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NOTICE

of Proposed Service Charge Increase & Public Hearing

July 1, 2026

Dear Property Owner:

You are receiving this Notice because you own property within Rancho San Joaquin Maintenance District (District), which is a special district administered by San Joaquin County (County). The District provides domestic 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 increases.

The annual charges you pay to the District are property-related fees collected through your property tax bill. This fee funds maintenance and repairs, electricity, pump tax, water testing, and the administrative costs associated with providing water service. The County's costs for delivering this service have increased, and an adjustment to your rates is necessary to align revenues with expenses and to begin making contributions to capital reserves. Contributions to capital reserves are planned to be phased in over ten years to provide property owners with a gradual increase in rates. If approved, the proposed rate schedule will cover five years; under Proposition 218 procedures, property owners will be required to approve the remaining capital replacement contributions through a separate, future rate proposal.

Fees for residential properties within the District are assessed as an annual flat rate charge based on the Single-Family Equivalent (SFE) unit, which represents the level of service provided to the average single-family residential property. The proposed charges, if approved, will take effect in fiscal year 2026–2027 and remain in place through fiscal year 2030–2031. Following this period, the charges will continue at the fiscal year 2030–2031 rate. Any additional increases beyond that point would require issuance of a new notice of proposed rate increase and a Public Hearing. These annual service charges will continue indefinitely to fund the necessary expenses associated with the operation and maintenance of water services.



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

Service	Current Rate (2025-2026)	Proposed Rates (per year)				
		2026- 2027	2027- 2026	2028- 2029	2029- 2030	2030- 2031
Annual Water Service Charge (per SFE*)	\$1,511	\$2,134	\$2,287	\$2,443	\$2,603	\$2,768

*Parcels with one single-family residential property = 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, August 18, 2026
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 August 17, 2026, 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 the regular maintenance of the system

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

<https://www.sjgov.org/departments/pwk/special-districts-home/maint-districts/rancho-san-joaquin-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 Shayan Rehman, Engineering Services Manager, at (209) 468-3023, at the San Joaquin County Department of Public Works.