



Dear Property Owner/Tenant:

Pursuant to the requirements of Proposition 218 and Article XIII D of the California Constitution, this notice provides information regarding proposed rate increases for water service provided by the City of Paso Robles. A public hearing on the proposed rate increases will be held by the City Council on the date and at the time and location specified below:

**Notice of Public Hearing  
Regarding Proposed Increase in Water Rates**

A public hearing on the proposed increases to water rates will be held by the City Council on:

**Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2010**

**Time: 7:30 p.m.**

**Place: City of Paso Robles, Council Chambers**

**1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles CA 93446**

This notice is being sent to all City property owners and tenants receiving water services. If adopted, the proposed new rate would take effect January 1, 2011, with annual increases each January 1<sup>st</sup>, up to and including January 1, 2015. This notice also describes how to file a protest regarding the proposed rate increases. All property owners/tenants and other interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and be heard on the proposed rate increases.

**PROPOSED WATER RATES**

As detailed below, the proposed water rate structure will be a uniform consumption-based rate. A uniform consumption-based rate means customers will pay only for the water they use. The more they use, the more they will pay; conversely, the less they use, the less they will pay.

**PROPOSED UNIFORM, ALL COMMODITY RATE STRUCTURE**

		<u>Proposed Rates – All Users</u>				
	<u>Current</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>Fixed Rate</b>	\$18.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Consumption Rate per hundred cubic feet (748 gallons)</b>	\$1.32	\$2.50	\$3.20	\$3.70	\$4.10	\$4.40

**SAMPLE BILL**

<u>Usage</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>	
		<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 5</u>
<b>9 - Units</b>	\$29.88	\$22.50	\$39.60
<b>13 - Units</b>	\$35.16	\$32.50	\$57.20
<b>20 - Units</b>	\$44.40	\$50.00	\$88.00
<b>60 - Units</b>	\$97.20	\$150.00	\$264.00

**HOW DO I PROTEST THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASE**

If you are the owner of record for a parcel or parcels or a tenant directly responsible for payment for water service, you may submit a written protest regarding the proposed rate increases. Protests must be filed in writing, with original signatures, with the City Clerk of the City of Paso Robles. The protests must be filed with the City Clerk any time before the close of the public hearing on April 6, 2010. Written protests may be mailed or hand-delivered to the City Clerk at 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, CA 93446. Email submissions cannot be accepted.

Any written protest must be signed by the property owner or the customer responsible for payment of the fees and it must include service address or assessor's parcel number (APN). Only one protest may be filed per parcel or service address. Should written protests be filed by a majority of owners/tenants by the close of the April 6, 2010 public hearing, the proposed rate structure cannot be adopted and another rate structure would have to be proposed.

For more information or questions about the proposed water rate increases, you may contact the Department of Administrative Services (City Utility Billing) at 805-237-3999 OR visit the website for the Paso Robles water rates at [www.PasoWater.com](http://www.PasoWater.com).