

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED SEWER RATE INCREASE**

**June 13, 2017 at 5 P.M.
Humboldt Community Services District
5055 Walnut Drive, Eureka, CA 95503**

Notice is hereby given that at the date, time, and place shown above, the Board of Directors of the Humboldt Community Services District will hold a public hearing to consider proposed sewer rate increases for the next five (5) years (Fiscal Years 2017/18 through 2021/22). If approved by the Board of Directors, FY 2017/18 rate increases will be effective August 1, 2017.

The District charges sewer rates to fund its costs to provide sewer service, including operating costs and treatment costs at the City of Eureka Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). Increases to sewer rates will enable the District to continue providing safe and reliable sewer service and perform needed capital improvements such as completion of the Martin Slough Interceptor project, repair and replacement of sewer mains and lift stations, and perform a condition survey of critical sewer lines, among other important projects.

All customers pay a monthly fixed service charge, a fixed service charge per living unit and a volumetric rate (\$/hundred cubic feet (hcf), which is 748 gallons) based upon the customer's average water use from December through March. Two units of water are included in commercial fixed service charges per living unit (and are also charged based on the constituents of wastewater, divided among light, medium, and heavy strength). The proposed new charges are shown in the rate table below. The "Proposed % Increases in Total Annual Rate Revenue" shown in this table are percentage increases in total annual District rate revenues. Depending on customer class, the actual percentage increase may vary in FY 2017/18; thereafter, percentage increases are applied uniformly to all charges. Sewer charges are billed monthly.

Sewer Rate Schedule	Current Rates	Proposed Sewer Rates				
		FY 2017/18	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22
<i>Proposed % Increases in Total Annual Rate Revenue:</i>		27.00%	10.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Monthly Fixed Service Charge						
Customer Service Charge Per Account	\$4.00	\$3.66	\$4.03	\$4.11	\$4.19	\$4.28
Monthly Fixed Service Charge Per Living Unit (LU)						
Single Family Residential (1-3)	\$21.59	\$16.35	\$17.99	\$18.35	\$18.72	\$19.09
Multi-Family (4 or more)	\$17.27	\$13.08	\$14.39	\$14.68	\$14.97	\$15.27
Mobile Homes	\$18.78	\$14.23	\$15.65	\$15.96	\$16.28	\$16.61
Trailer Parks	\$10.79	\$14.23	\$15.65	\$15.96	\$16.28	\$16.61
Commercial - Light Strength (< 370 mg/liter)	\$41.76	\$16.35	\$17.99	\$18.35	\$18.72	\$19.09
Commercial - Medium Strength (370-500 mg/liter)	\$50.71	\$16.35	\$17.99	\$18.35	\$18.72	\$19.09
Commercial - Heavy Strength (>500 mg/liter)	\$59.67	\$16.35	\$17.99	\$18.35	\$18.72	\$19.09
Volumetric Charge (\$/HCF)						
Single Family Residential (1-3)	\$2.96	\$5.09	\$5.60	\$5.71	\$5.82	\$5.94
Multi-Family (4 or more)	\$2.96	\$5.09	\$5.60	\$5.71	\$5.82	\$5.94
Mobile Homes	\$2.96	\$5.09	\$5.60	\$5.71	\$5.82	\$5.94
Trailer Parks	\$2.96	\$5.09	\$5.60	\$5.71	\$5.82	\$5.94
Commercial - Light Strength (< 370 mg/liter)	\$5.70	\$6.09	\$6.69	\$6.83	\$6.96	\$7.10
Commercial - Medium Strength (370-500 mg/liter)	\$7.56	\$8.06	\$8.86	\$9.04	\$9.22	\$9.41
Commercial - Heavy Strength (>500 mg/liter)	\$6.65	\$10.19	\$11.21	\$11.43	\$11.66	\$11.89

The Board of Directors will also consider approving the pass-through in future years of costs other agencies charge the District, including wastewater treatment plant (WWTP), Martin Slough interceptor (MSI), or City of Eureka (COE) operating/maintenance costs (these adjustments may vary from year-to-year). If approved, the District may adjust volumetric rates (\$/hcf) each July 1st until July 1, 2021¹ based on the following formula:

New Volumetric Surcharge (\$/hcf) = Volumetric Rate (from table above) x ((A / B) – 1), where

- A = Annual WWTP, MSI, or COE costs**
- B = Previous year WWTP, MSI, or COE costs**

If the Board of Directors approves this formula, it will not need to hold additional public hearings to adjust rates pursuant to that formula over the next five years, although approvals will occur at noticed District Board meetings.

Written protests from sewer customers or property owners may be submitted in writing before the closing of the public hearing on June 13, 2017. Protests may be mailed to the District, hand-delivered to District offices, or brought to the public hearing. Protests will be accepted and counted pursuant to procedures the Board of Directors adopted on May 12, 2009, a copy of which is posted to the District's website at www.humboldtcsd.org and can be reviewed in the District office. Under California Government Code Section 53755(a)(3)(b), **only one written protest will be counted per parcel.** If protests are received from property owners or customers with respect to a majority of the affected parcels (50 percent plus one), then the Board cannot approve the proposed rate increases. **To be included in the protest count, a protest must be signed, include the address of the owner or customer submitting the protest, be timely submitted, and state that it is protesting the proposed sewer rate increase. Protests must be received by the District before the close of the June 13, 2017 Public hearing.** You may contact the District at 707-443-4550 or by email at dhull@humboldtcsd.org if you have any questions about this notice or the proposed sewer rate increase.

Address written protests as follows: **HCS D – Sewer Rate Protest**
Post Office Box 158
Cuttan, CA 95534

¹ Although the District intends to adjust rates as of August 1, 2017, adjustment may occur at other times in some years if wastewater treatment costs are increased after July 1.