

# **Notice of Continued Public Hearing About Proposed Rate Increases for City of El Centro Water and Wastewater Services**

**ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARING**

**Tuesday, October 2, 2012  
6:00 p.m.  
City of El Centro  
City Council Chambers  
1275 Main Street  
El Centro, CA 92243**

## **WATER AND WASTEWATER – PROPOSED INCREASES NOTICE**

The City of El Centro operates and maintains water and wastewater systems. These systems include treatment, collection and distribution facilities. The water and wastewater systems represent a multi-million dollar investment by the community and are required to comply with ever changing regulations. The City last conducted a rate study for water and wastewater services in 2005. The rates have not increased since 2009.

The City conducted a rate study to evaluate the revenue, expenditure, and reserve amounts that are needed to properly operate and maintain our water and wastewater facilities.

## **REPORT AND SUMMARY**

The summary report and the entire rate study can be found online at [www.cityofelcentro.org/pworks](http://www.cityofelcentro.org/pworks) or at the El Centro City Clerk's Office located at 1275 Main Street, El Centro, CA, 92243. The rate study is named 2012 WATER/WASTEWATER RATE STUDY. The summary report is named 2012 WATER/WASTEWATER RATE STUDY SUMMARY.

## **PROPOSED INCREASES**

Proposed rate increases are shown on page 3 of this notice. Two tables are included; Table 1 is the proposed water rate increases and Table 2 is the proposed wastewater increases.

Water customers are charged a flat rate, based on meter size and service, and an amount based on the water used (usage charge).

**WATER RATES ARE PROPOSED TO INCREASE 4.6% EACH JULY UNTIL JULY 2016.**

Sewer customers are charged one of two rates; a flat rate based on residential service, or a usage rate based on non-residential service.

**SEWER RATES ARE PROPOSED TO INCREASE 6.2% EACH JULY UNTIL JULY 2016.**

**THE CITY COUNCIL HAS THE ABILITY TO MODIFY THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASES AFTER THE PUBLIC COMMENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.**

## **WHO CAN BE HEARD**

Property owner or a tenant who pays the water and sewer bill has the right to be heard. In the event that the property owner and the tenant (or current resident) submit protests, only the property owner's protest will be counted. If the tenant submits a protest and the property owner does not, the tenant's protest will be counted. One or more written protest(s) per parcel, filed by an owner or tenant of the parcel, shall be counted as one.

## **HOW TO BE HEARD**

### **Public Hearing:**

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A valid protest must contain the service address of the property, printed name of the protester and signature of the protester.

If you have already submitted a protest to the proposed increases, it is not necessary to submit another protest. Only one protest per parcel/ratepayer is permitted.

On July 17, 2012, the City Council opened the Public Hearing for the proposed rate increases. During the Public Hearing, the City Council decided to continue the hearing to OCTOBER 2, 2012 to permit revised notices to be prepared and submitted to the public.

The Proposition 218 process allows customers to respond to proposed rate increases prior to the close of the Public Hearing. If you object to the proposed increase in the monthly water or wastewater rate charges described in this notice, your protest must be submitted in writing to be considered, even if you plan to attend the public hearing. Your written protest must be received prior to the close of the Public Hearing.

### **Protests can be mailed or personally delivered to:**

**City Clerk  
City of El Centro  
1275 Main Street  
El Centro, CA 92243**

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please call (760) 337-4510 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**TABLE 1  
PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASES**

	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>FY2013</b>	<b>FY2014</b>	<b>FY2015</b>	<b>FY2016</b>	<b>FY2017</b>
Water Usage Charge Starting		7/1/2012	7/1/2013	7/1/2014	7/1/2015	7/1/2016
(per 1,000 gallons)	\$ 3.17	\$ 3.32	\$ 3.47	\$ 3.63	\$ 3.80	\$ 3.97
Percentage Increase over prior	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>4.6%</b>
Monthly Service Charge						
Meter Size (inches)						
<b>5/8 and 3/4 (Residential)</b>	<b>\$ 3.01</b>	<b>\$ 3.15</b>	<b>\$ 3.29</b>	<b>\$ 3.44</b>	<b>\$ 3.60</b>	<b>\$ 3.77</b>
1	\$ 3.67	\$ 3.84	\$ 4.02	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.39	\$ 4.59
2	\$ 5.10	\$ 5.33	\$ 5.58	\$ 5.84	\$ 6.11	\$ 6.39
3	\$ 16.25	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.78	\$ 18.60	\$ 19.46	\$ 20.36
4	\$ 18.81	\$ 19.68	\$ 20.59	\$ 21.54	\$ 22.53	\$ 23.57
6	\$ 27.67	\$ 28.94	\$ 30.27	\$ 31.66	\$ 33.12	\$ 34.64
8	\$ 37.80	\$ 39.54	\$ 41.36	\$ 43.26	\$ 45.25	\$ 47.33

Most residences have 3/4" meters installed.

