

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED RATE ADJUSTMENTS TO WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE FEES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Board of Directors of Jurupa Community Services District (“JCSD” or “District”) will conduct a Public Hearing on April 8th, 2024 to consider the adoption of rate adjustments to JCSD’s water and wastewater service fees. Details of the date, time and location of the Public Hearing are set forth below.

Public Hearing Date and Time:	April 8th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon as practical thereafter
Public Hearing Location:	Jurupa Valley Skyview Event Center 5257 Wineville Ave. Jurupa Valley, CA 91752

This notice is being provided to property owners and customers who have been identified as water and/or wastewater customers within the JCSD service area.

This notice describes the following:

- **Reasons and basis for the proposed water and wastewater rate adjustments**
- **Proposed rate adjustments for water and wastewater service fees**
- **Impact of the proposed rate adjustments on customer bills**
- **Pass-through provisions when costs exceed current projections**

Why Rate Adjustments are Necessary

Water

JCSD provides safe, clean water for domestic consumption and other uses to more than 33,000 customer accounts within its service area. Operation, maintenance, and improvement of the District’s water system are funded from water user rates and charges as well as other available revenues. Due to increases in water supply costs, the need to develop new water supply sources, and the need to replace aging infrastructure, the District must increase water system revenues over the next five years to ensure that the water system remains fiscally viable while providing safe and reliable water service.

The proposed adjustments in rates are based on a lengthy and careful review of internal and external cost drivers that affect the District. Revenues must be adequate to recover costs, which must be equitably allocated, and rates must be fair and in proportion to the services received by each customer class. The proposed rate study models the costs of operating and maintaining the utility system for the next five years.

The planned revenue adjustments outlined in this notice provide a phased approach to meeting the water system funding needs. The phased approach is designed to minimize the impact on rate payers. The proposed water rate structures create a combined rate design for all residential customers, will establish new tier breakpoints for District residential customers, and provide uniform rate structures for all other classes to align each class with its cost of service. Adjustments were made to the tiered water rate structure to ensure the rates directly reflect the cost of the District's (less expensive) groundwater and (more expensive) purchased water.

The planned rate adjustments will increase overall water system revenue over the next five years as follows:

Table 1: Proposed Water Revenue Increases

	Proposed FY 2025	Proposed FY 2026	Proposed FY 2027	Proposed FY 2028	Proposed FY 2029
Water Revenue Increase	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%

Wastewater

JCSD provides wastewater service to single-family, multi-family, institutional, commercial, and industrial accounts throughout the District. The proposed rate adjustments are based on the number of “equivalent dwelling units” receiving service. JCSD defines an equivalent dwelling unit (“EDU”) as the wastewater generated by an average single family residential customer in gallons per day. In fiscal year 2025 (“FY 2025”) JCSD is projected to serve 42,883 EDUs. Identical to the water system, JCSD’s wastewater system is supported by wastewater rates and fees as well as other available revenues. JCSD has experienced increases in contracted wastewater treatment costs and these increases are expected to continue due to operational factors such as chemical and utility costs as well as regulatory requirements. Additionally, over the coming years, JCSD

will be required to fund several significant wastewater system capital projects as well as ongoing repair and replacement of the existing system. The proposed rate adjustments for wastewater service outlined in this notice will increase overall wastewater system revenues so that JCSD can meet the wastewater system funding requirements.

The proposed rate adjustments will increase overall wastewater system revenue over the next five years as follows:

Table 2: Proposed Wastewater Revenue Increases

	Proposed FY 2025	Proposed FY 2026	Proposed FY 2027	Proposed FY 2028	Proposed FY 2029
Wastewater Revenue Increase	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%

How Rates are Determined

The District’s Board of Directors commissioned a comprehensive rate study to determine the annual cash needs of the water and wastewater systems. Rate studies are considered a best practice for determining utility rates to ensure that rates are fair, equitable, and tied to the demand customers place on the utility system. The District retained the professional consulting firm, Robert D. Niehaus, Inc., to develop a financial plan that guides proposed adjustments in rates for water and wastewater service over the next five years to ensure that it can continue to provide high quality water and wastewater services at the best value for its customers. The study calculated how much revenue would be needed to fund operating, capital, debt and reserve contributions for both the water and wastewater systems. The comprehensive rate study also considered increasing water costs, increasing regulatory requirements for wastewater discharge and replacement of aging infrastructure.

