

Proposed Increase to Water Rates

The City of San Diego is proposing changes that will affect your water bill.

Public Hearing Information

A public hearing will be held on proposed maximum increases to water pass-through charges for calendar year 2023.

**The public hearing will be held
Sept. 20, 2022, at 2 p.m.**

The City Council will hear and consider oral testimony and written materials submitted regarding the proposed rate increases at the hearing. The City Council will have the authority to make adjustments to the proposed rate increases in response to oral testimony and written materials submitted for consideration. Only formal written protest will be considered under the City's Proposition 218 protest tabulating procedures and must be received before the close of the public hearing either in person at the public hearing or via mail to City Clerk, 202 C St., MS 2P, San Diego, CA 92101.

You have the right to protest the proposed rate increases.

Written protest must contain a statement of opposition to the rate increase, the property assessor parcel number or property address and the name and signature of the property owner or utility customer of record registering the protest. Only one protest will be counted for each parcel or address. Electronic protest (email, social media messages, etc.) will not qualify as written protest under state requirements. Per state law, the public hearing will be televised on City TV and simulcast on the City's website at sandiego.gov/citytv. More information about Council meeting access and public comment is available online at sandiego.gov/city-clerk/officialdocs/council-agendas-minutes-results. At the close of the public hearing, the City Council will consider and may approve the rate increases. Oral comments at the public hearing will be considered by the City Council but will not qualify as formal protests unless accompanied by a written protest. If, by the close of the public hearing, written protests against the pass-through charges are not presented by a majority of property owners or tenants responsible for paying the utility bills, the City Council will be authorized to adopt a resolution to increase the pass-through charges. If adopted, the calendar year 2023 increases will become effective Jan. 1, 2023, and a public information campaign will commence to ensure customer awareness.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 53759, there is a 120-day statute of limitations for any judicial action or proceeding challenging any new, increased, or extended water and sewer fee or charge.



PROPOSED Water Pass-Through Rates

San Diego relies heavily upon imported water from Northern California and the Colorado River. The City historically has purchased approximately 85% to 90% of its annual water needs from the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA), which in turn purchases its water from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Historically, SDCWA increases water rates annually. These increases are based on SDCWA costs for infrastructure, operations, maintenance and other costs required to obtain water on behalf of member agencies. SDCWA incorporates all its costs into its water charges which are passed through to member agencies, like the City of San Diego.

In June of each year, the SDCWA board approves wholesale water rate increases which will increase the City's water purchase costs commencing the following year on

Current and Maximum Water Monthly Service Charge		
Meter Size	Current Charge	3% Pass Through Increase
5/8", 3/4"	\$27.09	\$27.91
1"	\$35.87	\$36.95
1.5"	\$55.97	\$57.65
2"	\$81.08	\$83.52
3"	\$140.09	\$144.30
4"	\$224.22	\$230.95
6"	\$432.65	\$445.63
8"	\$683.77	\$704.29
10"	\$977.57	\$1,006.90
12"	\$1,813.79	\$1,868.21
16"	\$3,153.50	\$3,248.11

