

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED INCREASES TO WATER RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES



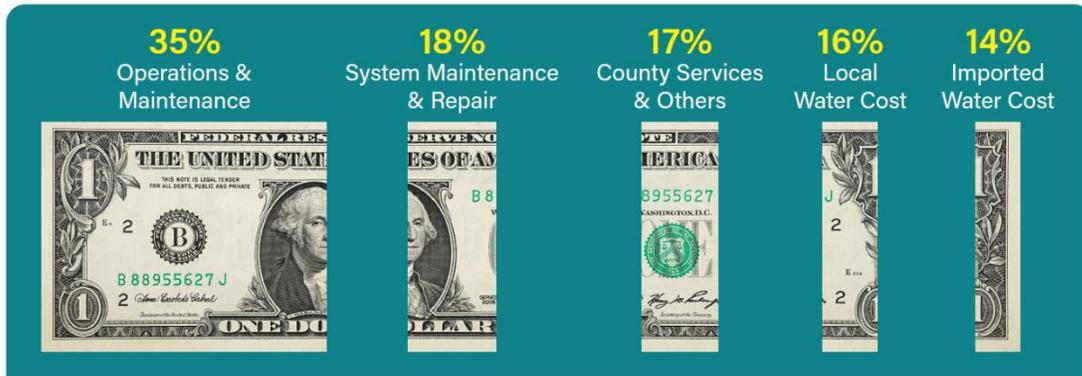
HEARING DATE: March 24, 2026, 10:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, Ventura County Government Center 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009-1920

VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 19 (SOMIS)

The District provides water to the Somis community. In 2025, 15% came from the State Water Project through Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and Calleguas Municipal Water District, while 85% was groundwater from local wells. Revenue from monthly water bills is used to cover costs such as imported water, electricity, chemicals, system maintenance, and staff salaries and benefits—everything required to deliver water to your community.

WHY ARE RATE ADJUSTMENTS REQUIRED?

These rates are based on the cost of providing water service to our customers and developed during the budget process. The rates must recover the cost of purchasing and producing water, maintaining, and improving the systems. Water rate cost allocation includes:



WHAT ARE THE CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATES?

The proposed rates and charges will be effective on the next regularly scheduled meter reading and billing cycle on or after April 1, 2026. The proposed rates will be no higher than those shown.

WATER COMMODITY RATES			MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGES - METERS		
RESIDENTIAL	CURRENT RATES	PROPOSED RATES	METER SIZE	CURRENT RATES	PROPOSED RATES
28-DAY BILLING CYCLE	PER HCF*	PER HCF	3/4-inch	\$23.34	\$26.12
Tier 1 0 – 9.33 HCF*	\$2.72	\$3.04	1-inch	\$35.72	\$39.98
Tier 2 9.34 – 28.93 HCF	\$3.31	\$3.70	1 1/2-inch	\$66.65	\$74.58
Tier 3 > 28.94 HCF	\$4.37	\$4.89	2-inch	\$103.77	\$116.11
35-DAY BILLING CYCLE	PER HCF	PER HCF	3-inch	\$221.30	\$247.64
Tier 1 0 – 11.67 HCF	\$2.72	\$3.04	4-inch	\$394.51	\$441.46
Tier 2 11.68 – 36.17 HCF	\$3.31	\$3.70	6-inch	\$808.97	\$905.24
Tier 3 > 36.18 HCF	\$4.37	\$4.89			
OTHER CLASSES			MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGES - FIRE LINE		
RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY	\$3.76	\$4.21	METER SIZE	CURRENT RATES	PROPOSED RATES
COMMERCIAL	\$3.74	\$4.18	2-inch	\$10.85	\$12.14
AGRICULTURAL	\$3.50 (\$1,524.60/AF)	\$3.92 (\$1,707.55/AF)	3-inch	\$22.38	\$25.04
INDUSTRIAL	\$6.19	\$6.93	4-inch	\$42.28	\$47.31
INSTITUTIONAL	\$4.04	\$4.52	6-inch	\$113.71	\$127.24
TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION	\$6.45	\$7.21	8-inch	\$236.89	\$265.08
LIFT CHARGES	\$0.27	\$0.30			
* HCF = Hundred Cubic Feet (748 Gallons); *AF = Acre Feet (435.60 HCF)			NOTE: Water used through private fire services will be charged at the temporary construction water rate		

HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE?

If you wish to oppose the proposed water rate increases you are requested to submit a written protest by mail before March 24, 2026, public hearing at 10:30 a.m. to the following address: Attn: WWD19 Water Rate Protest, 6767 Spring Road, P.O. Box 250, Moorpark, CA 93020-0250.

Protests must contain the following information: (1) the property's Assessor's Parcel Number and address; (2) whether you are the owner of record of the property or are a tenant/leaseholder (if you are a property owner but did not own the property as of the last tax roll on July 1, 2025, include confirmation of your property ownership); (3) a statement that you are protesting the water rate increases; and (4) your name (printed), date, and original signature. The District will not count written protests received after the conclusion of the public hearing. Any verbal protests unaccompanied by a written protest or protests delivered by facsimile (fax) will not be counted. For protests by regular mail, please allow enough time for the mail to be delivered to the District before the public hearing; the District is not responsible for U.S. Postal Service delays. Only one protest per property will be counted. For multiple properties affected by the proposed increases, you should submit separate protests for each affected parcel, as the protest threshold is based upon a majority of the total number of parcels. Once opened, protests are disclosable public records.

Per section 53759 of the Government Code, effective January 1, 2022, there is a 120-day statute of limitations for challenging any new, increased, or extended fee or charge from the effective date or of the date of the final passage, adoption, or approval of the ordinance, resolution or motion, whichever is later.

If the rate increase isn't approved, Waterworks District #19' will run out of funds by Summer 2027, risking District bankruptcy.

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