



NOTICE

of Proposed Service Charge Increase & Public Hearing

June 8, 2023

Dear Property Owner:

You are receiving this Notice because you own property within the Gayla Manor Maintenance District (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 proposed increase is required to properly align the District’s revenue with the cost of providing service and contributions to capital replacement reserves. There are several key items such as the service laterals, hydrants, and tank which have exceeded their expected life and will soon require replacement or repair. Costs have continued to increase over the last 5 years; since your District approved the rate in 2018. During that time, the pump tax paid to Stockton East Water District, which now accounts for more than 35% of operational expenses, increased 98%. In addition to covering annual operating costs, the proposed rate includes a contribution for capital replacement costs. The contribution amount is being phased in over 5 years to provide property owners a more gradual increase in the rate.

Fees in the Gayla Manor Maintenance District are a flat rate charge based on the Single Family Equivalent (SFE) unit. This is the benefit received by the average single-family residence. The proposed charges, if approved, will be effective for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 through 2027-2028. Increases after Fiscal Year 2027-28 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 water services.

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

Annual Water Service Charges	Current Charge 2022-2023	Proposed Charge 2023-2024	Proposed Charge 2024-2025	Proposed Charge 2025-2026	Proposed Charge 2026-2027	Proposed Charge 2027-2028
Per SFE*	\$1,546	\$1,700	\$1,854	\$2,020	\$2,182	\$2,357

*One SFE is assigned to every single family home in this District. The triplex parcel is assigned 1.6 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/maint-districts/gayla-manor-md>

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