



NOTICE

of Proposed Service Charge Increase & Public Hearing

June 8, 2023

Dear Property Owner:

You are receiving this Notice because you own property within County Service Area 16 – Hillside Greens (District), which is a special district administered by San Joaquin County (County). The District provides domestic water services to the properties within the District’s boundaries. The Department of Public Works is advising you of a proposed increase to the rates that you pay for these services and the Public Hearing regarding the increases.

The annual charges you pay to the District are property related fees collected as part of your property tax bill. The fees fund labor for maintenance and repairs, testing of the water, and administration costs associated with the services. Your District has not had an increase since 2008. The County’s costs for these services have increased with inflation and an adjustment to your rates is necessary to keep revenues in line with expenses. **The County is proposing a 5% inflationary increase to your rates effective July 2023.**

District fees are a flat rate charge based on the Single-Family Equivalent (SFE) unit. This is the level of service received by the average single-family residence. The proposed charges, if approved, will be effective fiscal year 2023-24, which begins in July 2023. Beginning fiscal year 2024-25 through 2027-2028, an annual adjustment factor for inflation, not to exceed 5%, **may** be applied. The adjustment for inflation will be based on the percent change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) – All Urban Consumers for the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose areas. Increases after this time would require another notice of proposed increase and Public Hearing. The service charges are annual and will continue indefinitely for the purpose of covering all the necessary expenses to operate, maintain and replace the District’s public utilities for services.

The table below shows the current and the proposed charges per SFE per fiscal year:

Service	Current Rate 2022-2023	Proposed Rate 2023-2024
Annual Water Service Charge (per SFE*)	\$2,309	\$2,424

*Parcels with one single family home = 1 SFE. Parcels with two dwelling units = 1.3 SFE.

The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors will consider adoption of the increase at a Public Hearing on:



Tuesday, July 25, 2023
9:00 AM – Chambers of the Board of Supervisors
44 N. San Joaquin Street, Sixth Floor, Suite 627
Stockton, CA 95202-2924

Any written protests must be received by the San Joaquin County Public Works Department office at 1810 E. Hazelton Ave., Stockton, CA 95205 by 5:00 PM on July 24, 2023, or submitted at the Public Hearing prior to the close of the hearing.

If a rate increase is not passed, service levels within the District will need to be reduced to generate cost savings. The following cost reduction measures may be implemented:

- Emergency water conservation measures PROHIBITING ALL OUTDOOR WATERING.
- Reduction of after-hours and weekend service calls
- Reduction of regular maintenance of the system
- Postponement of equipment replacement

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Engineer's Report detailing the rate calculation methodology and revenue requirements are available at the County's website at:

<https://www.sjgov.org/departments/pwk/special-districts-home/csa/county-service-area-16>

The Engineer's Report can be reviewed at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or at the Public Works' office.

Additionally, a public meeting will be held to discuss the rate adjustments and answer questions from affected property owners. The public meeting information is below:

Monday, July 10, 2023 from 3:00 to 5:00
In-Person: Department of Public Works – Conference Room A
1810 East Hazelton Ave.
Stockton, CA 95205
OR
Online: bit.ly/2023InflationAdj
OR
Call: 209-645-4071 and enter meeting ID 589238446#

If you have any questions, please contact Robert Davalos, Community Infrastructure Engineering Manager, at (209) 468-3697, at the San Joaquin County Department of Public Works.