



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED WATER CHARGES INCREASE OF UP TO 3%

Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Diablo Water District Office, 2107 Main Street, Oakley

KEY REASONS FOR THE INCREASE

The District's charges are based on the cost of providing water service. All monies collected go back into the cost of operating and maintaining the water system. A rate increase is needed due to rising costs, including the following key reasons:

- An increase in the cost of water of up to 3.75% by Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) that Diablo Water District will have to pay beginning in February. Water purchased from CCWD accounts for 38% of Diablo Water District's annual operating budget.
- The cost of necessary renewal and replacement projects at the 22-year-old water treatment plant, which provides our drinking water.

Be Part of the Water Rate Setting Process

Call (925) 625-0588 with any questions.

Protests from property owners or ratepayers will be accepted at the Public Hearing or by delivery to the District at 2107 Main Street, P.O. Box 127, Oakley, CA 94561, up to the hearing date. Protests must be in writing, signed, and only one protest will be accepted per property. Protests will not be accepted by email or facsimile.

IF THE 3% INCREASE IS ADOPTED

MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE

for a typical residential meter

would go from \$10.12 to \$10.42.

WATER CHARGE would go from

\$2.80 per Hundred Cubic Feet

(HCF) (748 gallons) to \$2.88.

A typical household using 450 gallons per day would see their water bill go up by **\$1.84** per month from \$61.33 to \$63.17. Monthly Service Charges for larger meters would also increase by 3% as described in Regulation No.

1. Charges for flushing water mains would go from \$1.78 to \$1.83 per HCF and Subdivision 7562 well water would go from \$0.84 to \$0.87 per HCF.

The effective date of the new rates, if approved, will be February 1, 2015.

Water Bills Would Remain Below Average

Even with the proposed increase, water bills of typical Diablo Water District customers would remain the second lowest among neighboring providers that receive water from Contra Costa Water District.

Bay Point	\$144.24 per month
Martinez	\$93.34 per month
Pittsburg	\$87.85 per month
Concord (CCWD)	\$80.08 per month
Brentwood	\$65.92 per month
Diablo Water District	\$63.17 per month
Antioch	\$59.88 per month

Charges shown are based on 450 gallons of water use per day.

(City has access to low-cost river water, allowing them to minimize purchase of CCWD water)