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Notice of Water and Wastewater Rate Change

Dear Customer,

In compliance with Proposition 218, the Camrosa Water District (the “District”) is notifying all customers that a public hearing will be conducted on June 13, 2019 at 5:00 pm at the District’s headquarters, located at 7385 Santa Rosa Road in Camarillo. We welcome members of the public to attend the public hearing about the proposed rate adjustments.

Reason for Water and Wastewater Rate Adjustments: In an ongoing effort to make sure that the District can meet the needs of the people it serves, the District undertook a Comprehensive Rate Study to evaluate the existing water and wastewater rates. The broad objective of the Study was to determine the best way to adequately fund the water and wastewater utility operations and capital projects while keeping rates as affordable as possible. In keeping with Proposition 218, the proposed rates are necessary to ensure we fully recover our costs to provide water and wastewater services, while maintaining water reliability, the infrastructure to provide services, and fiscal stability. When compared with other agencies providing similar services in Ventura County, Camrosa’s rates are consistently among the lowest.

Water Rate Increase: The last water rate adjustment was on July 1, 2017. The typical residential customer with a standard residential lot using 12 units of water will see a water bill increase of about **\$1.55 per month**. To meet water demands, the District uses a mix of local water sources and imported water from Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (“MWD”) and Calleguas Municipal Water District (“CMWD”). The cost of imported water is the District’s greatest single expense. Both MWD and CMWD anticipate future water rate increases of approximately 4% per year (not including fixed charges). The District’s schedule of future rates includes these projected imported water rate increases, as well as operation and maintenance expenses and reserves for the potable and non-potable programs based on the cost of service to each distinct enterprise.

Wastewater Rate Increase: The sewer rate was last adjusted on July 1, 2016, and is currently \$31.32 per month. The proposed rate adjustment would bring the rate to \$33.49 per month, an increase of **\$2.17 per month**. The cost of sewer service continues to be driven by increasingly stringent standards for protecting the environment, operation and maintenance expenses, and reserves.

Pass-Through Adjustment: Camrosa has used the best available information to calculate proposed increases in the cost of imported water purchases from CMWD and MWD. Camrosa has no control over the amounts set by CMWD and MWD, and must pass those costs through to Camrosa’s customers. Government Code 53756 provides for subsequent pass-through adjustments based upon increases in the wholesale charges for water from another public agency for a five-year authorization period. Should CMWD or MWD adopt an additional increase in its charges, Camrosa may recalculate its rates to include the pass-through amount. If this occurs, the rate adjustment will not require a public hearing or any additional action by the Camrosa Board of Directors. At least 30 days before the effective date, Camrosa will provide its customers with the expected rate adjustment.

The amount of the proposed water and wastewater rate adjustments is enclosed within this notice. You will find more information, including the Comprehensive Rate Study on the District’s web site, www.camrosa.com.

As a District customer, you may submit a written protest to: **Camrosa Water District – Attention: Rate Hearing, 7385 Santa Rosa Road, Camarillo, CA 93012**. All protests must be received by **June 13, 2019, at 4:30 P.M.**, and must include your name, address at which you receive service, a statement of protest, and your original signature. The Board will accept and consider all written protests and oral comments to the proposed rates. Although there will be an opportunity to speak, verbal comments alone do not qualify as formal protests. If written protests against the proposed rates are not presented by a majority of District customers, the Board will be authorized to adopt the rate changes, which will become effective July 2019.

