

NOTICE OF PROPOSED Water & Wastewater Rate Change

In compliance with Proposition 218, the Camrosa Water District (the "District") is notifying all customers that a public hearing will be conducted on **June 6, 2024 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.

The proposed schedule of rates for water and wastewater service is enclosed within this notice. You will find more information, including the Comprehensive Rate Study on the District's website, www.camrosa.com or by calling the District Office at (805) 388-0226.

+\$2.57 WATER RATE INCREASE

The last water rate adjustment was on July 1, 2023. With the proposed rates, the typical residential customer with a standard residential lot using 12 units of water will see a water bill increase of about **\$2.57 per month for the first year's rate adjustment effective July 2024**. 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 this imported water is the District's greatest single expense. Both MWD and CMWD anticipate future water rate increases of approximately 6.5% per year (not including fixed charges). The District's proposed schedule of future rates includes these projected imported water rate increases, capital improvements to reduce the District's dependence on imported water, capital costs to replace aging infrastructure, operation and maintenance expenses, inflation, and appropriate reserves for the potable and non-potable programs based on the cost of service to each distinct enterprise.

Pass-Through Adjustment

Camrosa has used the best information currently available 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.



Camrosa Water District

7385 Santa Rosa Rd. Camarillo, CA 93012
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Reason for Rate Adjustments

In an ongoing effort to ensure that the District can meet the needs of the people it serves, the District undertook a Comprehensive Rate Study (the "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 service 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.

+\$5.72 WASTEWATER RATE INCREASE

The wastewater rate was last adjusted on July 1, 2023, and is currently \$43.05 per month. The proposed rate adjustment would bring the rate to \$48.77 per month, an increase of **\$5.72 per month for the first year's rate adjustment effective July 2024**. The cost of wastewater service continues to be driven by increasingly stringent standards for protecting the environment, capital costs to replace aging infrastructure and equipment, operation and maintenance expenses, inflation, and setting aside appropriate reserves.

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 the end of the public hearing on June 6, 2024, 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. Only one protest may be registered per property. 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's customers, the Board will be authorized to adopt the rate changes, which will become effective July 2024.

Under California Government Code 53759, there is a 120-day statute of limitations for challenging any new, increased, or extended fee or charge. This statute of limitations applies to the water and wastewater service rates and charges proposed in this notice.

PROPOSED RATE ADJUSTMENT

Meter Service Charge

Potable Water (Proposed)

Description	Existing Rate (\$/Month)	July 2024 (\$/Month)	July 2025 (\$/Month)	July 2026 (\$/Month)	July 2027 (\$/Month)	July 2028 (\$/Month)
Master Metered	\$6.57	\$6.90	\$7.92	\$8.47	\$9.24	\$10.29
3/4"	\$14.08	\$14.85	\$17.08	\$19.19	\$21.92	\$24.94
1"	\$24.06	\$26.61	\$30.64	\$35.06	\$40.69	\$46.63
1.5"	\$48.96	\$55.97	\$64.48	\$74.66	\$87.54	\$100.76
2"	\$78.99	\$91.37	\$105.29	\$122.40	\$144.02	\$166.03
3"	\$174.10	\$203.50	\$234.54	\$273.64	\$322.95	\$372.77
4"	\$298.98	\$350.72	\$404.23	\$472.19	\$557.86	\$644.20
6"	\$449.02	\$527.61	\$608.13	\$710.76	\$840.12	\$970.34
8"	\$748.93	\$881.19	\$1,015.68	\$1,187.62	\$1,404.30	\$1,622.23

Fire Service (Proposed)

Description	Existing Rate (\$/Month)	July 2024 (\$/Month)	July 2025 (\$/Month)	July 2026 (\$/Month)	July 2027 (\$/Month)	July 2028 (\$/Month)
1"	\$67.46	\$80.92	\$90.30	\$91.46	\$91.74	\$93.97
1.5"	\$67.46	\$80.92	\$90.30	\$91.46	\$91.74	\$93.97
2"	\$67.46	\$80.92	\$90.30	\$91.46	\$91.74	\$93.97
3"	\$67.46	\$80.92	\$90.30	\$91.46	\$91.74	\$93.97
4"	\$67.46	\$80.92	\$90.30	\$91.46	\$91.74	\$93.97
6"	\$101.90	\$122.23	\$136.41	\$138.16	\$138.58	\$141.95
8"	\$170.74	\$204.81	\$228.56	\$231.50	\$232.20	\$237.85
10"	\$453.98	\$544.57	\$607.72	\$615.54	\$617.41	\$632.42

