

# Arrowbear Park County Water District

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE ADJUSTMENT - WATER & SEWER CHARGES

Dear Customer,

**OUR GOAL** Arrowbear Park County Water District (APCWD) is dedicated to providing reliable water and sewer collection services in a cost-effective manner while protecting the District's resources and the public's health.

**COMMUNITY MEETINGS** APCWD will be holding 2 community meetings to discuss the proposed rate increases. The General Manager will present the proposed rate increases and along with the Board of Directors, will be available to answer any questions the community may have.

### Community Meetings

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 1:00 PM.

Location:

Arrowbear Park County Water District

2365 Fir Dr.

Arrowbear Lake, CA 92382

Both Community Meetings will be streamed live on the District's YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@APCWD>

Please note: Online comments will be disabled. Questions and comments will be addressed in person only during the meetings.

**BACKGROUND** To ensure that our goal is met, it is imperative to accurately account for the costs to provide for these services, currently, as well as into the future. Periodically it is necessary to adjust the rates for services in order to cover these costs. Lately, rising costs like: electricity, fuel, insurance, materials, supplies, equipment, labor, regional wastewater treatment plant's operations and capital improvement costs, state-mandated water testing, and system maintenance costs have outpaced the revenues generated by the current rates charged. APCWD strives to keep its costs as low as possible, however many of these costs are beyond the District's control. Additionally, future infrastructure and capital asset replacements need to be factored into current rates. Proposition 218's cost-recovery requirement specifies that rates cannot exceed the cost of providing a service (current operating expenses plus projected future infrastructure and equipment replacement costs). To ensure that rates are properly adjusted and fully compliant with Proposition 218 requirements, the District conducted a comprehensive rate study. This study was funded through a grant from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and was performed by the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) in coordination with District management. When finalized, the complete rate study will be available on the District's website at: <http://www.arrowbearwater.org>

**RATE STUDY METHODOLOGY** The ultimate purpose of a rate study is to determine whether operating revenues are sufficient to meet expenses (current operating expenses plus projected future infrastructure and equipment replacement costs). Determining future costs is accomplished by creating an inventory of the District's equipment and infrastructure, determining the effective lifespan of the equipment and infrastructure, and projecting the cost of replacement at the end of this lifespan.

### **SUMMARY OF RATE STUDY FINDINGS**

- **Rate Structure** – The current rate structures for water and sewer were based on a previous rate study that was not fully adopted and was delayed 6 months. The District is currently operating at a deficit. Revenue generated by current rates do not cover operating costs, capital improvements, debt service payments or save for reserves.

Recommendation: Adopt a 5-year rate plan that will cover operating costs, capital improvements, debt service payments, save for reserves and account for annual inflation.

The following tables show our **current rates** and the **proposed rates 2025-2030**.

**Monthly Water Service Charges**

<b>Fixed Meter Charges (\$/month)</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>	<b>2028-29</b>	<b>2029-30</b>
Effective Date		7/1/2025	7/1/2026	7/1/2027	7/1/2028	7/1/2029
Proposed Rate Increase		9%	9%	9%	9%	9%
3/4" Meter	\$36.91	\$40.23	\$43.85	\$47.80	\$52.10	\$56.79
1" Meter	\$78.16	\$85.19	\$92.86	\$101.22	\$110.33	\$120.26
1 1/2" Meter	\$156.31	\$170.38	\$185.71	\$202.43	\$220.64	\$240.50
2" Meter	\$250.10	\$272.61	\$297.14	\$323.89	\$353.04	\$384.81
6" Meter	\$413.60	\$450.82	\$491.40	\$535.62	\$583.83	\$636.37

<b>Volumetric Charges (\$/cf)</b>	<b>\$/cf</b>					
All Water Use	\$0.04	\$0.04	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.06	\$0.06

**Monthly Sewer Service Charges**

<b>Fixed Sewer Rates</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Projection 2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>	<b>2028-29</b>	<b>2029-30</b>
Effective Date		7/1/2025	7/1/2026	7/1/2027	7/1/2028	7/1/2029
Proposed Rate Increase		20%	20%	10%	5%	5%
Monthly Charge per EDU	\$47.27	\$56.72	\$68.07	\$74.88	\$78.62	\$82.55

1 EDU = 1 Equivalent Single Family Dwelling Unit

**PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing to consider the proposed rate increases will be held at a regular meeting of the APCWD Board of Directors on June 19, 2025, at 6:00 PM. at the District Office, 2365 Fir Drive, Arrowbear Lake, CA. At the hearing, the APCWD Board will consider adopting a resolution that adjusts water and sewer rates as shown in the table on this notice effective for the July 2025 - 2030 billing periods.

Customers may protest the proposed rate increases prior to the public hearing in writing. A valid protest must contain a description of the property (address or assessor's parcel number) sufficient to identify the property, the signature of the property owner of record as shown on the last equalized assessment roll used by the County of San Bernardino for assessing taxes, or signature accompanied by written evidence that the signer is the owner if he or she is not identified as the owner of record on the last tax roll.

Protests may be mailed,  
**Arrowbear Park County Water District**  
**P.O. Box 4045**  
**Arrowbear Lake, CA 92382-4045**

or personally delivered to:  
**Arrowbear Park County Water District**  
**2365 Fir Dr.**  
**Arrowbear Lake, CA 92382**

All protests must be received by the District before the June 19, 2025 public hearing is closed. If written protests are received on behalf of a majority of the affected properties, the proposed rate changes will not be put into effect. Pursuant to Government Code section 53759(d), there is a 120-day statute of limitations for challenging the proposed water and sewer rates.

Sincerely,  
 Your Board of Directors  
 Arrowbear Park County Water District