035	\$1.75
1"	\$64.25	2223	\$1.75
1 1/2"	\$93.75	3911	\$1.75
2"	\$140.75	6598	\$1.75
3"	\$168.00	8156	\$1.75

Proposed Water Rates for 2024

Meter Size	Minimum Charge	Minimum Usage (cft)	Overage charge per 100 cft
5/8"	\$39.65	750	\$1.80
3/4"	\$44.75	1035	\$1.80
1"	\$66.20	2223	\$1.80
1 1/2"	\$96.55	3911	\$1.80
2"	\$144.95	6598	\$1.80
3"	\$173.05	8156	\$1.80

Proposed Water Rates for 2025

Meter Size	Minimum Charge	Minimum Usage (cft)	Overage charge per 100 cft
5/8"	\$40.85	750	\$1.85
3/4"	\$47.45	1035	\$1.85
1"	\$70.15	2223	\$1.85
1 1/2"	\$102.35	3911	\$1.85
2"	\$153.65	6598	\$1.85
3"	\$183.45	8156	\$1.85

Proposed Water Rates for 2026

Meter Size	Minimum Charge	Minimum Usage (cft)	Overage charge per 100 cft
5/8"	\$42.10	750	\$1.90
3/4"	\$50.30	1035	\$1.90
1"	\$74.35	2223	\$1.90
1 1/2"	\$108.50	3911	\$1.90
2"	\$162.85	6598	\$1.90
3"	\$194.45	8156	\$1.90

Proposed Water Rates for 2027

Meter Size	Minimum Charge	Minimum Usage (cft)	Overage charge per 100 cft
5/8"	\$43.35	750	\$1.95
3/4"	\$51.80	1035	\$1.95
1"	\$76.60	2223	\$1.95
1 1/2"	\$111.75	3911	\$1.95
2"	\$167.75	6598	\$1.95
3"	\$200.30	8156	\$1.95

Backflow Device Testing

A backflow device or cross connection control device, is a device designed to prevent contaminants (non harmful) and pollutants (harmful) from entering our public water systems in case there is a backflow or back pressure situation. If a customer has a condition on their property which could allow contaminants or pollutants into the customers' water piping system, then the customer is required by State regulations and District policy to have a backflow device on their water system. Backflows must be tested annually to confirm they are working properly. The property owner is required to pay for the installation of the backflow device, the annual testing, and any repairs that are needed.

As part of this rate increase, the District proposes to charge customers for the annual testing of their backflow devices. If a customer would like to have an alternate approved vendor test their device, they can complete a form at the District office and submit a certificate of testing each year.

The monthly fee for testing backflow devices is proposed as follows:

Proposed Backflow Testing Rates

Year	Fee Per month
2023	\$3.00
2024	\$3.10
2025	\$3.30
2026	\$3.50
2027	\$3.60

These proposed rates will only cover the annual testing of backflow devices. Additional fees will be charged to the customer if a backflow device requires repair or replacement.

System Expansion Fees

As part of this rate increase, the District proposes to increase the fee for purchasing a new water meter connection on the District system. The proposed system expansion fees (also termed connection fee) are as follows:

Proposed System Expansion Fees

Meter Size	Current	Proposed
5/8"	\$3,500	\$3,850
3/4"	\$5,250	\$5,775
1"	\$8,750	\$9,625
1 1/2"	\$17,500	\$19,250
2"	\$28,000	\$30,800
3"	\$56,000	No longer offered

All meter installations shall be in addition to a expansion / connection fee. Installations will include, but not be limited to, all costs of parts, equipment rentals, permits and labor.