

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEAR CREEK ESTATES WASTEWATER SYSTEM
SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the San Lorenzo Valley Water District will hold a public hearing pursuant to a proposed multi-year increase in wastewater rates.

The public hearing will be held as follows:

Date and Time

Thursday, May 15, 2008
7:30 p.m.

Location

San Lorenzo Valley Water District
Operations Building
13057 Highway 9
Boulder Creek, CA 95006

In compliance with District Resolution No. 18 (06-07) and section 6(a), article XIII D of the California Constitution (Proposition 218), the District is hereby providing notice of a proposed multi-year increase in wastewater rates effective June 1, 2008 as follows:

- The record owners of each identified parcel upon which the adjusted wastewater rates are proposed for imposition are hereby notified by mail regarding the proposed increase in wastewater rates.
- The date and time of the public hearing is set not less than forty-five (45) days after the mailing of this notice regarding the proposed wastewater rate increase.
- At the public hearing the District will consider all protests against the proposed increase in wastewater rates.
- If written protests against the proposed increase in wastewater rates are presented by a majority of the affected property owners prior to the close of the public hearing, the District will not impose the proposed wastewater rate increase.

YOU CAN BE HEARD

Proposition 218 allows affected property owners to respond to the proposed rate increase prior to the close of the public hearing. If you object to the proposed increase in wastewater rates described in this notice, you may file a written protest with the District Secretary. All protests must be in writing and received by the District prior to the close of the public hearing to be considered. A valid protest must be dated, contain a description of the property (address and/or Assessor Parcel Number) that is sufficient to identify the property and be signed by the property owner.

Protests can be mailed or personally delivered to:

**District Secretary
San Lorenzo Valley Water District
13060 Highway 9
Boulder Creek, CA 95006**

**DO NOT SEND A PROTEST BY E-MAIL
E-MAIL PROTESTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

PROPOSED WATER RATES

Wastewater rates for the Bear Creek Estates Wastewater System consist of a flat bi-monthly charge. The current wastewater rate is \$140.00 bi-monthly. Proposed wastewater rates for the Bear Creek Estates Wastewater System are as follows:

<u>Proposed Effective Date</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
June 1, 2008	\$246.00/bi-monthly
July 1, 2009	\$270.00/bi-monthly
July 1, 2010	\$298.00/bi-monthly

EXPLANATION OF WASTEWATER RATE INCREASE

Wastewater rates are the sole source of revenue for operation and maintenance of the Bear Creek Estates Wastewater System. The purpose of the proposed increase in wastewater rates is recovery of capital construction costs (\$223,000.00) associated with improvements to the Bear Creek Estates Wastewater System, and to meet ongoing service obligations and regulatory requirements. The last time wastewater rates were increased was in July 1999. In the meantime, operational costs have increased significantly. All revenue from Bear Creek Estates Wastewater System rates are used solely for costs associated with providing wastewater service.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed water rate increase and/or public hearing process please call the District's Customer Service Department at (831) 338-2153.

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