The rates have been determined according to industry standard cost of service methodologies as well as the cost-of-service requirements of the State of California. The proposed rates will appropriately recover costs from each water and wastewater customer class, fund the District’s replacement capital programs and maintain authorized reserves for each utility.

Proposed Rates

Water

Residential, Institutional, Commercial and Industrial Water Rates

The proposed water rates for residential, institutional, commercial, industrial, out of District, and recycled water customers include: 1) a fixed monthly service charge based on meter size; and, 2) a variable volumetric charge measured in hundred cubic feet (“HCF”) for the quantity of water delivered, separated into four different tiers for residential customers and uniform rate structures for all other classes.

Table 3: Proposed Fixed Monthly Water Service Charges Based on Size of Meter

Meter Size	Current Charge	Proposed CY 2025	Proposed CY 2026	Proposed CY 2027	Proposed CY 2028	Proposed CY 2029
5/8"	\$43.01	\$48.05	\$50.45	\$52.98	\$55.62	\$58.41
3/4"	\$43.01	\$48.05	\$50.45	\$52.98	\$55.62	\$58.41
1"	\$66.30	\$73.72	\$77.41	\$81.28	\$85.34	\$89.61
1-1/2"	\$124.56	\$137.87	\$144.76	\$152.00	\$159.60	\$167.58
2"	\$194.47	\$214.86	\$225.60	\$236.88	\$248.73	\$261.16
3"	\$415.86	\$458.66	\$481.59	\$505.67	\$530.96	\$557.50
4"	\$742.13	\$817.94	\$858.84	\$901.78	\$946.87	\$994.21
6"	\$1,522.81	\$1,677.52	\$1,761.40	\$1,849.47	\$1,941.94	\$2,039.04
8"	\$3,270.62	\$3,602.24	\$3,782.35	\$3,971.47	\$4,170.04	\$4,378.55
10"	\$4,901.89	\$5,398.77	\$5,668.71	\$5,952.14	\$6,249.75	\$6,562.24

Table 4: Proposed Tiered HCF Rates Residential

Current Tier Structure	Current Rates	Proposed Tier Structure	Proposed CY 2025	Proposed CY 2026	Proposed CY 2027	Proposed CY 2028	Proposed CY 2029
Tier 1: 0-12 HCF	\$1.22	Tier 1: 0-11 HCF	\$1.15	\$1.21	\$1.27	\$1.33	\$1.40
Tier 2: 13-20 HCF	\$3.03	Tier 2: 12-17 HCF	\$2.44	\$2.56	\$2.69	\$2.82	\$2.96
Tier 3: 21-30 HCF	\$3.56	Tier 3: 18-26 HCF	\$3.64	\$3.82	\$4.02	\$4.22	\$4.43
Tier 4: Over 30 HCF	\$3.79	Tier 4: Over 26 HCF	\$4.00	\$4.20	\$4.41	\$4.63	\$4.86

Table 5: Proposed Uniform HCF Rate for Commercial, Institutional & Industrial Customers

Current	Proposed Rate Structure	Proposed CY 2025	Proposed CY 2026	Proposed CY 2027	Proposed CY 2028	Proposed CY 2029
\$2.22	Uniform Rate per HCF	\$2.12	\$2.23	\$2.34	\$2.45	\$2.58

Potable Water Irrigation Rate

The proposed water rate for potable irrigation accounts includes the fixed monthly service charge shown in Table 3 and the following metered usage rates:

