



## **PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN WATER RATES AND CHARGES**

Crescenta Valley Water District (CVWD) Board of Directors is considering a recommendation for a proposed change in water rates and charges at a public hearing to be held on:

**Tuesday, June 11, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.  
2700 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta, CA 91214**

### **PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASE**

District staff is recommending a 6.9% water rate increase to become effective July 1<sup>st</sup> 2013.

CVWD, like many other utilities around Southern California, faces a decision on how to address aging infrastructure and facilities. The public values and expects safe and reliable water. As such, the Board of Directors made the decision to invest in our community's water infrastructure and improve maintenance to ensure a safe and reliable water system now and in the future.

### **CVWD BOARD DIRECTS STAFF TO PLACE DISTRICT ON SUSTAINABLE PATH**

The CVWD Board is proposing to raise rates to improve the aging infrastructure and to maintain the water system. Developing a rate increase that places the District on a sustainable path of replacing and maintaining the infrastructure as it ages will help ensure that the District can reliably deliver water now and in the future. A portion of the funds from the MTBE lawsuit settlement received by the District will be used to offset some of the capital improvement project costs.

The rate increase will also fund day-to-day operational costs that continue to rise, especially in areas of electricity, fuel, chemical treatment, and regulatory compliance. The District has diligently looked at the budget to control costs wherever possible. The rate increase proposed by staff supports capital improvements and maintenance at a level that maximizes facility life expectancy while ensuring a safe and reliable water system for the community.

### **PROPOSED WATER RATE CHANGES**

If approved, the increased rates will become effective on any statement billed after July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. The proposed rate adjustments are shown on the attached table.

**Water service charge:** Increase from \$32.40 per bi-monthly billing period to \$34.64 per bi-monthly billing period for a typical (3/4-inch) residential water meter. Refer to the attached table for increased water service charge for larger meters.

### **Single Family Residence Accounts:**

- **Tier 1 water rate (0-10 units):** Increase the CVWD component to \$2.27 per unit from \$2.00 per unit; the Foothill Municipal Water District (FMWD) pass-through charge remains at \$1.90 per unit for a total of \$4.17.
- **Tier 2 water rate (11-33 units):** Increase the CVWD component to \$3.50 per unit from \$3.15 per unit; the FMWD pass-through charge remains at \$1.90 per unit for a total of \$5.40.
- **Tier 3 water rate (34-50 units):** Increase the CVWD component to \$5.80 per unit from \$5.30 per unit; the FMWD pass-through charge remains at \$1.90 per unit for a total of \$7.70.
- **Tier 4 water rate (51 units and above):** Increase the CVWD component to \$8.42 per unit from \$7.75 per unit; the FMWD pass-through charge remains at \$1.90 per unit for a total of \$10.32.

### **Multi-Family Dwellings, Commercial, Institution, and School Accounts:**

- Increase the CVWD component to \$3.50 per unit from \$3.15 per unit; the FMWD pass-through charge remains at \$1.90 per unit for a total of \$5.40.

### **Landscape/Irrigation Accounts:**

- **Tier 1 water rate (0-70 units):** Increase the CVWD component to \$3.50 per unit of water from \$3.15 per unit; the FMWD pass-through charge remains at \$1.90 per unit for a total of \$5.40.
- **Tier 2 water rate (71 units and above):** Increase the CVWD component to \$8.42 per unit of water from \$7.75 per unit; the FMWD pass-through charge remains at \$1.90 per unit for a total of \$10.32.

CVWD offers a **20% senior low-income discount (62-years or older and an annual household income of \$30,000 per year or less)** for up to 26 units of water used per bi-monthly billing period. Visit CVWD's website, [www.cvwd.com](http://www.cvwd.com) for more information or contact CVWD at (818) 248-3925.

### **HOW DOES THIS AFFECT YOUR WATER BILL?**

Your water bill is made up of three (3) components:

- Water service charge based on the size of the meter.
- CVWD commodity charge based on the amount of water used.
- FMWD purchased water charge based on the amount of water used.

A typical residence with a 3/4-inch meter and using 22 units of water (Tiers 1 & 2) will experience an increase of \$4.57 per month or \$9.14 per bi-monthly bill, from \$132.00 to \$141.14, per bi-monthly billing period.

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### **Protest letters must be received by CVWD before 6:30 p.m., Monday, June 11, 2013**

Any CVWD customer or property owner within the CVWD 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, **June 11, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. at the CVWD main office.** Any CVWD customer or property owner may submit a letter or 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 water rates and charges more than indicated in this notice.

The proposed water rate evaluation is available for inspection at the District's office at 2700 Foothill Boulevard, La Crescenta, CA 91214 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The District can assist you with answering any questions about your water bill. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact CVWD at **(818) 248-3925** or e-mail [water@cvwd.com](mailto:water@cvwd.com).

### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS PLANNED FOR 2013 & 2014**

- Replacement of 2,900 linear feet of 8-inch water main on the 3000 & 3100 blocks of Paraiso Way, 4950 block of Cloud Ave, 4900 block of Ramsdell Ave and the 2800 block of Prospect Ave,
- Rehabilitation of CVWD's Groundwater Wells 1 and 8 including new pumps,
- Complete the Emergency water supply interconnection with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power,
- Installation of Chlorination Station and Pipeline at Ocean View & Markridge Reservoirs,
- Installation of Roof Air Vents to reduce water corrosivity properties at Edmund Reservoir,
- Upgrade of two of the District's thirty-four booster pumps, and
- Replacement of 20 year-old Telemetry/Remote Data system.

**USAGE CHARGE FOR SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE PER 2-MONTH BILLING CYCLE**

Current					Proposed July 2013			
Water Use Range	Local Cost/Unit	FMWD Cost/Unit	Total Cost/Unit	Tiers	Water Use Range	Local Cost/Unit	FMWD Cost/Unit	Total Cost /Unit
0 – 10 units	\$2.00 +	\$1.90 =	\$3.90	<b>Tier 1</b>	0 – 10 units	\$2.27 +	\$1.90 =	\$4.17
11 – 33 units	\$3.15 +	\$1.90 =	\$5.05	<b>Tier 2</b>	11 – 33 units	\$3.50 +	\$1.90 =	\$5.40
34 – 50 units	\$5.30 +	\$1.90 =	\$7.20	<b>Tier 3</b>	34 – 50 units	\$5.80 +	\$1.90 =	\$7.70
51 units +	\$7.75 +	\$1.90 =	\$9.65	<b>Tier 4</b>	51 units +	\$8.42 +	\$1.90 =	\$10.32

**USAGE CHARGE FOR MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING, COMMERCIAL, INSTITUTION, & SCHOOL PER 2-MONTH BILLING CYCLE**

Current				Proposed July 2013		
Local Cost/Unit	FMWD Cost/Unit	Total Cost/Unit	Base Rate	Local Cost/Unit	FMWD Cost/Unit	Total Cost /Unit
\$3.15 +	\$1.90 =	\$5.05	<b>Base Rate</b>	\$3.50	\$1.90 =	\$5.40

**USAGE CHARGE FOR LANDSCAPE PER 2-MONTH BILLING CYCLE**

Current					Proposed July 2013			
Water Use Range	Local Cost/Unit	FMWD Cost/Unit	Total Cost/Unit	Tiers	Water Use Range	Local Cost/Unit	FMWD Cost/Unit	Total Cost /Unit
0 – 70 units	\$3.15 +	\$1.90 =	\$5.05	<b>Tier 1</b>	0 – 70 units	\$3.50 +	\$1.90 =	\$5.40
71 units +	\$7.75 +	\$1.90 =	\$9.65	<b>Tier 2</b>	71 units +	\$8.42 +	\$1.90 =	\$10.32

**SERVICE CHARGE BASED ON METER SIZE PER 2-MONTH BILLING CYCLE**

Meter Size	Current	Proposed July 2013
3/4"	\$32.40	\$34.64
1"	\$39.85	\$42.60
1½"	\$58.18	\$62.19
2"	\$73.59	\$78.67
3"	\$80.23	\$85.76
4"	\$206.15	\$220.38

**FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE CHARGE BASED ON METER SIZE PER 2-MONTH BILLING CYCLE**

Meter Size	Current	Proposed July 2013
1"	\$13.56	\$14.49
2"	\$19.95	\$21.33
3"	\$29.81	\$31.87
4"	\$40.40	\$43.19
6"	\$69.45	\$74.24
8"	\$105.68	\$112.97
10"	\$147.55	\$157.73

**Note:** Customers located within the City of Glendale are charged a \$0.40 Administration fee per bi-monthly period for collection of Glendale Utility Tax.

**DISTRICT INFORMATION**

The District is a public agency and is governed by five elected Board of Directors. The mission of the District is to provide dependable water service and wastewater collection in La Crescenta, Montrose, and portions of Glendale, and La Canada Flintridge. In carrying out this mission, the District places special emphasis on delivering a high quality water supply and system reliability at the most reasonable costs to its ratepayers. The District endeavors to promote conservation of its resources and to perform all operations in the most efficient manner to meet the needs of the community.

The Board meets at 7:00 p.m. every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at CVWD's main office at 2700 Foothill Blvd. in La Crescenta and the District welcomes the public's input. This document and other information regarding the District can also be found on the web site at [www.cvwd.com](http://www.cvwd.com).

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La Crescenta, CA 91214

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