Commodity Charges

Potable Water (Proposed)

Description	Existing Rate (\$/HCF)	July 2024 (\$/HCF)	July 2025 (\$/HCF)	July 2026 (\$/HCF)	July 2027 (\$/HCF)	July 2028 (\$/HCF)
Residential, Master Meter, Domestic Agricultural						
Tier 1 - First 12 Units	\$4.01	\$4.16	\$4.40	\$4.70	\$4.99	\$5.26
Tier 2 - 13 Units and Higher	\$4.45	\$4.80	\$5.09	\$5.39	\$5.67	\$6.01
Commercial, Industrial, Public	\$4.45	\$4.80	\$5.09	\$5.39	\$5.67	\$6.01
Dedicated Irrigation	\$4.45	\$4.80	\$5.09	\$5.39	\$5.67	\$6.01
Fire Service	\$4.45	\$4.80	\$5.09	\$5.39	\$5.67	\$6.01
Temporary/Out of Bounds/ Emergency Service	\$6.17	\$6.94	\$7.51	\$8.10	\$8.66	\$9.21

Wastewater (Proposed)

Description	Existing Rate (\$/EDU)	July 2024 (\$/EDU)	July 2025 (\$/EDU)	July 2026 (\$/EDU)	July 2027 (\$/EDU)	July 2028 (\$/EDU)
All Customers	\$43.05	\$48.77	\$54.14	\$60.11	\$66.73	\$74.08
Customers through City of Thousand Oaks	\$48.61	\$55.56	\$56.94	\$58.33	\$59.72	\$61.57

NO RATE ADJUSTMENT

Meter Service Charge

Non-Potable Water (Existing)

Description	Existing Rate (\$/Month)	July 2024 (\$/Month)	July 2025 (\$/Month)	July 2026 (\$/Month)	July 2027 (\$/Month)	July 2028 (\$/Month)
Master Metered	\$5.02	\$5.02	\$5.02	\$5.02	\$5.02	\$5.02
3/4"	\$8.28	\$8.28	\$8.28	\$8.28	\$8.28	\$8.28
1"	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
1.5"	\$21.29	\$21.29	\$21.29	\$21.29	\$21.29	\$21.29
2"	\$32.48	\$32.48	\$32.48	\$32.48	\$32.48	\$32.48
3"	\$67.95	\$67.95	\$67.95	\$67.95	\$67.95	\$67.95
4"	\$114.51	\$114.51	\$114.51	\$114.51	\$114.51	\$114.51
6"	\$170.47	\$170.47	\$170.47	\$170.47	\$170.47	\$170.47
8"	\$282.30	\$282.30	\$282.30	\$282.30	\$282.30	\$282.30

Commodity Charges

Non-Potable Water (Existing)

Description	Existing Rate (\$/HCF)	July 2024 (\$/HCF)	July 2025 (\$/HCF)	July 2026 (\$/HCF)	July 2027 (\$/HCF)	July 2028 (\$/HCF)
Non-Potable Irrigation Water	\$2.40	\$2.40	\$2.40	\$2.40	\$2.40	\$2.40
Blended Non-Potable Agricultural	\$3.36	\$3.36	\$3.36	\$3.36	\$3.36	\$3.36
Non-Potable Commercial Agricultural - Contractual (1)	\$0.74	TBD	TBD	\$2.40	\$2.40	\$2.40
Non-Potable Residential Landscape (SRM)	\$2.40	\$2.40	\$2.40	\$2.40	\$2.40	\$2.40
Recycled Commercial Ag - Contractual (1)	\$0.47	TBD	TBD	\$2.40	\$2.40	\$2.40
Recycled Landscape Irrigation	\$2.40	\$2.40	\$2.40	\$2.40	\$2.40	\$2.40
Recycled Surplus Water (Served Outside District)	\$2.40	\$2.40	\$2.40	\$2.40	\$2.40	\$2.40

Note: Billing units in hundred cubic feet (HCF). One HCF equals 748 gallons.



For more information, including a bill calculator, a copy of this notice, FAQs, and the Comprehensive Rate Study, go to the District's website, www.camrosa.com or call the District Office at (805) 388-0226.

