

MAMMOTH COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT
MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING
PROPOSED USER RATE CHANGES FOR
THE MAMMOTH COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT

This notice explains the proposed changes in the Mammoth Community Water District's rates for water and wastewater service, which would take effect on April 1, 2022 if approved. The proposed rate changes include a schedule for further adjustments on April 1 of 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026, subject to Board review and approval of any actual increases. These proposed rate changes will be recommended for adoption by the Mammoth Community Water District Board of Directors at the public hearing described in this notice. The Mammoth Community Water District periodically examines utility customers' service needs, mandated programs, capital improvement programs, and operation and maintenance services. If additional revenues are needed to provide funding for these services and programs, recommendations for rate increases are made to the Board of Directors. This notice has been sent to all property owners in the Mammoth Community Water District's water and wastewater service area who receive water and/or wastewater service to explain the proposed changes in the rates.

Notice of Public Hearing

The Mammoth Community Water District Board of Directors will consider proposed changes in its water and wastewater service rates, as described in Attachment A, at a public hearing to be held on Thursday, January 20, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard by the Board of Directors. Depending on the status of the COVID-19 emergency and reopening of public places, the hearing will take place either **virtually via Zoom Videoconference via the following: <https://zoom.us/j/7609342596> (meeting ID: 760 934 2596) OR Join via teleconference by dialing 1-669-900-9128, 760-934-2596#** or at the District office located at 1315 Meridian Boulevard, Mammoth Lakes, California. ~~A further notice will be posted at the District office and on its website at least three days before the hearing that will finally designate how the hearing will be accessed and conducted.~~

Any Mammoth Community Water District property owner who is a customer of the District may file a written protest of the proposed rate changes by sending a protest letter to the Board of Directors, Mammoth Community Water District, P.O. Box 597, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, or delivering a written protest to Mammoth Community Water District, 1315 Meridian Blvd., Mammoth Lakes, CA. A valid protest letter must include your name, your Mammoth Community Water District service address, a statement detailing the reason for protest, and your signature and date. Written protests/comments must be received by the close of the January 20, 2022 public hearing.

At the public hearing, the Board of Directors will consider all comments and objections, if any, to the proposed rate changes. Any person interested, including all persons owning property served by the Mammoth Community Water District, may appear and be heard as to whether the proposed rates are discriminatory or excessive, or will not be sufficient under Water Code Sections 31007 and 31101, or will not comply with applicable provisions of Government Code Sections 54300, et seq., or will not be sufficient under the provision or covenants of any outstanding revenue bonds or loans of the Mammoth Community Water District, or any other matter relating to the rates proposed herein. Delinquent rates and penalties when recorded as provided in Government Code Sections 54300, et seq. shall constitute a lien upon the real property served.

The Board of Directors may adopt, revise or modify the rate changes as proposed upon conclusion of the public hearing; provided that the Board may not increase the water and wastewater rates and charges more than stated in this notice.

Under Government Code section 53759 effective January 1, 2022, any person wishing to challenge any increased water or sewer rates adopted by the Board of Directors, must do so within 120 days of the proposed effective date of April 1, 2022.

Why Change Rates

The District's water and wastewater enterprises rely mainly on the revenue derived from customers. As a public agency, by state law Mammoth Community Water District must collect sufficient revenues to recover the costs of providing the utility services, and may not collect more revenue than is necessary.

The Mammoth Community Water District provides high quality and reliable water and wastewater service 24 hours a day to our customers. The proposed changes in water and wastewater rates are needed to provide sufficient funding to ensure compliance with state and federal water and wastewater treatment regulations, to provide an equitable allocation of the costs of providing service among various customer categories, to pay for the costs of operations and maintenance, and to maintain an adequate level of capital reserves. The rate adjustments proposed in this notice have been established to reflect the potential cost of decreased water supply and increased water conservation in the community.

