



CITY OF SAN JACINTO  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
REGARDING ADJUSTMENTS TO WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE FEES

**Notice is hereby given** that the San Jacinto City Council will conduct a **public hearing** in the Council Chambers, 625 South Pico, San Jacinto California, on August 18, 2020, to discuss proposed adjustments to the rates for its water and wastewater service fees. You are receiving this notice because you are the record owner or account holder of a property that receives water or wastewater service from the City. In the event that the public hearing will be held virtually, information on participating virtually will be provided at [www.sanjacintoca.gov](http://www.sanjacintoca.gov).

***Reasons for the Proposed Rate Adjustments to Water Service Fees***

The City provides water service to approximately 30 percent of the City's total population. Other properties within the City are served by the Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) and the Lake Hemet Municipal Water District (LHMWD), and ***these properties are not subject to the City's water fees.***

The Hemet/San Jacinto Groundwater Basin (the "Basin") is the primary source of the City's local groundwater supply. In emergency situations, additional water supply needs are met by purchasing water from EMWD. The City participated in a stipulated judgment regarding a groundwater management plan for the Basin that arose from a federal water rights adjudication with the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians. The City shares in proportional costs of the infrastructure, administrative costs, and the recharge of supplemental water to the basin. The City charges an Adjudication Surcharge to pay for these costs.

The City retained an independent consultant to do a rate study and cost of service analysis for the City's water system (the "Study"). The Study found that rate increases are necessary in order to ensure adequate revenue to fund operating expenses, achieve reserve policy targets, fund long-term capital programs, and comply with existing debt covenants. The Study is available for public inspection at City Hall, or may be viewed on the City's website at [www.sanjacintoca.gov](http://www.sanjacintoca.gov).

***Proposed Rates for Water Service Fees***

***The proposed water rates only apply to properties that receive water service from the City. Properties receiving water service from LHMWD or EMWD are not subject to the proposed water fees below.***

The proposed water rate structure includes:

- Elimination of the existing Energy Surcharge.
- Monthly Fixed Charge established on the basis of the size of the meter serving a property and calculated to recover a portion of the City's fixed costs, such as the costs of billing and collections, customer service, meter reading and meter maintenance, meter related capital and infrastructure costs, and personnel costs. The City proposes to continue imposing, a monthly private Fire Service Charge on certain properties as a condition of extending or initiating water service by (i) the installation of a private fire hydrant, and (ii) upon the request of the consumer or property owner for the delivery of water to the property for the purpose of private fire service protection. The fixed rates for the monthly Fire Service Charge are calculated to recover the cost of providing water to such properties for private fire service protection.



- Consumption Charge calculated based on the cost of providing water, including certain fixed costs, water supply, and costs to manage water resources. Consumption Charges are based on the customer class including Single Family Residential (SFR), Multi-Family Residential (MFR), Commercial, Irrigation, Schools, Construction, and City Use. For SFR customers, the rate structure includes two-tiers that shift incrementally higher water rates on customers placing greater demands on the system. All other customer classes are subject to a uniform rate. One unit of water is equal to one hundred cubic feet (hcf) or 748 gallons. The Adjudication Surcharge is imposed per unit of water consumed, and was developed to recover the costs of groundwater recharge required by the Soboba settlement.

The proposed rates for water service fees are set forth below. Rates for water service fees are proposed to take effect on September 1, 2020, and will increase automatically each July 1 thereafter, commencing July 1, 2021 through and including July 1, 2024:

**Proposed Monthly Water Fixed Charges**

<b>Meter Size (inches)</b>	<b>FYE 2021</b>	<b>FYE 2022</b>	<b>FYE 2023</b>	<b>FYE 2024</b>	<b>FYE 2025</b>
5/8"	\$17.50	\$20.30	\$21.73	\$23.26	\$24.89
3/4"	\$17.50	\$20.30	\$21.73	\$23.26	\$24.89
1"	\$24.50	\$28.42	\$30.41	\$32.54	\$34.82
1 1/2"	\$41.99	\$48.71	\$52.12	\$55.77	\$59.68
2"	\$62.97	\$73.05	\$78.17	\$83.65	\$89.51
3"	\$129.43	\$150.15	\$160.67	\$171.92	\$183.96
4"	\$227.37	\$263.76	\$282.23	\$301.99	\$323.13
6"	\$461.74	\$535.62	\$573.12	\$613.24	\$656.17
8"	\$846.51	\$981.95	\$1,050.69	\$1,124.24	\$1,202.94

**Proposed Monthly Private Fire Line Charge**

<b>Private Fire Connection Size (inches)</b>	<b>FYE 2021</b>	<b>FYE 2022</b>	<b>FYE 2023</b>	<b>FYE 2024</b>	<b>FYE 2025</b>
4"	\$28.96	\$33.60	\$35.96	\$38.48	\$41.18
6"	\$84.14	\$97.61	\$104.45	\$111.77	\$119.60
8"	\$179.30	\$207.99	\$222.55	\$238.13	\$254.80
10"	\$322.44	\$374.04	\$400.23	\$428.25	\$458.23
12"	\$520.84	\$604.18	\$646.48	\$691.74	\$740.17



**Proposed Monthly Water Tier Definitions and Consumption Charges**

*Proposed Tier Definitions*

Proposed Customer Class		Proposed Tier Definition
<b>SFR</b>		
	Tier 1	0-11 hcf
	Tier 2	>11 hcf
<b>MFR/Mobile</b>		Uniform
<b>Commercial</b>		Uniform
<b>Irrigation</b>		Uniform
<b>Schools</b>		Uniform
<b>Construction/Bulk Water</b>		Uniform
<b>City use</b>		Uniform

