

McKinney Water District | El Dorado and Placer Counties

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING PROPOSED RATE INCREASES TO WATER SERVICE RATES

The McKinney Water District (“District”) Board of Directors invites the public to attend a Public Hearing to be held on April 7, 2025, at 9 am, at Sunnyside Restaurant and Lodge located at 1850 Westlake Blvd Tahoe City CA 96145, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider all oral or written testimony and written protests of the proposed water service rates. This notice is provided to all property owners who currently receive water services (customers) provided by the District. All interested property owners are invited to appear at the time and place specified in this notice to give oral or written testimony, as well as written protests, regarding the proposed water service rates. If adopted, new water service rates will go into effect on July 1, 2025. The proposed rates are detailed under the caption Proposed Water Service Rates.

Reasons for the Proposed Rate Increases

The District’s Board of Directors maintains a strong commitment to safe and sustainable water services. This is accomplished through careful long-term financial planning and ongoing investments in our water infrastructure. This provides a safe and reliable water supply for daily use and fire suppression. These essential services are provided 24 hours a day - 7 days a week - year-round throughout the service area. The District’s water services are exclusively funded by customer rates and as a not-for-profit public utility, we distribute the cost of service for system operations, maintenance, upgrades, and replacement proportionally across all our customers.

To meet these commitments, the Board engaged an independent consultant to evaluate the operations and maintenance, capital improvement, and financial policy costs of the water utility. Based on this evaluation, it has been determined that rate increases are necessary to: (1) recover current and projected increases in the costs of operating and maintaining the District’s water system; (2) construct capital infrastructure improvements needed to maintain the District’s aging water system; (3) maintain financial stability of the water utility; and (4) comply with State and Federal regulatory requirements. Detailed description of the proposed rate increases are provided below.

Proposed Water Service Rates

The proposed water rate structure for the District’s water service rates consists of two components: the standby charge and the water service charge. All customers are charged an annual standby charge which is related to the readiness to serve and administrative costs of the water utility. The water service charge is an annual fixed charge related to the water usage on the system and the costs associated with the maintenance and upkeep of the system to provide water service to customers. If adopted, the proposed water rates will be in effect beginning July 1, 2025, and will be increased each July 1 thereafter through, and including, July 1, 2029. The current and proposed water rates are set forth in the table below.

	Current and Proposed Annual Rates					
	Current	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
Water Service Charge (\$ / Year)						
All Customers	\$300	\$412	\$519	\$625	\$731	\$837
Standby Charge (\$ / Year)						
All Customers	\$80	\$101	\$127	\$153	\$179	\$205

Public Hearing And Protests

All property owners may submit a written protest to the proposed rate increases to the District’s water rates; provided, however, only one protest will be counted per identified parcel. Any written protest must: (1) state that the identified property owner is in opposition to the proposed rate increases to the water service rates; (2) provide the location of the identified parcel (by street address, customer account number, or assessor’s parcel number); and (3) include the name and signature of the property owner submitting the protest. Written protests may be submitted by mail to the District at PO Box 7036 Folsom, CA 95763 or in person at the Public Hearing (date and time noted above). To be counted, written protests must be received by the District prior to the conclusion of the public comment portion of the Public Hearing. Any protest submitted via e-mail, facsimile, or other electronic means will not be accepted. Please identify on the front of the envelope for any protest, whether mailed or submitted in person to the Secretary-Treasurer Attn: Public Hearing on Water Rate Increases.

The District’s Board will consider all written protests and public comments to the proposed rate increases at the Public Hearing. Oral comments at the Public Hearing will not qualify as formal protests unless accompanied by a written protest that meets the requirements stated above. At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the District’s Board will consider adoption of an Ordinance authorizing the proposed increases to the District’s water service rates as described in this notice. If written protests against the proposed increases to the water rates as outlined above are not presented by a majority of property owners of the identified parcels upon which the water rates are proposed to be imposed, the District’s Board will be authorized to adopt the respective water rates as identified in this notice. If adopted, the proposed rate increases to the water service rates will be as set forth in the table in this notice. Pursuant to California Government Code section 53759 there is a 120-day statute of limitations for challenging any new, increased, or extended fee or charge.

For further details regarding the proposed rate increases or for any questions you may have regarding the proposed fees to be imposed on your parcel, please contact Karla Gunter, Secretary-Treasurer at (916) 806-0510