**TABLE 2  
PROPOSED WASTEWATER RATE INCREASES**

		Proposed Sewer Rates					
		<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>FY2013</b>	<b>FY2014</b>	<b>FY2015</b>	<b>FY2016</b>	<b>FY2017</b>
			7/1/2012	7/1/2013	7/1/2014	7/1/2015	7/1/2016
	Percentage increase over prior year	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>6.2%</b>
<b>Residential</b>							
<b>1</b>	<b>Single Family</b>	<b>\$ 44.35</b>	<b>\$ 47.10</b>	<b>\$ 50.02</b>	<b>\$ 53.12</b>	<b>\$ 56.41</b>	<b>\$ 59.91</b>
2	Duplex	\$ 66.63	\$ 70.76	\$ 75.15	\$ 79.81	\$ 84.76	\$ 90.01
3	Multi Family, Condominium	\$ 3.0546	\$ 3.2440	\$ 3.4451	\$ 3.6587	\$ 3.8855	\$ 4.1265
4	Mobile Home Park	\$ 3.0546	\$ 3.2440	\$ 3.4451	\$ 3.6587	\$ 3.8855	\$ 4.1265
<b>Commercial and Other</b>							
5	Hotel, Motel, without dining facilities	\$ 4.0140	\$ 4.2629	\$ 4.5272	\$ 4.8079	\$ 5.1059	\$ 5.4225
6	Laundromat	\$ 3.1919	\$ 3.3898	\$ 3.6000	\$ 3.8232	\$ 4.0602	\$ 4.3119
7	Commercial Laundry, Dry Cleaner	\$ 5.2714	\$ 5.5982	\$ 5.9453	\$ 6.3139	\$ 6.7054	\$ 7.1211
8	Market with Garbage Disp., Butch. Shop	\$ 9.6729	\$ 10.2726	\$ 10.9095	\$ 11.5859	\$ 12.3042	\$ 13.0671
9	Professional Office	\$ 2.9502	\$ 3.1331	\$ 3.3274	\$ 3.5337	\$ 3.7527	\$ 3.9854
10	Repair Shop, Service Station	\$ 4.1593	\$ 4.4172	\$ 4.6910	\$ 4.9819	\$ 5.2908	\$ 5.6188
11	Bar, Tavern	\$ 3.8690	\$ 4.1089	\$ 4.3636	\$ 4.6342	\$ 4.9215	\$ 5.2266
12	Car Wash	\$ 2.7566	\$ 2.9275	\$ 3.1090	\$ 3.3018	\$ 3.5065	\$ 3.7239
13	Soft Water Service	\$ 2.2150	\$ 2.3523	\$ 2.4982	\$ 2.6531	\$ 2.8176	\$ 2.9922
14	Hospital, Convalescent Facility, Medical	\$ 3.6275	\$ 3.8524	\$ 4.0913	\$ 4.3449	\$ 4.6143	\$ 4.9004
15	Hotel, Motel with Dining Facilities	\$ 7.2545	\$ 7.7043	\$ 8.1819	\$ 8.6892	\$ 9.2280	\$ 9.8001
16	Restaurant, Bakery	\$ 9.6729	\$ 10.2726	\$ 10.9095	\$ 11.5859	\$ 12.3042	\$ 13.0671
17	School, College, Church	\$ 3.0469	\$ 3.2358	\$ 3.4364	\$ 3.6495	\$ 3.8758	\$ 4.1161
18	Retail Store	\$ 3.3855	\$ 3.5954	\$ 3.8183	\$ 4.0551	\$ 4.3065	\$ 4.5735
19	Beauty parlor	\$ 3.3855	\$ 3.5954	\$ 3.8183	\$ 4.0551	\$ 4.3065	\$ 4.5735
20	Icemaking	\$ 1.1285	\$ 1.1985	\$ 1.2728	\$ 1.3517	\$ 1.4355	\$ 1.5245
21	Movie Theatre	\$ 3.3855	\$ 3.5954	\$ 3.8183	\$ 4.0551	\$ 4.3065	\$ 4.5735
22	Packing Shed	\$ 1.1285	\$ 1.1985	\$ 1.2728	\$ 1.3517	\$ 1.4355	\$ 1.5245
Rates for Customer Classes 1 and 2 are flat rate monthly charges							
Rates 3-22 are expressed per 1,000 gallons of water							