



## **PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN WASTEWATER (SEWER) RATES AND CHARGES**

**Public Hearing to be held Tuesday, June 10th, 2014 at 6:00 pm  
2700 Foothill Blvd, La Crescenta, CA 91214**

### **PROPOSED WASTEWATER (SEWER) RATE INCREASE**

In order to offset the rising fees from the City of Los Angeles and increased operation costs, the Board of Directors is considering an increase in wastewater (sewer) rates over the next two years. The proposed increases would be 4.7% effective July 1, 2014 and 4.4% effective July 1, 2015. **If approved, effective July 1, 2014, a sewer bill for a typical residence during a two-month period would increase by \$3.00 (\$1.50 per month), a change from \$64.50 to \$67.50. If approved, effective July 1, 2015, a sewer bill for a typical residence during a two-month period would increase by \$3.00 (\$1.50 per month), a change from \$67.50 to \$70.50.**

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

If approved, the first rate increase will become effective on any billing periods that end after July 1, 2014; the second increase will become effective on any billing periods that end after July 1, 2015.

### **REASON FOR A WASTEWATER (SEWER) RATE INCREASE**

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

Over time, CVWD's wastewater (sewer) collection system has aged. CVWD must maintain a wastewater system that adheres to strict State and Federal regulations to remain in compliance with regulations. Increasing costs is a fundamental result of this process.

Before even considering these wastewater rate increases, CVWD has reviewed all expenditures. The District and its employees are doing their part to reduce 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.

### **WHAT THE DISTRICT HAS DONE TO CONTROL COSTS**

The Board of Directors and staff continue to work to operate and maintain the water and wastewater services provided to the community in a cost effective and reliable manner. Every year during the past decade, the District has remained at or below the budgets established. The District's reserves for emergencies and operations are at, or slightly above, the target reserve levels. Every employee is encouraged to provide exceptional customer service and maintain a high standard of reliability. The staff and the Board go through every budget item, line by line, to cut and reduce expenses, if possible. Every employee is encouraged to reduce expenses and look for alternative solutions and products that maintain quality and/or lessen expenditures. The District is a Public agency and does not operate on a for-profit basis. The rate increase proposed by staff supports costs for the treatment and disposal of wastewater, capital improvements, and maintenance at a level which maximizes facility life expectancy while ensuring a safe and reliable wastewater system for the community.

## Proposed Wastewater (Sewer) Rates for July 1, 2014 & July 1, 2015

Description	Current Rate	Proposed Rates 7/1/14	Proposed Rates 7/1/15
<b>Residential (Single Family &amp; Multi-Family)</b>			
Residential Dwelling Units	\$ 32.25	\$ 33.75	\$ 35.25
<b>Commercial (COM)</b>			
Commodity Charge (\$/1,000 gal)	\$ 5.30	\$ 5.50	\$ 5.70
Minimum Commodity Charge (\$/Month)	\$ 32.25	\$ 33.75	\$ 35.25
Customer Charge (\$/Month)	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.10	\$ 2.20
<b>Schools (SCH)</b>			
Primary School (\$/Month/Daily Attendance)	\$ 77.40	\$ 81.00	\$ 84.60
Secondary School (\$/Month/Daily Attendance)	\$ 154.90	\$ 162.10	\$ 169.30
Customer Charge (\$/Month)	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.10	\$ 2.20

### **PROTEST LETTERS**

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, **June 10, 2014, at 6:00 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. Letters received prior to June 6<sup>th</sup> at noon will be included in the agenda package distributed to the Board of Directors and posted online at [www.cvwd.com](http://www.cvwd.com).

The Board of Directors may adopt, revise, or modify the rate increase as proposed at the Board meeting which is scheduled for June 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

The Board may not increase wastewater rates more than indicated in this notice.

### **WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION**

The proposed wastewater rate chart is available for inspection on the District website, [www.cvwd.com](http://www.cvwd.com) or 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 in answering any questions about your bill. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact CVWD at **(818) 248-3925** or e-mail [wastewater@cvwd.com](mailto:wastewater@cvwd.com).

### **DISTRICT INFORMATION**

The District is a Public agency and is governed by five elected 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 providing its customers with safe and reliable treatment and disposal of wastewater. 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 District web site, [www.cvwd.com](http://www.cvwd.com).