

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC 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. This rate notice is also posted online at [www.sjenvironment.org/ratenotices](http://www.sjenvironment.org/ratenotices). You may receive multiple copies of this notice, 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 at a public hearing before the San José City Council on:

**Tuesday, June 7, 2022 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 (may be virtual)

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 7, 2022. The attached notice provides information on protest and legal challenges.

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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).

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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, 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**

<b>MONTHLY METER CHARGE</b> <i>(based on meter size)</i>		
<b>Meter Size</b>	<b>2021-22 Current Charges</b>	<b>New Proposed Charges</b>
5/8-inch	\$30.89	\$35.37
3/4-inch	\$30.89	\$35.37
1-inch	\$54.62	\$62.54
1.5-inch	\$94.15	\$107.80
2-inch	\$141.60	\$162.14
3-inch	\$291.85	\$334.17
4-inch	\$513.28	\$587.71
6-inch	\$1,122.19	\$1,284.91
8-inch	\$1,912.97	\$2,190.36
10-inch	\$3,020.09	\$3,458.00

**Table 2: Quantity Charge**

<b>QUANTITY CHARGE</b> <i>(per HCF*)</i>	<b>2021-22 Current Charge</b>	<b>New Proposed Charge</b>
All Customers/Uses	\$3.401	\$3.918

**Important Deadlines**

To protest 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 7, 2022.*
- **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.
- **Written** protests may also be submitted to the Office of the City Clerk before the public hearing in the form of a letter, fax, or e-mail:

<b>Mail</b>	<b>Fax</b>	<b>E-mail</b>
Recycled Water Rate Changes City of San José – Office of the City Clerk 200 E. Santa Clara St., Tower 14 <sup>th</sup> 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