



March 26, 2021

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

This packet provides details on the proposed changes to San José Municipal Water System (SJMWS) recycled water rates and when they will become effective if the San José City Council approves them. The enclosed rate notice is also posted online at www.sjenvironment.org/ratenotices. You may receive multiple copies of this notice, as a packet is sent for each service address.

The City of San José recognizes that these are unprecedented and difficult times. This notice identifies the highest potential water rate changes based upon information to date. Final rates will be reviewed at a public hearing before the San José City Council on:

Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

San José City Hall Council Chambers, 200 East Santa Clara Street, San José, CA 95113 (Virtually)

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 15, 2021. This notice provides information on how to protest the proposed rates. Information regarding remote meetings is available here: www.sanjoseca.gov/news-stories/watch-a-meeting.

Requesting this Notice in Other Formats and Languages

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, this letter can be made available upon request in alternative formats such as braille, large print, audiotape, or computer disk. Requests can be made by calling (408) 535-3500 (voice) or (800) 735-2929 (California Relay System).

Para obtener una copia en español de este aviso de tarifa, llame al (408) 535-3500.

Để có bản tiếng Việt của thông báo giá này, hãy gọi (408) 535-3500.

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, personnel costs, 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 | 2020-21 Current Charges | New Proposed Charges |
| 5/8-inch | \$28.60 | \$30.89 |
| 3/4-inch | \$28.60 | \$30.89 |
| 1-inch | \$50.57 | \$54.62 |
| 1.5-inch | \$87.17 | \$94.15 |
| 2-inch | \$131.11 | \$141.60 |
| 3-inch | \$270.23 | \$291.85 |
| 4-inch | \$475.26 | \$513.28 |
| 6-inch | \$1,039.06 | \$1,122.19 |
| 8-inch | \$1,771.27 | \$1,912.97 |
| 10-inch | \$2,796.38 | \$3,020.09 |

Table 2: Quantity Charge

| QUANTITY CHARGE <i>(per HCF*)</i> | 2020-21 Current Charges | New Proposed Charges |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| All Customers/Uses | \$3.114 | \$3.424 |

Deadline to Submit Written Protests: June 15, 2021

If you wish to file a protest to the proposed water rate and charge changes, you must follow these rules 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:

- Written protests must be received by the City ***prior to the close of the public hearing*** on June 15, 2021.
- ***You must indicate your name and the service address*** of the property(ies) you own or rent that is/are subject to the scheduled rate adjustment.
- Submit ***written*** protests to the City Clerk in the form of a letter, fax, or e-mail as shown below before the start of the public hearing:

| Mail | Fax | E-mail |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| SJMWS 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 SJMWS Rate Changes | WaterRateProtest@sanjoseca.gov |

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