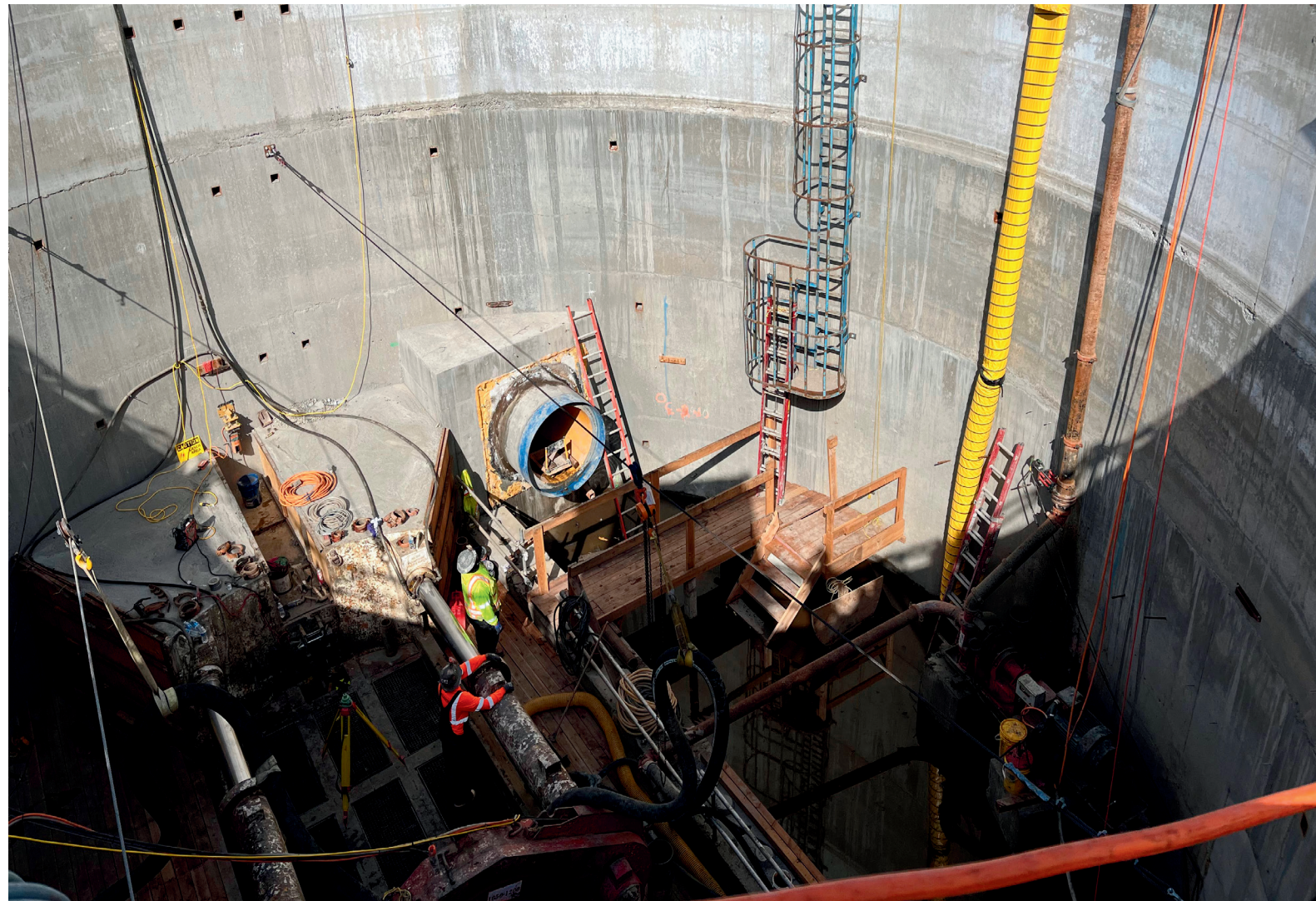
Current and Maximum Water Commodity Rates			
Customer Class		Current Charge	3% Pass Through Increase
Single Family Residential			
Tier 1	\$/HCF)	\$5.415	\$5.578
Tier 2	\$/HCF)	\$6.065	\$6.247
Tier 3	\$/HCF)	\$8.664	\$8.924
Tier 4	\$/HCF)	\$12.183	\$12.549
Multi-Family Residential	\$/HCF)	\$6.553	\$6.750
Commercial/Industrial/Outside City	\$/HCF)	\$6.394	\$6.586
Irrigation	\$/HCF)	\$7.265	\$7.483
Temporary Construction	\$/HCF)	\$7.388	\$7.610

Jan. 1. The City is proposing to pass through the cost to buy water from SDCWA to customers based on the rates approved by SDCWA in June 2022 for calendar year 2023. Water rates are projected to increase up to 3% as a pass through. If the SDCWA increase impact to the City ratepayers is higher than 3%, the City would not implement rates any higher. The City will provide written notice to customers 30 days prior the effective date of the rate increase, which will be no more than 3% increase of all fixed and commodity water rates.

Note: The City bills most of its single-family residential customers on a bi-monthly basis. This means each bill these customers receive includes charges for two months of service.

Current and Maximum Fireline Monthly Service Charge		
Meter Size	Current Charge	3% Pass Through Increase
1"	\$4.03	\$4.15
1.5"	\$4.03	\$4.15
2"	\$6.24	\$6.43
3"	\$24.17	\$24.90
4"	\$30.90	\$31.83
6"	\$45.64	\$47.01
8"	\$64.46	\$66.40
10"	\$83.27	\$85.77
12"	\$99.37	\$102.36
16"	\$161.13	\$165.97
20"	\$200.62	\$206.64

This information is available in alternative formats upon request.





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Notice of Public Hearing

DATE: Sept. 20, 2022

TIME: 2 p.m.

LOCATION: 202 C St San Diego, CA 92101

Council Chambers are open for in-person testimony.
For more information, please visit:
sandiego.gov/city-clerk/officialdocs/council-agendas-minutes-results.



This document is important to all customers of the City of San Diego and is also available in other languages on our website. Please visit sandiego.gov/rate-increases

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS

This notice is being provided to you by the City of San Diego Public Utilities Department pursuant to California Constitution Article XIIIID (also known as "Proposition 218"). Under the terms of Proposition 218, the City is required to notify the property owners of record of proposed changes to property-related fees, such as water and wastewater service.

This serves as notice that the City Council will conduct a public hearing, at the time, date and location specified above, to consider recommended adjustments to the City's water service rates and charges. If approved, the proposed adjustments will first appear on bills beginning in January 2023. All members of the public are invited to attend the public hearing. **Additionally, under California state law, all property owners and customers of record may submit a written protest to the proposed rate changes. Mailed protest must be received by Sept. 20, 2022. Only one protest per parcel is permitted.** All written protests will be verified. You may also appear at the public hearing at the date and time specified above. More information is available online at: sandiego.gov/rate-increases.



Written protest must be mailed in an envelope or delivered to: City Clerk, 202 C St., MS 2P, San Diego, CA 92101.

I _____ oppose the proposed rate increases.

Assessor's Parcel Number or Address: _____

Signature: _____