

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT WATER SYSTEM BACKUP FACILITIES CHARGE, REPLACING THE SUPPLEMENTAL WATER SUPPLY CHARGE WITH A WATER DEMAND OFFSET FEE, SANITATION CAPACITY CHARGE, AND PROPOSED ORDINANCE REVISING REGULATIONS GOVERNING DOMESTIC WATER AND SANITATION SERVICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting will be held before the Board of Directors of the Coachella Valley Water District at the District's office located at 75515 Hovley Lane, Palm Desert, California, on December 7, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

At said meeting, the Board of Directors of the Coachella Valley Water District shall hear and consider all oral and written comments, if any, concerning the necessity requiring the adoption of increased or decreased rates, fees and charges in the form and amount to be considered, revisions to Regulations Governing Domestic Water Service (Ordinance 1399.14), and revisions to Regulations Governing Sanitation Service (Ordinance 1427.3).

The purpose of the meeting is to consider the Water System Backup Facilities Charge, Replacing the Supplemental Water Supply Charge with a Water Demand Offset Fee, Sanitation Capacity Charge, and revisions to the Regulations Governing Domestic Water and Sanitation Service within its service area. The rate charges and amended regulations are proposed to go into effect on January 1, 2022.

The Water System Backup Facilities Charge is levied on each new connection to the Domestic Water System and includes two components: Dwelling Unit Charge and Meter Surcharge. The Dwelling Unit Charge is proposed to increase from \$3,707 to \$3,757 per equivalent $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch meter. The Meter Surcharge for a 1-inch meter is proposed to increase from \$2,479 to \$2,511. Meter Surcharges for other sized meters are available in the Water System Backup Facilities Charge Study dated October 2021. The purpose of the Water System Backup Facilities Charge is to fund the construction of domestic water production wells, treatment facilities, storage reservoirs, pipelines, booster stations and other facilities to service new growth and maintain acceptable levels of service within the service area.

The Water Demand Offset Fee of \$1,918 per acre-feet/year is proposed to replace the Supplemental Water Supply Charge and shall be based on the proposed development's annual potable water use. A single family residential unit with a $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch meter would have a Water Demand Offset Fee of \$1,392. The Water Demand Offset Fee shall be levied on a lot, parcel, property, premises, subdivision, and/or tract as a condition of providing Domestic Water Service and fund new non-potable water projects, including converting existing potable water customers to recycled water and/or non-potable (canal) water supplies and conservation programs that free up existing potable groundwater supplies.

The Sanitation Capacity Charge is levied on each new connection to the sanitary sewer system within its service area and is proposed to decrease from \$4,851 to \$4,533. The purpose of the Sanitation Capacity Charge is to fund construction of sanitation

sewers, treatment and disposal facilities, pipelines, lift stations, and other facilities to service new growth and maintain acceptable levels of service within the service area.

Ordinance 1399.14 would revise certain provisions of the Regulations Governing Domestic Water Service. Revisions include the updated charges, deletion of the Supplemental Water Supply Charge, and adoption of a Water Demand Offset Fee and how said fee is calculated.

Ordinance 1427.3 would revise certain provisions of the Regulations Governing Sanitation Service. The revision includes the updated charges.

Reports describing the basis for the charges and the need for the change have been prepared and are available at the following locations:

Coachella Valley Water District
Steve Robbins Administration Building
75515 Hovley Lane East
Palm Desert, CA

Coachella Valley Water District
Coachella Office
51501 Tyler Street
Coachella, CA

And on the District's website at www.cvwd.org

All questions concerning this matter should be referred to Carrie Oliphant, Director of Engineering, at (760) 398-2651, extension 2268.

Dated: November 16, 2021

/s/ Sylvia Bermudez
Sylvia Bermudez, Clerk of the Board
Coachella Valley Water District