*Proposed Consumption Charges*

Customer Class	FYE 2021	FYE 2022	FYE 2023	FYE 2024	FYE 2025	
<b>SFR</b>						
	Tier 1	\$2.20	\$2.56	\$2.74	\$2.94	\$3.15
	Tier 2	\$2.73	\$3.17	\$3.40	\$3.64	\$3.90
<b>MFR/Mobile</b>		\$2.61	\$3.03	\$3.25	\$3.48	\$3.73
<b>Commercial</b>		\$2.61	\$3.03	\$3.25	\$3.48	\$3.73
<b>Irrigation</b>		\$2.61	\$3.03	\$3.25	\$3.48	\$3.73
<b>Schools</b>		\$2.61	\$3.03	\$3.25	\$3.48	\$3.73
<b>Construction/Bulk Water</b>		\$2.61	\$3.03	\$3.25	\$3.48	\$3.73
<b>City use</b>		\$2.61	\$3.03	\$3.25	\$3.48	\$3.73
<b>Adjudication Surcharge</b>		\$1.23	\$1.43	\$1.54	\$1.65	\$1.77

**Bill Impacts**

Median water customers with 3/4” meters using ten units of water per month, will see a bill increase of approximately \$7.86 per month in the first year. Increases for customers with different sized meters, or that use more or less water per month, will vary.

**Reasons for the Proposed Rate Adjustments to Wastewater Service Fees**

The City’s wastewater collection system is made up of approximately 178 miles of sewer pipelines and 2,772 manholes. As the City does not own a treatment system, all sewage is transferred to EMWD’s treatment plant. EMWD treatment charges are directly passed through to customers at the current rate of \$26.77 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU), along with a Capital Fixed Charge of \$2.75 per month.

The Study found that rate increases are necessary to ensure adequate revenue to fund operating expenses, achieve reserve policy targets, fund long-term capital programs, and comply with debt covenants.

The Wastewater billing structure remains unchanged with customers being billed either by EDU or flow. Customers billed based upon flow are Commercial, School, and Church facilities. Single Family residential bill impacts will be \$.91 per month, while those based on flow would increase approximately \$2.00 per month, based on an average hcf of 25.



### **Proposed Monthly Wastewater Charges**

<b>Charge Type</b>	<b>Proposed Rates</b>
Per EDU	\$5.83
Per hcf	\$0.53
Note: 1 EDU = 11 hcf	

#### ***Public Hearing and Written Protests***

Prior to adopting the proposed adjustment to the rates for the City's water and wastewater service fees, the City Council must hold a public hearing. As noted above, the public hearing will be held on August 18, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the regular meeting place of the City Council, 625 South Pico Ave. (San Jacinto Community Center), San Jacinto CA, 92583. Should the meeting be held virtually, information on how to participate will be provided at [www.sanjacintoca.gov](http://www.sanjacintoca.gov).

As a property owner whose property is subject to the proposed rate adjustments or a tenant directly liable for the payment of water or wastewater service fees, you may submit to the City a protest against the proposed rate adjustments. Any protest must be: (1) in writing; (2) state that the identified owner or tenant is in opposition to the proposed rate adjustments; (3) provide the location of the identified property (by assessor's parcel number, street address, or customer account number); and (4) include the signature of the property owner or tenant submitting the protest. Written protests may be scanned and emailed to [jespinoza@sanjacintoca.gov](mailto:jespinoza@sanjacintoca.gov), submitted by mail to PO Box 488, San Jacinto, CA 92581, delivered in person to the City Clerk or payment drop box located at the Sixth Street entrance of City Hall at 595 S. San Jacinto Ave., 92583, or at the public hearing (date and time noted above), so long as they are received prior to the close of the public hearing. Please identify on the front of the envelope (or email subject line) for any protest, whether emailed, mailed or submitted in person to the City Clerk, that the enclosed protest is for the Public Hearing on the Proposed Water Service Fees, Proposed Wastewater Service Fees, or both. Only one protest will be counted per identified parcel, regardless of the number of property owners or tenants<sup>1</sup> of any identified parcel who submit a written protest.

At the time of the public hearing, the City Council will hear and consider all public comments and written protests against the proposed rate adjustments. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the City Council will consider adoption of a resolution authorizing the proposed rate adjustments. Oral comments at the public hearing will not qualify as formal protests unless accompanied by a written protest. If, at the close of the public hearing, written protests against the proposed rates as outlined above are not presented by a majority of owners and tenants of the identified parcels upon which the fees are proposed to be imposed, the City Council will be authorized to impose the rate adjustments. If adopted, the rate adjustments will be in effect for water or wastewater use commencing September 1, 2020, and adjusted rates will appear on bills beginning October 15, 2020.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Public Hearing, the Public Hearing, or the rates applicable to your property, please contact the San Jacinto Water Department at 951-537-6386 or visit our website at [www.sanjacintoca.gov](http://www.sanjacintoca.gov).

**EN ESPAÑOL:** Para informacion, por favor llame al 951-537-6386.

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<sup>1</sup> Any tenant who wishes to submit a written protest at the public hearing shall submit written proof with such protest of their responsibility for payment of water or wastewater service fees.