

### Rate Assistance Program

The District may be able to offer Rate Assistance discounts to qualifying customers. To learn more or to apply, go to: [www.fostercity.org/wwrap](http://www.fostercity.org/wwrap).

### Water Conservation Tips

Water is a precious resource! Thank you for taking steps to save water and lower your monthly bill.

- Switch from lawn to drought-tolerant landscape.
- Turn the faucet off while brushing your teeth to save about 1 gallon of water per minute.
- Run only full loads in the clothes washer or dishwasher.
- Fix leaks around your home.

### Water Conservation Rebates

Get money to help pay for water-saving changes at your home or business. The District offers the following rebates and more:

- "Lawn Be Gone" Program
- Smart Irrigation Controller Rebate
- Synthetic Turf Rebate
- Sprinkler Head and Rotating Nozzle Rebate

For information on water conservation rebate programs, go to: <https://www.fostercity.org/publicworks/page/water-conservation-rebate-programs>

### Questions

If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact (650) 286-3270 or [publicworks@fostercity.org](mailto:publicworks@fostercity.org).

You are hereby notified, pursuant to Government Code Section 53759, there is a 120-day statute of limitations for challenging any new, increased, or extended water fee, rate, or charge. As such, that any judicial action or proceeding to attack, review, set aside, void, validate, or annul the District Board's adoption of the proposed water rates must be commenced within 120 days of the effective date or of the date of the final passage, adoption, or approval of the ordinance or resolution adopting the water rates.

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## Estero Municipal Improvement District

### Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Water Rates



**Monday, June 5, 2023  
6:30 P.M.**

SAID HEARING will be held as a hybrid meeting with an in-person component and by teleconference and/or video conference at [www.fostercity.org/fctv](http://www.fostercity.org/fctv), subject to appropriate regulations. The meeting address is 620 Foster City Boulevard, Foster City, CA 94404. Final meeting location(s) will be listed on the published agenda.

The public may participate by submitting comments via email to [publiccomment@fostercity.org](mailto:publiccomment@fostercity.org) or by providing live verbal public comment by joining the meeting via teleconference and/or video conference, or in person. Instructions on how to join the meeting are included in the top portion of the agenda posted at: [www.fostercity.org/agendasandminutes](http://www.fostercity.org/agendasandminutes).

## Public Hearing Notice

The Estero Municipal Improvement District (EMID) will hold a public hearing to establish new water rates for FY 2023-2024 with an increase of 6% for fixed water charges and 4.3% for variable water charges. As a water customer or owner of record for a property that receives water service, we are informing you that the District Board will hold a public hearing on **June 5, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.** to consider proposed changes to its current rates to take effect on July 1, 2023.

### Why are new water rates being proposed?

A significant driver for the proposed rate increases is to smooth District rate adjustments due to projected increases in the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) wholesale water rate. The SFPUC, the sole water supplier for the District, projects that its wholesale rate will increase from \$4.75 per hundred cubic feet (ccf) in FY 2023 to \$5.30 FY 2024. These increases are included in the projected rates.

Other adjustments were required to provide necessary revenue for the maintenance, operational and capital costs associated with the water distribution enterprise.

### Protest of Proposed Rates

Anyone may appear and be heard on any matter relating to the proposed water rates. Any record owner of a parcel upon which fees are proposed, or any tenant directly responsible for the payment of water service fees (i.e. a customer of record), may submit a written protest to the City Clerk / District Secretary at the return address in this notice. Per state law, only one protest per parcel will be counted. A written protest must include: (1) the address or parcel number of the impacted property; (2) a statement that the protest is submitted in opposition to increases to the water rate; and (3) the name and original signature of the person submitting the protest. Electronic protests will not be counted. If the District does not receive written protests against the proposed service charges by a majority of the affected parcels by the end of the public hearing, then the District is authorized to approve the proposed rates.

### Proposed Water Rate Changes

The proposed water rates were calculated to ensure that all customers are paying rates that are proportionate to each customer's costs of service. The proposed rate revisions that will be considered by the EMID Board are based on a water rate study ("Study") conducted by Bartle Wells Associates. The Study is available on the City's website: [www.fostercity.org/publicworks/page/water-and-wastewater-rates](http://www.fostercity.org/publicworks/page/water-and-wastewater-rates).

### Single-Family Residences

Single-family residences with responsibility for indoor (domestic) and outdoor (irrigation) water uses are placed in a tiered rate structure whereby the cost of water increases based on the amount of water used in a **bi-monthly** billing cycle as follows:

Tier (#ccf)	Current	Proposed FY 2023-2024
Tier 1—0 to 20	\$6.10	\$6.36
Tier 2—Over 20	6.64	7.01

### Multi-Family Residences (per living unit)

Multi-family residences with responsibility for indoor water uses are placed in a tiered rate structure whereby the cost of water increases based on the amount of water used in a **bi-monthly** billing cycle as follows:

Tier (#ccf)	Current	Proposed FY 2023-2024
Tier 1—0 to 10	\$6.10	\$6.36
Tier 2—Over 10	6.68	7.09

### Irrigation Customers

Irrigation customers with **separate irrigation water meters** are provided an individually-prepared water budget based on the square footage of landscaping being watered. Usage within the water budget allotment will be charged at \$6.36/ccf. Usage over the water budget allotment will be charged \$7.22/ccf for every unit of water over the allotment. Customized reports through the year let customers know how they are doing in water use.

Water Budget Consumption	Current	Proposed FY 2023-2024
<= 100%	\$6.10	\$6.36
> 100%	6.70	7.22

### Commercial Customers and Fire Line

Consumption	Current	Proposed FY 2023-2024
All Usage	\$6.21	\$6.47

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Note: One (1) CCF = 748 gallons

### Fixed Meter Charges

The fixed water meter charge ensures the continued safe delivery of water through the system. The meter ratios are based on meter size in compliance with the American Water Works Association.

Monthly Charge	Current	Proposed
<b>Domestic and/or Irrigation Customers</b>		
5/8" and 3/4"	\$26.05	\$27.60
1"	43.42	46.00
1.5"	104.20	110.40
2"	138.93	147.20
3"	303.92	322.00
4"	547.05	579.60
6"	1,215.67	1,288.00
8" or greater	2,084.00	2,208.00
<b>Private Fire Service Protection Meter</b>		
5/8" and 3/4"	36.47	38.64
1"	36.47	38.64
1.5"	36.47	38.64
2"	48.71	51.61
3"	106.28	112.61
4"	191.47	202.86
6"	425.40	450.71
8" or greater	729.40	772.80

### Why is There No Public Hearing for Wastewater Rates?

The District Board previously held Public Hearings to approve maximum rate increases of 10% for FY 2023-2024 and 2% for FY 2024-2025 to support debt-financing costs associated with the District's share of expanding the Wastewater Treatment Plant jointly owned with the City of San Mateo. The EMID Board is planning a rate increase of only 3.0% in FY 2023-2024, which does not require an additional public hearing because it does not exceed the previously approved increase.