

AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARING
FALL RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
Special Meeting Proposition 218 Public Hearing
February 15, 2023 at 6PM
District Office, 24850 3rd Street, Fall River Mills, CA 96028

Mission:

The Fall River Valley CSD is committed to providing quality municipal services to the residents of the Fall River Valley in a reliable, professional, cost effective, and environmentally conscious manner.

(A) Action Item

(D) Discussion Item

(I) Information Item

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

NEW BUSINESS:

- Open public hearing on sewer rate increase - 218 process (A)
 - o Receive public comment or protests (D)(I)(A)

- Close Public Hearing
 - o Count of Protest Votes (D)(I)(A)
 - o Consider Resolution 2023-03 Water/Wastewater Rate Increase (D)(I)(A)

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION 2023-03

**A RESOLUTION OF
THE FALL RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

**ADOPTING REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
2023 WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY RATE UPDATE**

WHEREAS, The Fall River Valley CSD Board hired RCAC (Rural Community Assistance Corporation) to complete a Water and Wastewater Utility Rate Study to determine the CSD's revenue requirements for its water and wastewater systems; and

WHEREAS, The Fall River Valley CSD Board has reviewed and commented on the Water and Wastewater Utility Rate Studies; and

WHEREAS, Findings and Recommendations and public comment was received; and

WHEREAS, The Fall River Valley CSD Board authorized staff to begin the Proposition 218 process with respect to possible adjustments to the CSD's water and wastewater rates and charges; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with provisions of California Constitution Article XIII D and the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act (Government Code Sections 53750-53758), a notice of public hearing was mailed to all property owners and account holders regarding the proposed rate increases at least 45 days before the date of that hearing; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted at the District Office at 24850 3rd Street, Fall River Mills, CA, on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 6 pm to receive public comment on the proposed rates and tabulate protests that were submitted with respect to the proposed rate adjustments; and

WHEREAS, insufficient protest votes were received to constitute a majority protest against the proposed rates, and the Fall River Valley CSD's Board of Directors may therefore take action to adjust the water and wastewater rates, as proposed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Fall River Valley CSD Board as follows:

Section 1. The Water and Wastewater Utility Rate increases shown below, as previously described in the CSD's written notice, are hereby adopted effective April of each year through 2027, beginning April, 2023, with subsequently adjustments to be effective on April, 2024, April, 2025, April, 2026, April, 2027.

PROPOSED SEWER and WATER RATES

If approved, the new rates would take effect from the billing period of April 2023 with the last increase in April 2027.

Sewer Rates will be based on Equivalent Residential Units (hereafter referred to as ERU). Each connection will be billed one ERU per residence. Most residential customers will be billed 1 ERU. Commercial customers, and multi-unit residence will be subject to the modifiers below.

COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS

Rate calculation is based on usage history, rate study and the modifiers below.

Monthly charge per 1 ERU

<u>Date of Increase</u>	<u>Amount</u>
April 2023	\$52.40
April 2024	\$56.59
April 2025	\$61.12
April 2026	\$66.01
April 2027	\$71.29

Per Sewer Connection	1 ERU
<u>Modifier</u>	<u>Additional ERU</u>
4+ Employees	+1
Public Restroom	+1
1" Meter	+1
2" Meter	+2
3" Meter	+3
Commercial Laundry	+1
Commercial Kitchen	+1
Hotel	+6
Hospital	+49
School	+12
+Residence (or Unit)	+1 each

WATER

Meter Size	Existing Base Rate	Proposed 2023	Proposed 2024	Proposed 2025	Proposed 2026	Proposed 2027
5/8"	\$40.50	\$ 44.55	\$ 46.78	\$ 49.12	\$ 51.57	\$ 54.15
1"	\$103.68	\$ 114.05	\$ 119.75	\$ 125.74	\$ 132.02	\$ 138.63
1.5"	\$233.28	\$256.61	\$ 269.44	\$ 282.91	\$ 297.06	\$ 311.91
2"	\$414.72	\$ 456.19	\$479.00	\$502.95	\$ 528.10	\$554.50
4"	\$1,658.88	\$1,824.77	\$1,916.01	\$2,011.81	\$2,112.40	\$2,218.02

All Meter Sizes	Existing	April 2023	April 2024	April 2025	April 2026	April 2027
Rate per 100 cubic feet	\$2.00	\$2.93	\$3.08	\$3.23	\$3.39	\$3.56

Section 3. CEQA EXEMPTION. The approval of said utility rates and fees by this District is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act under the provisions of the Public Resources Code, Section 21080 (b)(8), and this DISTRICT makes this claim of exemption pursuant to said section and authorized claim of exemption to be filed with the appropriate agencies.

Section 4. VALIDITY. That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase in this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is for any reason held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the Resolution or the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby. The Fall River Valley CSD Board hereby declares that it would have passed this Resolution and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be held invalid.

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted this 15th day of February 2023 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

DATED: February 15, 2023

Cecil D. Ray
FRVCSD Secretary/General Manager

Tyler DeWitt
FRVCSD Board President