



NOTICE OF PROPOSED WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASES

April 24, 2009

DIRECTORS:

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Dear Record Owner or Customer of Record:

This notice is intended to inform you that the Cambria Community Services District (CCSD) will hold public hearings regarding proposed increases to utility charges for customers receiving CCSD water and wastewater (sewer) services. The proposed water and sewer rate increases will be considered by the CCSD Board of Directors at the date, time, and location specified below. If you would like to receive this notice in Spanish, please contact the CCSD at (805) 927-6223. ***Si le gustaria recibir este document en Español, por favor llame a CCSD (805) 927-6223.***

Consistent with the requirements of Proposition 218, this notice also provides you with the following information:

OFFICERS:

Tammy Rudock
General Manager

Tim Carmel
District Counsel

Kathy Choate
District Clerk

- The amount of the proposed increases to water and sewer charges;
- The basis upon which the amount of the proposed increases to water and sewer charges was calculated; and
- How to protest the proposed increases to water and sewer charges.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearings for the proposed increases to Water and Sewer Charges will be held on:

Date: Monday, June 15, 2009

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Place: Cambria Veterans Memorial Bldg., 1000 Main St., Cambria, CA

This notice has been sent to all record owners and customers of record that are directly responsible for payment of CCSD water and sewer charges. If adopted by the CCSD Board of Directors, the proposed increases to water and sewer charges would become effective July 1, 2009.

PROPOSED WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASES

Increases to the bi-monthly base rate and per unit (ccf¹) rate for water and sewer services are proposed for all customer classifications (Residential and Commercial) as follows:

¹ A unit equals one ccf "hundred cubic feet;" a hundred cubic feet of water is 748 gallons.

WATER: 9.75% - Effective July 1, 2009 (*Bill mailed September 10, 2009*)
SEWER: 15% - Effective July 1, 2009 (*Bill mailed September 10, 2009*)

The following tables reflect the proposed bi-monthly water and sewer rate schedules:

Proposed Bi-Monthly Water Rates-Effective July 1, 2009

Usage (ccf)	Residential Rate Includes 9.75% Increase	Commercial Rate Includes 9.75% Increase
Base Rate plus 0-6 Units	23.82	54.07
7-15 Units-per Unit	6.05	6.69
16-20 Units-per Unit	6.18	6.83
21-30 Units-per Unit	6.30	6.95
31-40 Units-per Unit	6.44	7.08
41-50 Units-per Unit	6.95	7.47
51-60 Units-per Unit	7.22	7.73
61-70 Units-per Unit	7.47	8.12
71-80 Units-per Unit	7.73	8.37
81 or More Units-per Unit	7.86	9.02

Proposed Bi-Monthly Sewer Rates-Effective July 1, 2009

Usage (ccf)	Residential Rate Includes 15% Increase	Commercial Rate Includes 15% Increase
Base Rate plus 0-1 Units	65.03	65.03
2 or More Units-per Unit	1.94	1.94

SAMPLE RESIDENTIAL BI-MONTHLY UTILITY SERVICE BILL (CONSUMPTION: 12 UNITS)

Current Rate:			Proposed Rates: Effective 7/1/09		
Water	Base	\$ 21.70	Water	Base	\$ 23.82
Water	Units	\$ 33.06	Water	Units	\$ 36.30
Sewer	Base	\$ 56.55	Sewer	Base	\$ 65.03
Sewer	Units	\$ 18.59	Sewer	Units	\$ 21.34
TOTAL		\$ 129.90	TOTAL		\$ 146.49

BASIS FOR THE PROPOSED WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASES

The proposed increases to water and sewer rates are necessary for the CCSD to continue to provide safe and reliable water and sewer services to the citizens of Cambria due to increasing operational, maintenance, and repair costs. Several factors have contributed to increasing costs, including, but not limited to, rehabilitation and replacement of water and sewer infrastructure and facilities, adequate revenues to cover operational expenditures, including existing debt service payments, the rising cost of electricity, natural gas, and other commodities necessary to operate water and sewer facilities, increased costs associated with operation of utility vehicles, pumps, generators, and motors, ongoing maintenance of infrastructure, increased labor costs, and increased costs associated with meeting more stringent State and Federal regulations.

WRITTEN PROTEST

Pursuant to Proposition 218, you may express support for or opposition to any or all of the proposed increases to water and sewer charges, **prior to the close of the public hearings** referenced above. A form is attached.

A written protest must contain:

1. A statement that it is a protest against the proposed charge which is the subject of the hearing; and
2. Name of the record owner or customer of record; and
3. Identity of the affected parcel by Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) or service address; and
4. Original signature of the record owner or customer of record with respect to the identified parcel.

Written protests must be submitted to the District Clerk by:

- Delivery to the District Clerk's Office 1316 Tamson Drive, Suite 201, Cambria, CA 93428;
- Mail to the CCSD, Attention: District Clerk, Post Office Box 65, Cambria, CA 93428; or
- Personally submitting the protests at the public hearing.

A protest may only be submitted by the record owner or customer of record who signed the protest or an individual authorized in writing by the record owner or customer of record to submit the protest. That written authorization shall be provided to the District Clerk so the District Clerk may accept a protest from someone other than the person who signed it.

QUESTIONS?

Please review the CCSD website at www.cambriacsd.org for further information on the approved *DRAFT CCSD FY 2009/2010 Operating Budget* and adopted *CCSD Resolution 14-2009 including Guidelines for the Submission and Tabulation of Protests in Connection With Rate Hearings Conducted Pursuant to Article XIID, Section 6, of the California Constitution, and Related Noticing*. Additional information may also be obtained by contacting the CCSD at (805) 927-6223 or via email to the District Clerk: kchoate@cambriacsd.org.

Print Your Name: _____

Print Your Service Address or Assessor's Parcel Number:

CCSD Water Rates:

- Protest
- Support

CCSD Sewer Rates:

- Protest
- Support

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Written protests must be submitted to the CCSD District Clerk by the end of the public hearing scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2009, at 12:30 p.m. at the Cambria Veterans Memorial Building in Cambria, CA, by:

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Please refer to the CCSD Notice of Proposed Water and Sewer Rate Increases for complete information.