



**Notice of Public Hearing
Regarding Proposed Water Rates Increase**

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NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN that the Greenfield County Water District (**District**) Board of Directors (**Board**) has called a public hearing for **June 19, 2023, at 7:00PM at 1751 McKee Rd., Bakersfield, CA 93307** to consider an increase in water rates. The new rates, if adopted, will go into effect on July 1, 2023. In compliance with Proposition 218, affected property owners within the District's service area are hereby informed of the proposed increase in water rates.

Background: The District provides residents and customers with safe high-quality water meeting all federal and state requirements at fair and affordable rates. Water services charges are paid directly by property owners and/or tenants through bills rendered monthly.

Why is the Rate Increase Needed? The proposed increase will help the District meet the increasing costs of operations and maintenance caused by inflation, increased regulatory requirements, and needed capital improvements. The proposed water rates necessary to meet future obligations are shown in Table A, along with the current rates.

Questions And Public Comment: If you have any questions regarding this notice or how it may affect your property, call (661) 831-0989 Monday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Supporting documentation is available for review at the District Office, 551 Taft Hwy, Bakersfield, California 93307 and located on the District website <https://greenfieldwater.specialdistrict.org/>.

To Protest this Increase: Any record owner of a parcel upon which the proposed water service charges are to be imposed or any tenant directly responsible for the payment of water service fees (i.e., a customer of record who is not a property owner) may submit a written protest to the proposed increases to the rates for the District's Water Rates; provided, however, only one protest will be counted per identified parcel. Each protest must: (1) be in writing; (2) state whether the protest is submitted in opposition to the rate increases to the proposed water rates; (3) provide the location of the identified parcel (by service address or assessor's parcel number); and (4) include the name and signature of the person submitting the written protest. Written protests may be submitted by mail to the District Office, 551 Taft Hwy, Bakersfield, California 93307. Written protests may also be submitted in person at the District Office, 551 Taft Hwy, Bakersfield, California 93307 or at the public hearing (see date, time and location above). All written protests must be received prior to the conclusion of the public input portion of the Public Hearing. Any protest submitted via e-mail or other electronic means will not be accepted as a formal written protest. Please identify on the front of the envelope for any protest, whether mailed or submitted in person, Attn: Public Hearing on the Proposed Increase to Water Rates.

The District's Board of Directors will consider all written protests submitted and hear and consider all public comments made at the public hearing. Oral comments at the public hearing will not qualify as formal protests unless accompanied by a written protest. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the District's Board of Directors will determine whether to adopt the proposed rate increases to the water rates. If, after the close of the public hearing, written protests against any of the proposed rate increases as outlined above are not presented by a majority of the record owners of the identified parcels upon which they are proposed to be imposed, the District's Board of Directors will be authorized to impose the rate increases.

How Are Your Water Service Charges Calculated? Your water service bill consists of a monthly fixed charge plus a water quantity charge based on the amount of water used. For example, under the proposed rates for Fiscal Year (**FY**) 2024 the water service charges for a single-family service with a 1-inch meter and monthly water usage of 17 hundred cubic feet (HCF) would be as follows:

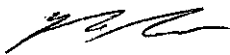
Fixed Charge (\$35.93) plus Water Quantity Charge (17 HCF x \$1.16) = \$55.65

**Current Rates and Proposed Rates
Table A**

Water Rate Schedule	Current Rate	Proposed Rates				
		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Fixed Service Charge						
<u>Meter Size</u>						
5/8" – 1"	\$27.81	\$35.93	\$40.60	\$43.84	\$46.48	\$49.26
1-1/2"	\$34.01	\$70.55	\$79.72	\$86.10	\$91.27	\$96.74
2"	\$37.86	\$112.10	\$126.67	\$136.81	\$145.01	\$153.72
3"	\$86.49	\$209.05	\$236.22	\$255.12	\$270.43	\$286.65
4"	\$117.81	\$347.54	\$392.72	\$424.14	\$449.59	\$476.56
6"	\$199.44	\$693.78	\$783.97	\$846.69	\$897.49	\$951.34
8"	\$299.20	\$1,109.27	\$1,253.47	\$1,353.75	\$1,434.97	\$1,521.07
10"	\$299.20	\$1,594.00	\$1,801.22	\$1,945.32	\$2,062.04	\$2,185.76
Fire Service	\$48.47	\$59.86	\$67.64	\$73.05	\$77.44	\$82.08
Future Service Fixed Charges						
12"	\$299.20	\$2,978.96	\$3,366.22	\$3,635.52	\$3,853.65	\$4,084.87
14"	\$299.20	\$4,433.16	\$5,009.47	\$5,410.23	\$5,734.85	\$6,078.94
16"	\$299.20	\$6,344.40	\$7,169.17	\$7,742.71	\$8,207.27	\$8,699.71
Variable Water Quantity Charges (HCF)						
<u>Customer Class</u>	<u>Per HCF</u>					
All Customers	Tier 1- \$0.84 1-15 HCF	\$1.16	\$1.32	\$1.42	\$1.51	\$1.60
All Customers	Tier 2- \$0.91 16-25 HCF	-	-	-	-	-
All Customers	Tier 3- \$0.97 26-40 HCF	-	-	-	-	-
All Customers	Tier 4- \$1.29 41 HCF higher	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	\$2.34	\$3.19	\$3.61	\$3.90	\$4.13	\$4.38
Residential Flat Rates						
<u>Lot Size (Square Feet)</u>						
6,000 or less	\$48.47	\$58.16	-	-	-	-
6,000 -10,000	\$55.60	\$66.72	-	-	-	-
10,000-16,000	\$72.72	\$87.26	-	-	-	-
16,000 or larger	\$92.71	\$111.25	-	-	-	-
Additional Service	\$31.59	\$31.59				
Proposed Revenue Adjustments FY 2024 to FY 2028						
		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Proposed Revenue Adjustment		20%	13%	8%	6%	6%

- All residential flat rates will be metered before January 1, 2025.

April 17, 2023



Nick Cooper
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