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Date: September 27, 2018
To: Bear Creek Waste Water Enterprise Customers
From: Rick Rogers, Acting District Manager

On behalf of the San Lorenzo Valley Water District, I would like to invite you to attend a meeting between Bear Creek Estates Waste Water customers and District staff on **October 9, 2018 at 6:00 pm** at the BCRPD Bear Creek Country Club Facility, 15685 Forest Hill Dr., Boulder Creek.

At the meeting the District will present information related to the enclosed Proposition 218 notice, see attached, the general process and encourage your questions and input.

The Public Hearing required by Proposition 218 is scheduled to be held, as set forth in the enclosed notice, **November 15, 2018 at 6:30pm** at the SLVWD Operations Building, 13057 Highway 9, Boulder Creek, CA 95006. The Public Hearing will be part of the regular Board meeting. The meeting agenda will be published on the District's website at least 72 hours before the meeting

If you are unable to attend the meetings and have questions, please contact the District at 831-338-2153 and ask for either the Acting District Manager, Rick Rogers or Director of Finance, Stephanie Hill. You may also send an email to shill@slvwd.com.

Sincerely,

Rick Rogers

Enclosures

PROTEST FORM

Proposed Rate Increase for Fiscal Years 2018-19 through 2020-21

Please note that protests need to be signed in writing but do not need to be on this form.

If you do not wish to protest, please disregard this form.

By signing the form below, I protest the proposed sewer rate increases and affirm under penalty of law that I am the owner or legal tenant who is directly responsible for paying fees for sewer service to the property.

PARCEL INFORMATION

Assessor's Parcel Number (APN)

AND/OR

Street Address

City

AND/OR

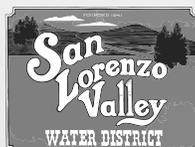
SLVWD Account Number

SUBMITTED BY

Print Name

Signature

Date





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Proposition 218

Notice of Public Hearing: Proposed Wastewater Rate Increase

This notice is being sent to inform you that the San Lorenzo Valley Water District (District) is proposing to increase its wastewater rates over the next three years. The District will hold a public hearing to consider adopting the proposed rates as follows:

Date: Thursday, November 15, 2018

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: SLVWD Operations Building, 13057 Highway 9, Boulder Creek, CA 95006

Why is the District Proposing to Increase Wastewater Rates?

In 2017, the District conducted a rate study, which resulted in the original proposal to produce the additional revenue needed for investment in capital improvement projects throughout the District's wastewater service area, as well as to bolster the District's wastewater emergency reserve funds and cover operational costs. The proposal was drafted following a six-month process that included discussions and presentations at numerous public meetings with input from the District's Board of Directors (Board) and completion of a cost of service study. An initial rate increase proposal based on the rate study was presented in December 2017, however, the District received enough protests to block the proposed increase. Copies of the 2017 Rate Study and Cost of Service Study are available on the District's website, www.slvwd.com.

Through continued meetings with the community, the District has reduced the proposed rate increase, limiting it to three years. The current proposal is to provide funds to 1) cover a further study of the capital improvement projects that are needed, 2) cover current operational costs, and 3) recover some of the deficit from prior years.

The current rate increase proposal is intended to cover these more immediate expenditures only. Once the study is reviewed for the capital improvements needed, a further rate study will be conducted to determine any future rate increases that may be needed.

Proposed Rates

The District is proposing to phase in wastewater rate increases over the next three years as shown in the table below. The rate increase for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 will be effective as of the January 5th, 2019 bill and continue annually thereafter.

Wastewater Sewer Rate Schedule	Current Rate	Proposed FY 2018-19	Proposed FY 2019-20	Proposed FY 2020-21
<i>Projected Increase in Rate Revenue:</i>		20.00%	20.00%	20.00%
Monthly Fixed Service Charge:				
Sewer Rate, all customers	\$ 149.00	\$ 178.80	\$ 214.56	\$ 257.47

Timing of Capital Improvement Study

The District is committed to follow through with the capital improvement study as part of this rate increase. The below outlines a planned timeline of events:

1. A Request for Proposals (RFP) to be made public by December 31, 2018.
2. Award the proposal to the most qualified candidate by April 30, 2019, assuming qualified proposals are received.
3. Request the candidate have a completed study by March 31, 2020.

How to Submit a Written Protest

Property owners and current customers may file written protests against the proposed rate increase. Pursuant to California law, all written protests must be received by the District prior to the close of the Public Hearing on Thursday, November 15, 2018. Protests must:

- 1) identify the affected property or properties, such as by address, Assessor's Parcel Number, or customer account number,
- 2) include the name and signature of the customer or property owner submitting the protest, and
- 3) clearly state opposition to the proposed water rate increases.

The proposed rates cannot be adopted if written protests are received from a majority of affected parcels, with one written protest counted per parcel. Written and signed protests can be mailed to: San Lorenzo Valley Water District, Wastewater Rate Protest, 13060 Highway 9, Boulder Creek, CA 95006, or emailed to hhossack@slvwd.com. For additional information regarding the proposed wastewater rate increase, call SLVWD at (831) 338-2153.