



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASES

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on Tuesday, October 01, 2019, at 11:00 a.m., a public hearing will be held at the Board of Supervisor's Room in the County Administration Center located at 224 North Edwards, in Independence, California to consider proposed increases in the County's rates and charges for water service. If the proposed rate increase is approved, the proposed rates will be effective October 1, 2019.

### WHY IS THE COUNTY PROPOSING RATE INCREASES?

Inyo County is committed to efficiently provide the highest quality services at the lowest possible rates for its water customers. To meet this commitment, the County evaluates the water system's operational and maintenance costs as well as infrastructure needs. Much of the Inyo County's Town Water Systems infrastructure has reached, or is reaching the end of its functional lifespan. The County hired Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. to prepare a detailed 2018 Water Rate Study to determine how best to recover the projected costs necessary to operate, maintain and provide capital infrastructure improvements needed to continue to deliver a reliable and safe water supply to our customers. The Board of Supervisors received the report on February 5, 2019 and based on the Water Rate Study, determined that rate adjustments are needed to continue providing a reliable water supply.

### PUBLIC HEARING AND PROTEST PROCEEDINGS

Any record owner of a parcel or tenant who is a water utility customer may submit a written protest to the proposed rate changes. Written protests may be submitted in person at the Public Hearing or mailed to the Board Clerk at P.O. Drawer N, Independence, CA 93526. Protests must be received before the close of the October 01, 2019 public hearing. Each protest must clearly identify the property or account (by assessor's parcel number or street address), reference the proposed water rate increases and must include the printed or typed name and signature of the property owner or tenant. To ensure the authenticity of protests, protests cannot be accepted by telephone, e-mail, or social media sites such as Facebook or Twitter. Oral comments at the public hearing will qualify as formal protests of the proposed rate increases only if accompanied by a written protest as described above. If a majority of the affected property owners or customers submit timely written protests, the County cannot adopt the proposed increases. The owner or tenant of any property receiving County service may submit a protest. However, only one protest per parcel will be counted. Written protests must be timely submitted, not withdrawn by the owner or tenant, and represent a majority (50% + 1) of the total number of parcels subject to the proposed charge in order to reject the proposed rate increases.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The utility rate study detailing the Water Systems budget and rate derivations that was presented in public meetings as well as the complete report from Raftelis will be available on the County's website at [www.inyocounty.us](http://www.inyocounty.us)

### PROPOSED BI-MONTHLY BASE SERVICE CHARGES

Currently, residential and non-residential customers pay a bi-monthly base service charge by meter size plus a minimum bi-monthly water usage fee of \$3.90 up to 12 consumption units. The County will maintain a bi-monthly structure, based on the proposed following **fixed flat rate**:

#### RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS:

Meter Size	Current Bi-Monthly Charge	Proposed Bi-Monthly Charge FY 2020	Proposed Bi-Monthly Charge FY 2021	Proposed Bi-Monthly Charge FY 2022	Proposed Bi-Monthly Charge FY 2023	Proposed Bi-Monthly Charge FY 2024
3/4"	\$60.66	\$88.72	\$97.60	\$102.48	\$107.62	\$113.02
Lifeline	\$32.28	\$44.38	\$48.82	\$51.28	\$53.86	\$56.56

Commercial rates can be found on the reverse side of this notice



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### NON RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS:

Meter Size	Current Bi-Monthly Charge	Proposed Bi-Monthly Charge FY 2020	Proposed Bi-Monthly Charge FY 2021	Proposed Bi-Monthly Charge FY 2022	Proposed Bi-Monthly Charge FY 2023	Proposed Bi-Monthly Charge FY 2024
1"	\$84.72	\$147.84	\$162.64	\$170.78	\$179.32	\$188.30
1 1/2"	\$110.76	\$295.72	\$325.30	\$341.58	\$358.66	\$376.60
2"	\$131.62	\$473.14	\$520.46	\$546.50	\$573.84	\$602.54
3"	\$238.10	\$946.24	\$1040.88	\$1,092.94	\$1,147.60	\$1,204.98
4"	\$338.26	\$1,478.50	\$1,626.36	\$1,707.68	\$1,793.08	\$1,882.74
6"	\$561.58	\$2,957.02	\$3,252.74	\$3,415.38	\$3,586.16	\$3,765.48

If you have any questions regarding the proposed increases or how to submit a written protest, contact Katie Paterson, at (760) 878-0208 or [kpaterson@inyocounty.us](mailto:kpaterson@inyocounty.us)

Si desea recibir este aviso en español, póngase en contacto con Katie Paterson al (760) 878-0208 o por correo electrónico al [kpaterson@inyocounty.us](mailto:kpaterson@inyocounty.us)