

Notice of Public Hearing

Regarding Proposed Rate Increases

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is to explain the proposed rate increases for all Vandenberg Village CSD customers. Section 6 of the California Constitution Article XIII D (Prop. 218) requires a notification to be sent to all affected property owners within our service area 45 days in advance of the public hearing. If written protests against the rate increases are received from a majority of the property owners, the Board may not impose the rate increases. Please note that either the tenant or the property owner may file a protest but only one protest per property will be counted.

The Vandenberg Village Community Services District Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 4, 2013 in the District Office Conference Room at 3757 Constellation Road, Vandenberg Village, to consider proposed increases in water and wastewater rates. If approved, the rates will be effective July 5, 2013.

PROTEST PROCEDURE

If you oppose the proposed rate increases, a protest must be submitted *in writing* before the public meeting is called to order.

Fax and email submissions cannot be accepted.

The protest must include a description of the property (i.e., address or parcel number (APN)) AND the type of rate protested (water or wastewater).

Please send written protests to:
Secretary of the Board
Vandenberg Village CSD
3757 Constellation Road
Lompoc, CA 93436

Date: Tuesday, June 4, 2013
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: 3757 Constellation Road
Vandenberg Village

Explanation of Rates and Charges

Dear Customer,

At their February 5, 2013 regular meeting, the Board of Directors directed staff to prepare an ordinance change and schedule a public hearing for the June 4, 2013 meeting to discuss increasing water and wastewater rates and charges by **approximately 4.8% this year and annually for the next two years.**

With the proposed rates, this year, the average monthly residential water and wastewater bill (based on 17 units of water and 5/8" x 3/4" meter) would increase by \$5.23 per month or \$63 annually. The most common rates for each customer class are included with this notice. A complete rate schedule is available at <http://vvcasd.org/custserv/ratechange.htm> or call us at (805) 733-2475.

The District is a revenue-neutral public agency. All revenues generated are used to fund our operating and capital budgets as well as emergency, capital, and operating reserves.

- Revenues from the *Water Usage Rate* and the *Water Service Charge* are used to fund all water related operating and capital expenditures. Water usage rates are tiered rates based on the amount of water used each month. They were last revised in 2009 when the 4th tier was added. The rates for the first three tiers have not changed since 2008, when they were increased by 3%. The water service charge is the fixed charge billed to each customer based on water meter size. The water service charge was last increased in 2008, by 3%.
- The *Wastewater Service Charge* covers City of Lompoc wastewater treatment and VVCSD wastewater operating and capital expenditures. The wastewater service charge is a fixed charge based on customer class and was last revised in 2010 when it decreased 13% to 29%, depending on customer class (i.e., the residential charge decreased 25% from \$47.70 to \$35.63).
- The *LRWRP Upgrade Charge* covers District expenses related to the Lompoc Regional Wastewater Reclamation Plant upgrade project. This includes the annual \$742,558 payment for our share of the State Revolving Fund loan used to fund the upgrade project, our contractual obligation for any maintenance performed on the plant, and a portion of our depreciation expense related to the asset. Because the LRWRP Upgrade project expenses will remain fairly constant for the near term, **staff is proposing no change to the LRWRP Upgrade charges through 2016.**

For more information on our budget or to view our audited financial statements, please visit our website at <http://vvcasd.org/publications/publications.htm> or call us at (805) 733-2475.

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Sample Residential Bill				
<i>5/8" x 3/4" meter and 17 ccf water used</i>				
	Current	2014 (proposed)	2015 (proposed)	2016 (proposed)
Water usage charge	21.49	22.51	23.60	24.76
Water service charge	21.66	22.70	23.78	24.92
Wastewater service charge	35.63	38.80	42.08	45.55
LRWRP upgrade charge	30.12	30.12	30.12	30.12
Total Bill	\$ 108.90	\$ 114.13	\$ 119.58	\$ 125.35

Schedule of Rates and Charges

	Current	2014 (proposed)	2015 (proposed)	2016 (proposed)
Water Usage Rate (ccf = hundred cubic feet)				
1-10 ccf	\$ 1.19	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.31	\$ 1.37
11-17 ccf	1.37	1.43	1.50	1.58
18-49 ccf	1.55	1.62	1.70	1.78
50+ ccf	2.38	2.49	2.61	2.74

Water Service Charge

5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 21.66	\$ 22.70	\$ 23.78	\$ 24.92
3/4"	22.89	23.99	25.13	26.34
1"	27.63	28.97	30.35	31.81

Please visit our website at <http://vvcasd.org/custserv/ratechange.htm> for water service charges on meters over 1"

Wastewater Service Charge

Residential	\$ 35.63	\$ 38.80	\$ 42.08	\$ 45.55
Disposal Rate (x ccf water)	4.91	5.35	5.80	6.28
Condominium (per dwelling unit)	33.85	36.09	39.78	43.42
Apartment (per dwelling unit)	28.61	30.70	34.30	37.91

LRWRP Upgrade Charge (No change)

Residential	\$ 30.12	\$ 30.12	\$ 30.12	\$ 30.12
Commercial/School (x ccf water)	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15
Condominium (x dwelling unit)	28.61	28.61	28.61	28.61
Apartment (x dwelling unit)	30.12	30.12	30.12	30.12

See reverse for additional information

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