Table 6: Proposed Uniform Potable Water Irrigation Rate

	Current Rate	Proposed CY 2025	Proposed CY 2026	Proposed CY 2027	Proposed CY 2028	Proposed CY 2029
Potable Rate per HCF	\$2.33	\$2.46	\$2.58	\$2.71	\$2.84	\$2.98

Non-Potable Water Irrigation Rate

The proposed water rate for non-potable irrigation accounts includes the fixed monthly service charge shown in Table 3 and the following metered usage rate:

Table 7: Proposed Uniform Non-Potable Water Irrigation Rate

	Current Rate	Proposed CY 2025	Proposed CY 2026	Proposed CY 2027	Proposed CY 2028	Proposed CY 2029
Non-Potable Rate per HCF	\$1.51	\$1.50	\$1.58	\$1.65	\$1.74	\$1.82

Hydrant (Construction) Water Rate

The District provides water service to temporary hydrant meters in order to accommodate the need for construction water within the District. Hydrant meters will pay the same fixed monthly service charge shown in Table 3 and the following metered usage rate:

Table 8: Proposed Uniform Hydrant (Construction) Rate

	Current Rate	Proposed CY 2025	Proposed CY 2026	Proposed CY 2027	Proposed CY 2028	Proposed CY 2029
Uniform Rate per HCF	\$3.79	\$4.00	\$4.20	\$4.41	\$4.63	\$4.86

Table 9: Proposed Uniform Out of District Rate

Current	Proposed Rate Structure	Proposed CY 2025	Proposed CY 2026	Proposed CY 2027	Proposed CY 2028	Proposed CY 2029
None	Uniform Rate per HCF	\$2.89	\$3.03	\$3.19	\$3.34	\$3.51

Private Fire Protection Rates

The District provides private fire protection service to customers throughout its service area. These accounts are for emergency use only to provide fire suppression.

Table 10: Proposed Private Protection Monthly Fixed Service Charge

	Current Rate	Proposed CY 2025	Proposed CY 2026	Proposed CY 2027	Proposed CY 2028	Proposed CY 2029
Private Fire Protection Charge	\$35.96	\$33.71	\$35.40	\$37.17	\$39.02	\$40.97

The unauthorized use of private fire lines for any purpose other than fire protection is a violation of the District’s rules and regulations, will result in monetary penalties as prescribed by ordinance, and are not part of the rates and charges for authorized service.

Recycled Water Rate

In FY 2027, the District will complete the recycled water distribution system and will provide recycled water to customers capable of taking such water. Costs applied to the provision of recycled water services were determined by District engineering staff. The cost per HCF of recycled water was determined by dividing the variable costs by the projected recycled water use. The proposed water rate for recycled water accounts includes the fixed monthly service charge shown in Table 3 and the following metered usage rate:

Table 11: Proposed Uniform Recycled Water Rate

Current	Proposed Rate Structure	Proposed CY 2025	Proposed CY 2026	Proposed CY 2027	Proposed CY 2028	Proposed CY 2029
None	Uniform Rate per HCF	N/A	\$2.03	\$2.10	\$2.20	\$2.31

Wastewater

Residential, Institutional, Commercial and Industrial Wastewater Rates

The proposed wastewater rates for residential, institutional, commercial and industrial customers include a fixed monthly service charge based on the number of EDUs served and a separate variable charge based on the volume of water delivered to the property. The variable charge will be based on 100% of monthly water consumption capped at 8 HCF per EDU per month for residential and institutional customers, which represents the average winter wastewater flows District-wide to the wastewater treatment plant facilities. For those customers, it is assumed that water consumption in excess of 8 HCF per EDU per month is applied to outdoor irrigation, and therefore does not result in increased wastewater flows. All commercial and industrial customers except for customers connected to the Inland Empire Brine Line (IEBL) system, will be charged the same variable charge rates as those applied to residential customers, but their wastewater usage will not be capped at 8 HCF and instead will be billed on actual metered water use. All wastewater customers except for customers connected to the Inland Empire Brine Line (IEBL) system, will be charged the same monthly service charge per EDU, which includes a capital repair and replacement component.

