

Please Take Notice - Public Hearing July 20, 2010

Potential Rate Increases For The Next 3 Fiscal Years

Why is a water/sewer rate increase necessary?

During the economic downturn District revenues have seriously declined and expenses have remained constant or have risen. In spite of that disparity your water base rate has remained unchanged since 2005, sewer rates have remained unchanged since 2007, along with the water use overage base rate.

Financial pressure from those tight budget years, increasing costs of energy, maintenance and state and federal regulations have tipped the balance so that current rates are inadequate to meet our financial obligations.

The proposed rates for the next three (3) fiscal years will be presented at the July 20, 2010, Board Meeting.

Proposed rate increase per *bimonthly* billing cycle:

	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2011/2012</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>
<i>water base rate -</i> <i>(3,000 cubic foot allotment)</i>	<i>\$ 70.00</i>	<i>\$ 72.10</i>	<i>\$ 74.26</i>
<i>water use over base rate -</i> <i>(per cubic foot)</i>	<i>\$.0233</i>	<i>\$.0240</i>	<i>\$.0248</i>
<i>sewer base rate -</i>	<i>\$ 94.60</i>	<i>\$ 97.44</i>	<i>\$100.36</i>
<i>reclaimed water -</i> <i>(per acre foot)</i>	<i>\$275.00</i>	<i>\$283.25</i>	<i>\$291.75</i>

Notice of Proposed Rate Increase

California Proposition 218 requires the District to provide a notice of the proposed rates to “all property owners and tenants of real property who are directly liable to pay the water and sewer bills“ forty-five (45) days prior to the hearing date.

To **PREVENT** a rate increase a majority of the property owners or tenants who are directly liable to pay water and sewer bills are required to file a written, signed protest against the rate increase. This protest must be filed with the District Secretary on or before the close of the public hearing July 20, 2010. The protest must contain a property description sufficient to identify the property (Service address shown on the mailing is sufficient). If you own or rent more than one parcel, you may file a single protest, but must identify each parcel you own or rent. If the name on the written protest is not shown on the last equalized assessment roll of the County as the owner of the property, the signer of the protest must also submit written evidence of ownership or tenancy.

Hearing

The District’s Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on the proposed increases on Tuesday, July 20, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard in the District Office Boardroom at 19400 Hartmann Road, Hidden Valley Lake, CA 95467. The Board of Directors shall hear and tabulate all protests.

Written protests may be mailed or delivered in person to:

Hidden Valley Lake CSD
19400 Hartmann Road
Hidden Valley Lake, CA 95467