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# 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 55 (District), which is a special district administered by San Joaquin County (County). The District provides storm drainage 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, electricity, and administration costs associated with the services. Unfortunately, the revenue collected is far less than what is needed to maintain the current level of services. Your rates have not been raised since 1999; however, costs to operate your system have increased during that time. The District only has 14 properties and currently collects a total of \$140 annually for the storm drainage services. However, the cost just to annually mow and clean the basin is approximately \$500.

The proposed rate is being phased in over five years to provide property owners a more gradual increase in the rate. 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 2023-2024 through Fiscal Year 2027-2028. The charges will continue after this time period at the Fiscal Year 2027-2028 rate, and any additional increases 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 Rates (per year)				
		2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028
Annual Storm Drainage Service Charge (per SFE*)	\$10	\$20	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$60

\*One SFE is assigned to every single family home in this District.

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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:

- Reduction of after-hours and weekend service calls
- Reduction of regular maintenance of the system

#### **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-55>

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:

Wednesday, June 28, 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:** <https://bit.ly/StormRateAdj>

OR

**Call:** 209-645-4071 and enter meeting ID 117095020#

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.