

City of Turlock  
Municipal Services Department  
Proposition 218 Notice of Public Hearing  
**ON PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASES**



**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Turlock will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the Yosemite Community Room (Council Chambers) of Turlock City Hall located at 156 S. Broadway, Turlock, CA 95380, to consider the adoption of water rate increases.

*You are receiving this notice because you are either a City of Turlock water customer or you own property that receives water services through the City of Turlock.*

**PARA INFORMACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL, LLAME POR FAVOR AL (209) 668-5590**

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The reliability and quality of our drinking water supply is vitally important to the health and safety of Turlock residents and the economic vitality of our business community.

The City provides drinking water from 17 groundwater wells. Eleven of the City's wells have concentrations of contaminants at or above 75% of the maximum allowable limit established by the State Water Resources Control Board. In particular, increasing levels of arsenic and nitrates, as well as new regulations for 1,2,3-Trichloropropane (TCP), are restricting the City's available drinking water supply. Historically, groundwater quality regulations have become increasingly more stringent over time. As a result, if the City continues to use groundwater as its sole source of drinking water supply, wellhead treatment will be necessary.

While wellhead treatment could address contaminant issues, it will not reduce the City's dependency on groundwater. Despite significant water conservation, groundwater remains at historic low levels and supplies continue to decline over time.

To reduce its reliance on groundwater, the City has studied supplementing its groundwater supply with treated surface water. Adding surface water to the City's drinking water supply portfolio would help insulate the City from variability in groundwater quality and groundwater availability. The use of surface water is also anticipated to improve groundwater conditions and allow for natural replenishment of groundwater storage, higher groundwater levels, and the preservation of groundwater for use during periods of drought.

The City of Turlock has partnered with the City of Ceres to form the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority (SRWA). In collaboration with the Turlock Irrigation District (TID), the SRWA is planning a Regional Surface Water Supply Project (Project) to provide a safe and reliable high quality water supply to meet long-term water needs. The Project would include a raw water pump station and conveyance facility, surface water treatment plant, and treated water transmission lines to the cities of Turlock and Ceres.

Earlier this year, the City analyzed the impact to water rates associated with a capital improvement plan to upgrade the City's water system, including participation in the SRWA Project. The City retained a consultant to prepare a study calculating the necessary water rate increases, including the proportional cost of providing water service for different classes of customers.

The water rate study is available to view at City Hall or online at [www.cityofturlock.org](http://www.cityofturlock.org). In general, the study identified the costs for planned capital facility improvements, and the staffing necessary for the proper operation and maintenance of the water utility over the next five years, including City participation in the SRWA Project. Based on these costs and the number of users, water rates were developed in compliance with applicable California Law, including Article XIID of the California Constitution.

The study identified the need for a proposed rate increase due to:

- Capital costs of participation in the Regional Surface Water Supply Project
- More stringent State and Federal water quality regulations
- Increased water storage
- Wellhead treatment
- Water distribution infrastructure to improve delivered water pressure
- Increased operations and maintenance expenses

***The proposed water rates can be found on the back side of this notice.***



## PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASES

effective date	Current Rates 1/1/2017	FY18 3/1/2018	FY19 1/1/2019	FY20 1/1/2020	FY21 1/1/2021	FY22 1/1/2022
<b>Commodity Charge, \$ per 1,000 gals.</b>						
Single Family	\$ 0.74	\$ 0.84	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.20	\$ 1.47	\$ 1.76
Multi Res/Com/Ind/Inst*	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.89	\$ 1.08	\$ 1.28
Landscape	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.99	\$ 1.20	\$ 1.45	\$ 1.78	\$ 2.16
<b>Capacity Charge, \$ per mtr. per mo.</b>						
1" or less	\$ 24.10	\$ 28.00	\$ 32.70	\$ 38.10	\$ 45.20	\$ 52.70
1-1/2"	\$ 48.20	\$ 56.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 76.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 105.00
2"	\$ 77.20	\$ 90.00	\$ 104.00	\$ 122.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 169.00
3"	\$ 169.00	\$ 196.00	\$ 229.00	\$ 267.00	\$ 316.00	\$ 369.00
4"	\$ 290.00	\$ 336.00	\$ 392.00	\$ 457.00	\$ 542.00	\$ 633.00
6"	\$ 603.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 816.00	\$ 952.00	\$ 1,130.00	\$ 1,318.00
8"	\$ 1,157.00	\$ 1,344.00	\$ 1,567.00	\$ 1,829.00	\$ 2,170.00	\$ 2,531.00
10"	\$ 1,832.00	\$ 2,128.00	\$ 2,482.00	\$ 2,895.00	\$ 3,435.00	\$ 4,008.00
<b>Customer Charge, \$ per acct. per mo.</b>	<b>\$ 3.00</b>	<b>\$ 3.50</b>	<b>\$ 4.10</b>	<b>\$ 4.75</b>	<b>\$ 5.65</b>	<b>\$ 6.55</b>

\*Multi Res = Multiple Residential   Com = Commercial   Ind = Industrial   Inst = Institutional

### How to calculate single family water charges using the following variables:

- ⇒ Proposed March 2018 rates
- ⇒ 1" meter size
- ⇒ 12,000 gallons of consumption

#### Calculation Example:

Commodity Charge (12,000 gallons) → 12,000 / 1,000 = 12 x \$0.84 ..... = \$10.08  
 Capacity Charge (1" meter size) ..... = \$28.00  
 Customer Charge ..... = \$ 3.50  
**Total Water Charges (March Consumption / April Utility Bill) = \$41.58**

Water charges will vary from month to month depending on water consumption.  
 The majority of **single family** customers have a 1" meter.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

#### Contact

City of Turlock  
 Municipal Services Department

#### Phone

(209) 668-5590

#### Email

municipalservices@turlock.ca.us

#### Website

www.cityofturlock.org

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**DATE: December 12, 2017**

**TIME: 6:00 PM**

**CITY OF TURLOCK**

**YOSEMITE COMMUNITY ROOM**

**(COUNCIL CHAMBERS)**

**156 S. BROADWAY**

**TURLOCK CA 95380**

On Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 6:00 PM, the City of Turlock will hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of proposed water rate increases as described in this notice.

### HOW TO PROTEST THE PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASES

An owner or tenant of property receiving City of Turlock water service may protest the proposed water rate increases by submitting a written protest by mail, or in person, to the City of Turlock, City Clerk, 156 S. Broadway, Ste. 230, Turlock, CA 95380. Written protests must be received (not postmarked) by the City before or up to the conclusion of the public hearing. Any protest submitted by e-mail or other electronic means will not be accepted. Each protest must (1) be in writing; (2) state opposition to the proposed water rate increases; (3) provide the location of the identified parcel (by assessor's parcel number or street address); and (4) include the original signature of the record owner or customer of record submitting the protest. Only one written protest per property subject to the proposed rate increases will be counted for purposes of determining whether there is a majority protest. Only written protests will be counted. If the number of written protests counted is greater than half of the number of properties subject to the proposed rates, then the City will consider a majority protest to have occurred and will not approve the proposed rates. If a majority protest does not occur, then the City Council will determine whether to approve the proposed rates.

### YOU MAY USE THIS FORM TO PROTEST THE PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASES

I, \_\_\_\_\_ protest the proposed water rate increases.  
(print first and last name)

Property Address or Assessor's Parcel Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to use this form as your protest, please fill out and hand deliver or mail in a stamped envelope to:

**City of Turlock, City Clerk**  
**156 S. Broadway, Ste. 230, Turlock CA 95380**