



## **PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN WASTEWATER RATES**

Crescenta Valley Water District's Board of Directors is considering a recommendation for a proposed increase in wastewater rates at a public hearing to be held on:

**Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> 2012, at 6:30 pm  
2700 Foothill Blvd, La Crescenta, CA 91214**

### **THERE IS A NEED FOR A PROPOSED WASTEWATER RATES INCREASE**

The City of Los Angeles provides for the treatment and disposal of wastewater from CVWD. In order to abide by on-going and new State and Federal regulations, the City of Los Angeles is continually upgrading their wastewater treatment plants and infrastructure.

CVWD's wastewater collection system, over time, has aged. CVWD must maintain a wastewater system that adheres to strict State and Federal regulations to remain in compliance with the City of Los Angeles, and subsequently, State and Federal regulations. Increase in costs is a fundamental by-product of this process.

Before even considering this wastewater rate increase, the District continued to reduce costs and each District employee is doing their part to trim costs as part of their annual goals. Nevertheless, there are day-to-day operational costs that continue to rise.

CVWD's mission is to provide its customers with safe and reliable treatment and disposal of wastewater. The last CVWD wastewater rate increase was January 2, 2009.

### **PROPOSED WASTEWATER RATE CHANGES**

Under the proposal, rates will be increased in October 2012, and again in July 2013. Future rate adjustments will generally be made effective in July to coincide with the District's fiscal year budget cycle. The proposed rate adjustments are shown on the chart on reverse side of this notice.

CVWD charges each single family residence and multi-family unit a flat monthly rate. Commercial units are charged by the volume of water used during a monthly period. Schools are charged based on the average daily attendance of students.

- Under the proposal, wastewater rates for residential dwelling units will increase **\$2.25 per month or \$4.50 per bi-monthly period (from \$27.50 to \$29.75 per month)** starting on October 1, 2012 and will increase **\$2.50 per month, or \$5.00 per bi-monthly billing period (from \$29.75 to \$32.25 per month)** on July 1, 2013 to provide for the environmentally safe removal of sewage from their residence. See chart on reverse side of this notice.
- CVWD offers a 10% rebate on the monthly wastewater charge if a single family residence uses 12 units of water or less during a bi-monthly billing period (1 unit = 1,000 gallons). In addition, CVWD offers a 20% senior low-income discount to qualified customers. Visit CVWD's website for more information on the senior low-income discount or contact the District office at (818) 248-3925.

**Protest letters must be received by CVWD before 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 31, 2012**

Any CVWD customer or property owner within the CVWD wastewater service area may file a written protest of the proposed rate changes by sending a letter to: CVWD, 2700 Foothill Boulevard, La Crescenta, CA 91214. A valid protest letter must include your name, your CVWD service address, a statement of protest and an original signature.

Protest letters will be tabulated and presented to the Board of Directors at a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, **September 4, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. at the CVWD main office.** Any CVWD customer or property owner may appear at the hearing to make comments regarding the proposed rate increase.

The Board of Directors may adopt, revise or modify the rate increase as proposed upon conclusion of the Public Hearing. The Board may not increase wastewater rates more than indicated in this notice.

The proposed wastewater rate evaluation is available for inspection at the District's main office at 2700 Foothill Boulevard, La Crescenta, CA 91214 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and CVWD staff will be available to answer any questions about your bill. You can also contact CVWD at **(818) 248-3925** or e-mail [wastewater@cvwd.com](mailto:wastewater@cvwd.com) to answer your questions or need any additional information.

**Proposed Wastewater Rates for October 1, 2012 & July 1, 2013**

Description	Current Rate	Proposed Rates 10/1/12	Proposed Rates 7/1/13
<b>Residential (Single Family &amp; Multi-Family)</b>			
Residential Dwelling Units (\$/Month)	\$27.50	\$29.75	\$32.25
<b>Commercial (COM)</b>			
Commodity Charge (\$/1,000 gal)	\$4.55	\$4.90	\$5.30
Minimum Commodity Charge (\$/Month)	\$27.50	\$29.75	\$32.25
Customer Charge (\$/Month)	\$1.70	\$1.80	\$2.00
<b>Schools (SCH)</b>			
Primary School (\$/Month/Daily Attendance)	\$66.00	\$71.40	\$77.40
Secondary School (\$/Month/Daily Attendance)	\$132.10	\$142.90	\$154.90
Customer Charge (\$/Month)	\$1.70	\$1.80	\$2.00