

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED RECYCLED WATER RATES**

On June 12, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the San José City Council is scheduled to conduct a public hearing on a proposed increase to the San Jose Municipal Water System recycled water rates. These charges are paid by institutional, commercial, and industrial customers.

At the hearing, the Environmental Services Department will be proposing an increase to the recycled water rate for fiscal year 2012-13 (July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013) of up to \$0.121 per hundred cubic feet (HCF), and an increase to the monthly meter charge of 9.5%. The City Council will set the exact rate based on refinements in the calculations, but it will not be higher than the estimate specified.
(1 HCF = 748 gallons)

Reason for the Proposed Increase

The San Jose Municipal Water System purchases, treats, and delivers on average three million gallons of recycled water per day to institutional, industrial, commercial customers. The system includes pipelines, pump stations, storage reservoirs, and water meters as well as facilities and processes required to comply with all state and federal recycled water standards. Recycled water rates are set at a level to generate enough revenue to cover the costs of operating and maintaining the system. The primary reason for this proposed rate change is to fund an approximate 9.5% increase in the cost of wholesale water that the San Jose Municipal Water System purchases from South Bay Water Recycling.

Requesting this Notice in Other Formats

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, this letter can be made available upon request in alternative formats such as Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer disk. Requests can be made by calling (408) 535-3500 (voice) or (800) 735-2929 (California Relay System).

Billing Impacts

The following tables show the current and proposed recycled water rates and charges:

Table 1: Monthly Meter Charge

MONTHLY METER CHARGE All Customers		
Meter Size	2011-12 Current Charge	2012-13 Proposed Charge
5/8 inch	\$9.531	\$10.436
3/4 inch	\$9.732	\$10.656
1 inch	\$16.933	\$18.541
1.5 inch	\$33.867	\$37.084
2 inch	\$52.198	\$57.156
3 inch	\$98.762	\$108.144
4 inch	\$150.960	\$165.301
6 inch	\$197.525	\$216.289
8 inch	\$282.181	\$308.988
10 inch	\$352.742	\$386.252

Table 2: Quantity Charge

RECYCLED WATER RATES Quantity Charge		
Use Type	2011-12 Current Charge per HCF	2012-13 Proposed Charge per HCF
Irrigation	\$1.699	\$1.820
Industrial	\$1.213	\$1.334
Agriculture	\$1.167	\$1.288
Irrigation Former Well	\$1.059	\$1.180
Industrial Former Well	\$0.877	\$0.998
Agriculture Former Well	\$0.877	\$0.998

Note: 1 HCF = 748 gallons

Deadline to Submit Written Protests: June 12, 2012

If you wish to file a protest of the proposed increase to the recycled water rates, you must follow these rules for your protest to be included in the official tally presented to the City Council:

Protests must be in writing and received by the City prior to the close of the public hearing on June 12, 2012.

You must indicate your name and the address(es) of the property(ies) you own or rent that are subject to the proposed rate adjustment.

Submit ***written*** protests to the Office of the City Clerk in the form of a letter, fax, or e-mail as shown below:

Mail (or hand-deliver)	Fax	E-mail
San Jose Municipal Water System Rate Increase City of San José – Office of the City Clerk 200 E. Santa Clara St., 2 nd Fl. Wing San José, CA 95113-1905	(408) 292-6207 San Jose Municipal Water System Rate Increase	WaterRateProtest@sanjoseca.gov