Potable Water Service Classification						
(Unit rates per hundred cubic feet)	Current	July 2019	July 2020	July 2021	July 2022	July 2023
Residential/Master Meter/Domestic Agricultural First 12 Units	\$3.08	\$3.28	\$3.47	\$3.61	\$3.81	\$4.01
Residential/Master Meter/Domestic Agricultural 13 Units and Higher	\$3.34	\$3.65	\$3.82	\$4.01	\$4.22	\$4.45
Commercial/Industrial/Public	\$3.34	\$3.65	\$3.82	\$4.01	\$4.22	\$4.45
Municipal Irrigation/Residential Irrigation	\$3.34	\$3.65	\$3.82	\$4.01	\$4.22	\$4.45
Fire Service/Other	\$3.34	\$3.65	\$3.82	\$4.01	\$4.22	\$4.45
Agricultural Irrigation						
MWD Full Service Rate	\$3.34	\$3.65	\$3.82	\$4.01	\$4.22	\$4.45
MWD Tier 2 Rate	\$4.07					
Temporary Construction/Temporary Agricultural	\$3.34	\$4.91	\$5.29	\$5.60	\$5.88	\$6.17
Temporary Municipal	\$4.08	\$4.91	\$5.29	\$5.60	\$5.88	\$6.17
Emergency Water Service	\$5.05	\$4.91	\$5.29	\$5.60	\$5.88	\$6.17
Commercial/Industrial/Public Out of Bounds	\$4.13	\$4.91	\$5.29	\$5.60	\$5.88	\$6.17
Residential Out of Bounds First 12 Units	\$3.50	\$4.91	\$5.29	\$5.60	\$5.88	\$6.17
Residential Out of Bounds 13 Units and Higher	\$4.13					
Non-Potable / Recycled Water Service Classification						
(Unit rates per hundred cubic feet)	Current	July 2019	July 2020	July 2021	July 2022	July 2023
Non-Potable Commercial Agricultural	\$1.64	\$1.92	\$2.08	\$2.19	\$2.40	\$2.59
Non-Potable Landscape Irrigation Water	\$1.64	\$1.92	\$2.08	\$2.19	\$2.40	\$2.59
Non-Potable Residential Landscape	\$1.64	\$1.92	\$2.08	\$2.19	\$2.40	\$2.59
Non-Potable Temporary Construction	\$1.64	\$1.92	\$2.08	\$2.19	\$2.40	\$2.59
Blended Non-Potable Agricultural	\$2.88	\$2.46	\$2.70	\$3.15	\$3.36	\$3.67
Recycled Commercial Agricultural	\$1.64	\$1.92	\$2.08	\$2.19	\$2.40	\$2.59
Recycled Landscape Irrigation	\$1.64	\$1.92	\$2.08	\$2.19	\$2.40	\$2.59
Recycled Surplus Water (Served Outside District)	\$1.64	\$1.92	\$2.08	\$2.19	\$2.40	\$2.59
Monthly Meter Service Charge						
	Current	July 2019	July 2020	July 2021	July 2022	July 2023
Fire Service						
1	\$51.45	\$51.03	\$51.65	\$61.96	\$63.93	\$67.46
1.5	\$51.45	\$51.03	\$51.65	\$61.96	\$63.93	\$67.46
2	\$51.45	\$51.03	\$51.65	\$61.96	\$63.93	\$67.46
3	\$51.45	\$51.03	\$51.65	\$61.96	\$63.93	\$67.46
4	\$51.45	\$51.03	\$51.65	\$61.96	\$63.93	\$67.46
6	\$102.86	\$77.09	\$78.03	\$93.60	\$96.58	\$101.90
8	\$185.17	\$129.17	\$130.74	\$156.84	\$161.82	\$170.74
10	\$308.69	\$343.45	\$347.63	\$417.02	\$430.27	\$453.98
Potable/Blended Agricultural/Domestic Agricultural						
3/4 Master Metered	\$6.55	\$6.21	\$6.19	\$6.21	\$6.35	\$6.57
3/4	\$13.64	\$12.79	\$12.77	\$13.26	\$13.58	\$14.08
1	\$22.72	\$21.41	\$21.40	\$22.63	\$23.19	\$24.06
1.5	\$45.46	\$42.94	\$42.93	\$46.02	\$47.17	\$48.96
2	\$72.73	\$68.89	\$68.89	\$74.22	\$76.09	\$78.99
3	\$159.09	\$151.09	\$151.12	\$163.54	\$167.68	\$174.10
4	\$272.73	\$259.02	\$259.09	\$280.82	\$287.92	\$298.98
6	\$409.10	\$388.69	\$388.81	\$421.73	\$432.41	\$449.02
8	\$681.83	\$647.90	\$648.11	\$703.38	\$721.21	\$748.93
Non-Potable Irrigation						
3/4 Master Metered	\$6.55	\$4.89	\$4.88	\$4.91	\$5.02	\$5.20
3/4	\$13.64	\$7.51	\$7.52	\$8.09	\$8.28	\$8.60
1	\$22.72	\$10.28	\$10.32	\$11.72	\$12.00	\$12.51
1.5	\$45.46	\$17.19	\$17.30	\$20.78	\$21.29	\$22.25
2	\$72.73	\$25.52	\$25.72	\$31.70	\$32.48	\$33.99
3	\$159.09	\$51.90	\$52.40	\$66.30	\$67.95	\$71.19
4	\$272.73	\$86.54	\$87.43	\$111.72	\$114.51	\$120.02
6	\$409.10	\$128.16	\$129.51	\$166.30	\$170.47	\$178.70
8	\$681.83	\$211.35	\$213.63	\$275.39	\$282.30	\$295.99
Domestic Agricultural						
3/4	\$20.18					
1	\$29.27					
1.5	\$52.01					
2	\$79.28					
3	\$165.63					
4	\$279.28					
6	\$415.64					
Sewer Rates						
	Current	July 2019	July 2020	July 2021	July 2022	July 2023
Monthly Sewer Charge	\$31.32	\$33.49	\$35.83	\$38.37	\$40.62	\$43.05
Residential Monthly Sewer Service through City of T.O.						
	Current	July 2019	July 2020	July 2021	July 2022	July 2023
Monthly Sewer Charge	\$43.23	\$46.76	\$47.22	\$47.69	\$48.15	\$48.61
Notes:						
1. Pump Zone Surcharge: Applies to certain areas in the District that are situated at higher elevations; therefore require additional pumping for water delivery. Potable water pump zone charge is \$0.12 per HCF. Non-potable water pump zone charge is \$0.07 per HCF.						
2. Wildwood Estates Facilities Construction Fee is \$0.152 per HCF.						
3. Billing units in hundred cubic feet (HCF). One HCF equals 748 gallons. One acre-foot=435.6 HCF.						