City of Buellton

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APRIL 14, 2011 6:00 PM BUELLTON CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Proposed rate increases for water and sewer utilities

Proposed rate increases for water and sewer utilities will be presented at the February 10, 2011 City Council meeting 6:00 PM in the City Council chambers located at 140 West Highway 246 Buellton CA., and consider for adoption at 6:00 PM on April 14, 2011 at a public hearing at the same location. The proposed rates will become effective on utility bills as early as June 1, 2011. Sewer rates will be increased beginning June 1, 2011 and water rates increased beginning June 1, 2012.

Proposed water rate increase: June 1, 2012

SERVICE LEVEL	CURRENT RATE P/M	PROPOSED INCREASE P/M	PROPOSED MONTHLY RATE
Single family/condo	18.20	1.00	19.20
Commercial	Varies	1.00 per connection	

Proposed water rate increase: January 1, 2013

SERVICE LEVEL	CURRENT RATE P/M	PROPOSED INCREASE P/M	PROPOSED MONTHLY RATE
Single family/condo	19.20	2.00	21.20
Commercial	Varies	2.00 per connection	

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Proposed water rate increase: January 1, 2014

SERVICE LEVEL	CURRENT RATE P/M	PROPOSED INCREASE P/M	PROPOSED MONTHLY RATE
Single family/ condo	21.20	1.00	22.20
Commercial	Varies	1.00 per/connection	

Proposed water rate increase: January 1, 2015

SERVICE LEVEL	CURRENT RATE P/M	PROPOSED INCREASE P/M	PROPOSED MONTHLY RATE
Single family/condo	22.20	2.00	24.20
Commercial	Varies	2.00 per connection	

The proposed rate increase in the water utility is primarily due to increased operational costs, including maintenance costs, labor, replacement and improvements in the City's water delivery system, (capital projects) and cost of support from other City departments and other State mandated monitoring and testing costs.

Proposed new sewer rates effective June 1, 2011

SERVICE LEVEL	CURRENT RATE P/M	PROPOSED INCREASE P/M	PROPOSED MONTHLY RATE
Single family	18.00	1.00	19.00
Condo.	16.08	1.00	17.08
Commercial	Varies 23.84	1.00	24.84

Proposed sewer rate increase June 1, 2012

SERVICE LEVEL	CURRENT RATE P/M	PROPOSED INCREASE P/M	PROPOSED MONTHLY RATE
Single family	19.00	2.00	21.00
Condo.	17.08	2.00	19.08
Commercial	Varies	2.00	

Proposed sewer rate increase June 1, 2013

SERVICE LEVEL	CURRENT RATE P/M	PROPOSED INCREASE P/M	PROPOSED MONTHLY RATE
Single family	21.00	2.00	23.00
Condo.	19.08	2.00	21.08
Commercial	Varies	2.00	

Proposed sewer rate increase June 1, 2014

SERVICE LEVEL	CURRENT RATE P/M	PROPOSED INCREASE P/M	PROPOSED MONTHLY RATE
Single family	23.00	2.00	25.00
Condo.	21.08	2.00	23.08
Commercial	Varies	2.00	

(All rates reflect the basic service charge, consumption rates are not affected by these increases)

A rate increase for the sewer utility is primarily due to increased operational costs. Other components of the City's sewer rates include maintenance costs including labor, replacement and improvements in the City's sewer collection system, (capital projects), and costs of support from the other City departments.

In order to avoid significant increases in future sewer and water rates, effective July 1, 2015 the sewer and water service meter fees shall be increased annually a nominal amount, not to exceed the increase in the Consumer Price Index for the State of California for the 12 month period ending each prior June 30th.

Property owners who are not able to attend the April 14th public hearing may still convey their opinions in writing prior to the meeting.

Protests must indicate your name and address. Proposition 218 stipulates that if a majority of the recorded owners of property submit written protests to the proposed increases, the City Council cannot impose the increases.

For more information about the proposed increase in water and sewer rates, call City Hall at (805) 688-5177.

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