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NOTICE

of Proposed Service Charge Increase & Public Hearing

June 4, 2025

Dear Property Owner:

You are receiving this Notice because you own property within County Service Area 35 – Santos Ranch – Los Ranchos (District), which is a special district administered by San Joaquin County (County). The District provides water service 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 regarding the rate structure.

The metered water service charges you pay to the District are property-related fees and billed monthly. The fees fund labor for maintenance and repairs, electricity, water testing, and administration costs associated with the services. The County’s costs for these services have increased, and an adjustment to your rates is necessary to keep revenues in line with expenses and begin making contributions to capital replacement projects. Contributions towards replacement projects are planned to be phased in over ten years to provide property owners with a gradual increase in the rate. If approved, this proposed rate schedule is for five years, and under the Proposition 218 procedures, property owners will have to approve the remaining capital replacement contributions under a separate, future rate proposal.

The proposed rate structure is for metered rates for every 1,000 gallons of water used. If approved, the rate structure 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 would require another notice of proposed increase and Public Hearing. The service charges are annual and will continue indefinitely for the purpose of covering necessary expenses to operate and maintain water services.

The table below shows the current and proposed metered rates:

Service	Current Rate (2024-2025)	Proposed Rates (per year)				
		2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030
Metered Rate (per 1,000 gal)	\$2.12	\$2.41	\$2.60	\$2.78	\$2.97	\$3.16

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

Tuesday, July 29, 2025
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 28, 2025, or submitted at the Public Hearing before 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-35>

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.