Mammoth Community Water District's last water and wastewater rate change was in 2016 with incremental increases authorized each year through April 1, 2020. Over the last few years, the Board of Directors has worked with staff to manage operational costs and minimize increases in labor and benefit costs. Nevertheless, there are operational costs that continue to increase, especially in the areas of electricity, chemical treatment, materials, and labor related costs.

The proposed rate schedule is presented in Attachment A to this notice, posted on the District's website (www.mcwd.dst.ca.us), and is on file at the Mammoth Community Water District's office.

How rates were developed

The Mammoth Community Water District developed the proposed water and wastewater rate structures based on the following factors and objectives:

- Revenue sufficiency and financial stability - The rates were developed to support the projected operating costs of the District and to ensure sufficient funding of reserves through FY 2027.
- Customer rate equity – The rates were based on the cost of service, and reflect equity of cost among rate classes.
- Avoid rate shock - Adjustments were made to minimize the impact of rate adjustments to customers.
- Legal compliance - The rates comply with Proposition 218 and associated laws and support the District in achieving State required interim and final water conservation targets.
- Customer support - The rates are clear and understandable to customers.
- Special considerations - The rate structure reflects the influence on costs and revenue of dedicated irrigation connections, drought condition pricing, out of service area customers, and changes in operating costs.

The documents supporting the rate increase, including the rate study prepared by the District's consultant, Raftelis Financial Consultants, and the FY 2022 budget, are available for review at the Mammoth Community Water District's office at 1315 Meridian Blvd., Mammoth Lakes, CA between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Proposed Water and Wastewater Rate Changes

If adopted as described in this notice, the proposed rates will result in an average annual increase of 2% for water and wastewater service between 2022 and 2027. Individual customer category changes are shown in Attachment A. Under the proposal, the first rate change will be effective April 1, 2022. Subsequent rate increases will be effective April 1 of each year from 2023 through 2026.

Attachment A
Mammoth Community Water District
Comparison of Existing and Proposed Monthly Rates

The following is a summary of proposed changes to Mammoth Community Water District’s water service charge and wastewater rate structure:

Current and Proposed Monthly Water Base Service Charges

Effective Date		April 1, 2022	April 1, 2023	April 1, 2024	April 1, 2025	April 1, 2026
Meter Size	Current	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed
5/8"	\$15.05	\$15.25	\$15.56	\$15.88	\$16.20	\$16.53
3/4"	\$15.05	\$15.25	\$15.56	\$15.88	\$16.20	\$16.53
1"	\$22.79	\$23.23	\$23.70	\$24.18	\$24.67	\$25.17
1 1/2"	\$42.16	\$43.17	\$44.04	\$44.93	\$45.83	\$46.75
2"	\$65.39	\$67.10	\$68.45	\$69.82	\$71.22	\$72.65
3"	\$138.95	\$142.88	\$145.74	\$148.66	\$151.64	\$154.68
4"	\$247.39	\$254.56	\$259.66	\$264.86	\$270.16	\$275.57
6"	\$545.52	\$561.66	\$572.90	\$584.36	\$596.05	\$607.98
8"	\$932.72	\$960.50	\$979.71	\$999.31	\$1,019.30	\$1,039.69
MFR Dwelling	\$15.05	\$15.25	\$15.56	\$15.88	\$16.20	\$16.53

Current and Proposed Water Commodity Rates (\$/kgal)

Effective Date		April 1, 2022	April 1, 2023	April 1, 2024	April 1, 2025	April 1, 2026
Class	Current	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed
<i>SFR</i>						
Tier 1 - First 4,000 Gal.	\$0.99	\$0.95	\$0.97	\$0.99	\$1.01	\$1.04
Tier 2 - Next 4,000 Gal.	\$2.32	\$1.96	\$2.00	\$2.04	\$2.09	\$2.14
Tier 3 - Above 8,000 Gal.	\$5.06	\$4.83	\$4.93	\$5.03	\$5.14	\$5.25
MFR	\$2.36	\$2.40	\$2.45	\$2.50	\$2.55	\$2.61
Commercial	\$3.13	\$3.24	\$3.31	\$3.38	\$3.45	\$3.52
<i>Irrigation</i>						
Tier 1 - 100% of MAWA	\$2.77	\$3.61	\$3.69	\$3.77	\$3.85	\$3.93
Tier 2 - 100% to 200%	\$6.19	\$6.28	\$6.41	\$6.54	\$6.68	\$6.82
Tier 3 - Above 200%	\$9.15	\$8.51	\$8.69	\$8.87	\$9.05	\$9.24
Recycled	\$1.83	\$1.88	\$1.92	\$1.96	\$2.00	\$2.04

