

March 24, 2020 Public Hearing - Rate Increase Passed:

On March 24th the public hearing for the proposed rate increase was held. The Clerk of the Board counted all of the protest ballots received and found there was not a majority protest. Per Proposition 218 requirements **the rate increase was passed and a new water rate ordinance adopted**. However, due to the COVID19 Pandemic, the rate increase will not go into effect until 30 days after the Local COVID19 Emergency is terminated. **Until the Local COVID19 Emergency is over, water rates will remain at the current rate (see below).**

The **new approved rates** can be found here: [English](#) / [Español](#)

Proposed Rate Increase

On January 28th, 2020 at the Board of Supervisors meeting, a proposed rate increase ordinance was introduced for a Proposition 218 vote by the water customers and owners within the Boundaries of CSA 16. A Notice of Public Hearing with information on 1) why the rate increase is needed, 2) how the rates were calculated, 3) the amount of the rate increase, 4) how customers can receive more information, and 5) how to file a protest regarding the proposed rate increase was mailed to all customers and property owners. Click here to see the Notice available in [English](#) or [Spanish](#). A hearing will be held on March 24th at the Board of Supervisors Chambers. Protest votes may be mailed/or handed in up until the hearing on March 24th. Proposition 218 requires there to be less than a majority protest for the rate increase to pass and be implemented.

A 2nd community meeting on the proposed rate increase was held on December 3rd, 2019. The presentation and handouts, in both English and Spanish, can be found [here](#).

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