



# Notice of Public Hearing to consider sewer rate increase

Western Municipal Water District’s Board of Directors will hold a public hearing regarding the proposed adoption of Resolution 2675 establishing rates and charges for wastewater (sewer) service. Those interested in providing oral and written testimony regarding the resolution are encouraged to attend.

**Wednesday, August 18, 2010**  
 Public Hearing begins at 6 p.m.  
 Western Municipal Water District Board Room  
 450 E. Alessandro Blvd. in Riverside

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Article XIID of the California Constitution, Western Municipal Water District is proposing to adopt Resolution 2675 in order to establish rates and charges for wastewater service to the parcel for which you are shown as record owner and/or for which you are the customer of record. Pursuant to Resolution 2601, the Board adopted monthly rates and charges for retail wastewater service in July 2009, which are currently in effect. The type and amount of the rates and charges proposed pursuant to Resolution 2675 are set forth as follows:

	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Rate</b>
<b>Residential/Business</b>	<b>\$27.70</b> per EDU per month	<b>\$30.19</b> per EDU per month
<b>Residential with Maintenance*</b>	<b>\$32.70</b> per EDU per month	<b>\$35.19</b> per EDU per month
<b>Commercial</b>	<b>\$3.25</b> per thousand gallons	<b>\$3.54</b> per thousand gallons

\*Some residential properties have private sewer laterals that are maintained and cleaned by Western pursuant to a written agreement with the original property developer.

Western has established several wastewater service areas depending upon the treatment facility and the conveyance system used to service customers. Western also has different customer classes upon which the rates are structured. For residential customers, the proposed rates are structured on the basis of units of service, referred to individually as an equivalent dwelling unit (“EDU”). An EDU is defined as the quantity of wastewater that an average single-family residential customer contributes to the wastewater system. Each residential parcel is assigned one EDU. EDUs for business customers are assigned based on their expected quantity of wastewater relative to an average single-family residential customer. Charges for commercial customers are determined on the basis of the quantity of wastewater contributed to the wastewater system, calculated in thousands of gallons. This quantity is determined based on water deliveries from the customer’s dedicated domestic water meter. The proposed rates are calculated to proportionately allocate capital replacement, operations and maintenance costs of providing wastewater service to each customer class within each service area of Western.

## REASON FOR THE INCREASE

Western Municipal Water District’s mission is to provide water supply, wastewater disposal and water resource management to the public in a safe, reliable, environmentally sensitive and financially responsible manner. Western currently serves almost 8,000 wastewater customers throughout the

District's 527-square mile service area, consisting of more than 50 miles of wastewater pipelines and two wastewater treatment facilities. While the District attempts to minimize rate increases, the proposed increase is necessary to help Western recover the costs associated with higher operating costs such as labor, energy and biosolids disposal, which continue to increase each year. Also, a portion of the increase will be used to increase the capital replacement reserve primarily due to a \$1.6 million relocation of a major pipeline that carries wastewater to the treatment plant.

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## PURPOSE OF THE HEARING

At the time of the public hearing, the Board will receive oral and written testimony about the proposed rates and charges. Upon conclusion of the hearing, the Board will consider adoption of proposed Resolution 2675. If written protests against the proposed rates and charges are not presented by a majority of owners and any tenants directly liable for the fees and charges of the identified parcels upon which the rates and charges are proposed to be imposed, the Board will be authorized to impose the rates and charges. If adopted, the proposed rates would become effective on October 1, 2010.



Written protests submitted during the public hearing or by mail must be received prior to the close of the public hearing which will occur when public testimony on the proposed rate increases is concluded. Written protests sent by mail should be addressed to the attention of the Public Affairs Office, Western Municipal Water District, 450 E. Alessandro Blvd., Riverside, CA 92508. Each protest must identify the affected property (by assessor's parcel number or street address) and include the signature of a record property owner or tenant directly liable for the fees and charges. Any protest submitted by e-mail or other electronic means will not be accepted. Although oral comments at the Public Hearing will not qualify as formal protests unless accompanied by a written protest, the Board welcomes input from the community during the hearing.

Upon the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the Board of Directors will consider adoption of a resolution authorizing the rate increases to Western's wastewater service fees, including the proposed rate increases for your service area as described herein. If written protests against the proposed rate increases as outlined

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above are not presented by a majority of property owners or tenants directly liable for the fees of the identified parcels upon which the rates are proposed to be imposed, Western will be authorized to impose the rate increases, including the proposed rate increases for your service area as described herein.

For more information about the basis and reason for the proposed increase or to view a copy of Resolution 2675, please contact the Public Affairs Office at **951.776.4519** or go online at [wmwd.com](http://wmwd.com). A copy of the proposed Resolution is also available for review at Western's offices located at 450 E. Alessandro Blvd. in Riverside.

**Para más información, sobre este aumento de tarifas or si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor contacte a nuestra oficina de relaciones públicas, 951.776.4519 or [water@wmwd.com](mailto:water@wmwd.com).**