Current and Proposed Wastewater Service Charges

Effective Date		April 1, 2022	April 1, 2023	April 1, 2024	April 1, 2025	April 1, 2026
Class/Meter Size	Current	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed
Residential	\$21.15	\$20.15	\$20.56	\$20.98	\$21.40	\$21.83
Non-Residential						
5/8	Fixture	\$13.98	\$14.26	\$14.55	\$14.85	\$15.15
3/4	Fixture	\$13.98	\$14.26	\$14.55	\$14.85	\$15.15
1	Fixture	\$34.38	\$35.07	\$35.78	\$36.50	\$37.23
1 1/2	Fixture	\$65.53	\$66.85	\$68.19	\$69.56	\$70.96
2	Fixture	\$121.57	\$124.01	\$126.50	\$129.03	\$131.62
3	Fixture	\$253.55	\$258.63	\$263.81	\$269.09	\$274.48
4	Fixture	\$513.51	\$523.79	\$534.27	\$544.96	\$555.86
6	Fixture	\$513.51	\$523.79	\$534.27	\$544.96	\$555.86
8	Fixture	\$513.51	\$523.79	\$534.27	\$544.96	\$555.86
Non-Residential Volume Rate	N/A	\$4.03	\$4.12	\$4.21	\$4.30	\$4.39

Current and Proposed Out of District (OOD) Wastewater Service Charges

Effective Date		Apr 1 2022**	Apr 1 2023**	Apr 1 2024**	Apr 1 2025**	Apr 1 2026**
Customer Class	Current*	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed
OOD Cabin	\$ 21.15	\$ 21.57	\$ 22.00	\$ 22.44	\$ 22.89	\$ 23.35
OOD Motel	\$ 21.15	Equal to the In-District Commercial Rate				
OOD Commercial	\$ 13.64	\$ 13.91	\$ 14.19	\$ 14.47	\$ 14.76	\$ 15.06
OOD Campground (unit)	\$ 2.40	\$ 12.90	\$ 13.15	\$ 13.42	\$ 13.69	\$ 13.96

Current and Proposed OOD Wastewater Maintenance and Replacement Charge

Effective Date		Apr 1 2022**	Apr 1 2023**	Apr 1 2024**	Apr 1 2025**	Apr 1 2026**
Customer Class	Current*	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed
OOD Cabin - M&R	\$ 40.93	\$ 22.69	\$ 23.37	\$ 24.07	\$ 24.79	\$ 25.54
OOD Motel - M&R	\$ 40.93	\$ 22.69	\$ 23.37	\$ 24.07	\$ 24.79	\$ 25.54
OOD Commercial - M&R	\$ 32.01	\$ 14.64	\$ 15.07	\$ 15.53	\$ 15.99	\$ 16.47
OOD Campground - M&R (unit)	\$ 2.81	\$ 14.52	\$ 14.96	\$ 15.40	\$ 15.87	\$ 16.35

*OOD charges currently for 6 months only

**OOD charges for 12 months

The District can assist you with answering any questions regarding the information in this notice or about how the proposed rates will affect your water or wastewater bill. If you have questions, would like help calculating the impact of the proposed rate increase on your water or wastewater bill, or need additional information, please contact MCWD at (760) 934-2596 or e-mail Jeff Beatty at jbeatty@MCWD.dst.ca.us. This document and other information regarding the District can also be found on the web site at www.mcwd.dst.ca.us.