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NOTICE

of Proposed Service Charge Increase & Public Hearing

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Dear Property Owner

You are receiving this Notice because you own property within County Service Area 15 – Waterloo/99 (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 rate structure for this service and the Public Hearing.

Annual charges for storm drainage services are property-related fees and collected as part of your property tax bill. These fees fund essential services, including labor for maintenance and repairs, electricity, and administrative costs associated with providing these services. The storm drainage assessment has not changed since the District was established 39 years ago. Over the years, costs associated with managing the storm drainage system have increased, and revenues are insufficient to cover these costs. A proposed rate structure has been developed to align the District's revenues with operating expenses and includes capital replacement contributions for future projects.

Storm drainage service charges are based on the Single-Family Equivalent (SFE) unit, which is the level of benefit received by an average single-family residential property. Currently, all properties in the District are assigned one SFE. The proposed service charges are based on land use and parcel size, which reflects each property's proportionate share of runoff. Under the proposed structure, undeveloped and vacant properties will be assessed at a rate of 0.2 SFEs per acre; single-family residential properties will be assessed at a rate of 1 SFE per acre; while commercial, industrial, and hotel properties are assigned 3 SFEs per acre. To estimate the annual service charge for a property, multiply the parcel size (in acres) by the applicable SFE rates in Table 1.

Table 1: Current and Proposed Rates

	Current	Proposed Rates per Acre per year					
Service	Rate (2024-2025)	2025- 2026	2026- 2027	2027- 2028	2028- 2029	2029- 2030	
Undeveloped and Vacant Annual Storm Drainage Service Charge	\$25	\$3.02	\$4.58	\$6.10	\$7.60	\$9.12	
Residential Annual Storm Drainage Service Charge	\$25	\$15.10	\$22.90	\$30.50	\$38.00	\$45.60	
Commercial, Industrial, and Hotel Annual Storm Drainage Service Charge	\$25	\$45.30	\$68.70	\$91.50	\$114.00	\$136.80	

Table 2 summarizes the current and proposed annual rates for your property.

Table 2: Current and Proposed Annual Rates

Service	Current Rate (2024- 2025)	Proposed Rates (per year)						
		2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030		
Annual Storm Drainage Service Charge	\$25	\$60.24	\$91.36	\$121.70	\$151.62	\$181.94		

The proposed charges, if approved, will be effective fiscal year 2025-2026 through fiscal year 2029-2030. The charges will continue after this time period at the fiscal year 2029-2030 rate, and any additional increases will require another notice of proposed increase and a Public Hearing. The service charges are annual and will continue indefinitely to cover all the necessary expenses to operate, maintain, and administer the District's storm drainage system.