Table 12: Proposed Fixed Monthly Wastewater Service Charge

	Current	Proposed CY 2025	Proposed CY 2026	Proposed CY 2027	Proposed CY 2028	Proposed CY 2029
Service charge per EDU	\$26.69	\$26.18	\$26.97	\$27.78	\$28.61	\$29.47

Table 13: Proposed Wastewater HCF Charge (capped at 8 HCF per EDU per month for Residential and Institutional Customers)

	Current	Proposed CY 2025	Proposed CY 2026	Proposed CY 2027	Proposed CY 2028	Proposed CY 2029
Rate per HCF	\$2.46	\$2.70	\$2.78	\$2.86	\$2.95	\$3.04

Inland Empire Brine Line

Approximately 135 of JCSD’s industrial and commercial wastewater accounts are connected to a separate wastewater collection and treatment system, referred to herein as the Inland Empire Brine Line (IEBL) system. The proposed rates also include changes to the wastewater rate structure for Industrial customers that discharge to the IEBL collection system. For IEBL customers, the proposed rate structure is different for “monitored” customers (who are routinely sampled to measure wastewater strength) and “non-monitored” customers (who are not routinely sampled). Proposed “Fixed IEBL Treatment/Pipeline Charges” and “Variable IEBL Charges” are designed to recover actual IEBL-related charges from Western Municipal Water District (WMWD). Proposed “Fixed IEBL Service Charges” are designed to recover JCSD costs associated with providing collection service to IEBL customers. The proposed Fixed IEBL Charges are charged per EDU. The proposed Variable IEBL Charges are charged per HCF. The proposed increases to the IEBL rates are based on projected cost inflation for each of the current charges.

Table 14: Proposed IEBL Wastewater Rates

Fixed Charges	Current Charge	Proposed CY 2025	Proposed CY 2026	Proposed CY 2027	Proposed CY 2028	Proposed CY 2029
Monitored Customers per EDU	\$23.74	\$25.09	\$26.02	\$26.99	\$28.00	\$29.05
Non-Monitored Customers per EDU	\$13.64	\$14.50	\$15.04	\$15.61	\$16.19	\$16.79
All IEBL Customers Treatment/Pipeline Monthly Charge per EDU	\$11.42	\$12.37	\$13.01	\$13.66	\$14.34	\$15.06

Variable Charges	Current Charge	Proposed CY 2025	Proposed CY 2026	Proposed CY 2027	Proposed CY 2028	Proposed CY 2029
Non-Monitored Commodity Rate per HCF	\$3.11	\$3.25	\$3.42	\$3.59	\$3.77	\$3.95
Monitored WMWD Flow Charge (per MG)	\$1,138.00 ⁽¹⁾	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Monitored WMWD BOD Charge (per lb.)	\$0.3707 ⁽¹⁾	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Monitored WMWD TSS Charge (per lb.)	\$0.5460 ⁽¹⁾	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)

⁽¹⁾ Monitored Variable Charges for Flow, BOD and TSS are based on WMWD charges as adopted by JCSD Resolution 3368 on December 11, 2023.

⁽²⁾ Beginning in FY 2024-25, Monitored Variable Charges for Flow, BOD and TSS will be adjusted annually to agree with WMWD Board adopted charges for Flow, BOD and TSS (typically based on fiscal year beginning July).

