

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:
PROPOSED CHANGES TO RECYCLED WATER RATES**

San José Municipal Water System (SJMWS) provides these details on proposed recycled water rate changes and when they will become effective if the San José City Council approves them. This rate notice is also posted online at SanJoseCA.gov/RateNotices. You have received this packet because you are a customer that SJMWS bills for recycled water services. You may receive multiple copies, as a packet is sent for each service address.

This notice identifies the highest **potential** water rate changes based upon information to date. Final rates will be reviewed and set at a public hearing of the San José City Council (City Council) on:

Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 1:30 p.m., or when it can be heard after the meeting begins.
San José City Hall Council Chambers

200 East Santa Clara Street

San José, CA 95113

If you wish to protest the proposed changes, the City must receive your written protest prior to the close of the public hearing on June 4, 2024. This notice provides information on protests and legal challenges.

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Reason for the Proposed Change

SJMWS purchases and delivers on average three million gallons of recycled water per day to institutional, industrial, and commercial customers. Recycled water rates have two charges: those to recover fixed costs (meter charges) and variable costs (quantity rates). All customers will be billed a flat service charge based on the size of the water meter (Table 1), as well as a quantity charge per unit of water used (Table 2). The proposed rates and charges are set at a level to generate enough revenue to cover the increased costs of providing water service, including the currently anticipated increase in wholesale water cost, and changes to costs of operating and maintaining the system. Under prior Council Resolution, recycled water rates will continue to be automatically increased every year in proportion to any increase in wholesale recycled water costs.

Proposed Recycled Water Rates

Table 1: Monthly Meter Charge

MONTHLY METER CHARGE <i>(based on meter size)</i>		
Meter Size	2023-24 Current Charges	New Proposed Charges
5/8-inch	\$38.19	\$40.87
3/4-inch	\$38.19	\$40.87
1-inch	\$67.54	\$72.27
1.5-inch	\$116.42	\$124.58
2-inch	\$175.11	\$187.37
3-inch	\$360.90	\$386.17
4-inch	\$634.72	\$679.16
6-inch	\$1,387.70	\$1,484.84
8-inch	\$2,365.58	\$2,531.18
10-inch	\$3,734.64	\$3,996.07

Table 2: Quantity Charge

QUANTITY CHARGE <i>(per HCF*)</i>	2023-24 Current Charge	New Proposed Charge
All Customers/Uses	\$4.513	\$5.098

Important Deadlines

If you wish to protest the proposed water rates, you must do the following for your protest to be included in the official tally presented to the City Council. If there is a protest of the majority, the City Council will not adopt the increase. Your protest must:

- **Be received by the City in writing** prior to the close of the public hearing on June 4, 2024
- **Indicate your name and the service address** of the property(ies) you own or rent that is/are subject to the proposed rate adjustment.
- **Clearly state that you are protesting** the proposed rate change.

Protests must be presented in person at the public hearing or submitted to the Office of the City Clerk in the form of a letter, fax, or email:

Mail	Fax	E-mail
Recycled Water Rate Changes City of San José – Office of the City Clerk 200 E. Santa Clara St., Tower 14 th Floor San José, CA 95113-1905	(408) 292-6207 Recycled Water Rate Changes	WaterRateProtest@sanjoseca.gov Subject: Recycled Water

Legal Challenge: There is a 120-day statute of limitations to challenge any new, increased, or extended fee or charge.

*HCF = hundred cubic feet; 1 HCF = 748 gallons