Pass-Through Charges

In developing its rates, the District carefully projected changes in costs as part of its Long-Range Financial Plan; however, there are significant uncertainties about the future availability and cost of water supplies and wastewater treatment costs involved. To ensure that there are sufficient revenues to provide safe water and wastewater services to our customers, the District proposes an implementation of a pass-through charge, pursuant to California Government Code Section 53756. If water purchase costs from any source increase more than 5.0 percent (5.0%) (or 4.0 percent (4.0%) for water purchased from the Rubidoux Community Services District), a pass-through adjustment will apply to the Volumetric Charges set forth in the tables included in this notice. Additionally, if wastewater treatment cost increases exceed the projected 5.0 percent (5.0%) for wastewater treatment services provided by the City of Riverside, the Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority, or IEBL charges from Western Municipal Water District, the additional costs will be passed directly through the Wastewater HCF Charge. The District will provide written notice to customers thirty (30) days prior the effective date of any pass-through rate increase, which will be no more than an additional 5.0 percent (5.0%) increase in HCF charges for water or wastewater rates. In no event shall the pass-through charges exceed the estimated costs of providing the water or wastewater service.

Public Hearing on Proposed Rate Adjustments

As noted above, a Public Hearing will be held on April 8th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as practicable, to consider the proposed adjustments to the District's rates for water and wastewater service.

Any property owner or any tenant directly responsible for the payment of water and/or wastewater fees (customer of record) may submit a written protest to the proposed rate adjustments. Only one protest will be counted per parcel of property.

A written protest must:

1. Identify which rate the property owner or customer is protesting;
2. Provide the location of the identified parcel (by assessor's parcel number or street address); and
3. Include the name and signature of the property owner or customer submitting the protest.

Any written protest may be submitted by mail or in person to the Secretary of JCSD at 11201 Harrel Street, Jurupa Valley, California 91752, or at the Public Hearing, so long as it is received prior to the conclusion of the Public Hearing. **Any protest submitted via email or other electronic means will not be accepted.** Please state on the front of the envelope of any protest, whether mailed or submitted in person to the JCSD Secretary, **Attention: Water and Wastewater Rate Adjustments.**

The Board of Directors will hear and consider all written and oral protests to the proposed rate adjustments at the Public Hearing. Oral comments at the Public Hearing will not qualify as formal protests under Proposition 218 unless accompanied by a written protest. Upon the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the Board of Directors will consider adopting the proposed rates. If written protests against the proposed rates do not represent a majority of the parcels affected by the proposed rates, the Board of Directors will be legally authorized to adopt the proposed rates. If approved, the rate changes will become effective with invoices for service beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

For further details regarding the basis and rationale for the proposed rate adjustments for water and wastewater service, or for any questions you may have regarding the proposed water and wastewater fees that will be imposed on your parcel, please contact JCSD via e-mail at info@jcsd.us or contact JCSD's Finance Office at (951) 685-7434. Please note on any written communication: Attention: Water and Wastewater Rate Adjustments. Pursuant to Government Code Section 53759, a judicial action to challenge any new, increased, or extended fee or charge must be brought within 120 days of the final approval of the fee or charge.

APPENDIX A

**EXAMPLES OF THE IMPACT OF PROPOSED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE ADJUSTMENTS
COMBINED
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025**

Sample Single-Family Residential Monthly Combined Water/Wastewater Bills (3/4" Meter)

Monthly Usage in HCF	Average Trends	Service Charge	HCF Charge	Current Total	Proposed CY 2025 Total	Monthly \$ Change	Monthly % Change
8		\$69.70	\$29.44	\$99.14	\$105.03	\$5.89	5.9%
11	Winter	\$69.70	\$33.10	\$102.80	\$108.48	\$5.68	5.5%
17	Annual	\$69.70	\$49.47	\$119.17	\$123.12	\$3.95	3.3%
24	Summer	\$69.70	\$72.80	\$142.50	\$148.60	\$6.10	4.3%
26	Summer Peak	\$69.70	\$79.92	\$149.62	\$155.88	\$6.26	4.2%

Single Family Residential Combined Impacts, 3/4" Meter

