

**Proposition 218 Notification
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED WATER RATES**

Littlerock Creek Irrigation District
35141 87th St.
East Littlerock, CA 93543

**Hearing Date & Time: October 25, 2023 at 7pm or as soon thereafter as possible
Hearing Location: District Office 35141 87th Street East, Littlerock CA 93543**

Why is a rate adjustment needed?

Cost of Service: District water rates have not increased since January 1, 2023, allowing the District to have one of the lowest monthly rates in northern Los Angeles County. Service costs have increased annually due to inflation, water system repairs, and improvements. The current water rates do not produce enough revenue to cover the cost of providing water service.

Why Am I Receiving This Notice?

You are receiving this notice in accordance with Proposition 218, a state law which requires that providers of public utility services (including water service) provide notice to property owners when the rates or charges for those services increase.

This notice is intended to provide you with information on the water services provided by the Littlerock Creek Irrigation District, the reasons for the increase in the monthly service rate, and the methods by which you can protest this rate increase if you so desire.

Water Service

The Littlerock Creek Irrigation District (District) provides water service to a population of about 3,120. Water flow is sourced from ground water wells and State Water Project supplies.

Basis of Proposed Rates

Article XIID of the California Constitution (also known as Proposition 218) requires that providers of public utility services levy service charges that are clearly linked to the cost of providing the service. The cost of service

calculation includes expenses such as labor, energy, chemicals and other supplies, and the cost of providing required maintenance of the system. The rates proposed herein are designed to meet all legal requirements and fairly and equitably recover the required revenue from all customer classes. The rates were developed by an independent consultant retained by the District.

The independent consulting firm concluded that the proposed rates will provide enough funds for the District to recover the cost of operation, maintenance, administration, and capital improvement projects.

Water Rates

The District currently charges ¾"-metered residential customers a monthly water rate of \$31.56 (\$63.12 for a two month period). This rate covers all water usage up to a certain allotted level, 500 cubic feet for a ¾" meter. Any usage above that level is charged at \$1.27 per cubic foot.

The District's rate must increase in the coming years to cover costs. This is a continuation of the current rate increase schedule. A fixed rate increase to \$33.14 per month is needed starting January 1, 2024, an increase to \$34.79 per month is needed January 2025, an increase to \$36.53 per month in January 2026, an increase to \$38.36 in January 2027, and an increase to \$40.28 in January 2028. Each increase represents a 5% increase. Volumetric rates will increase at the same rate. The District's current and proposed water rates are outlined in black.

The water rates for all domestic customers (residential, commercial, and industrial) as well as bulk water & irrigation accounts are listed on page 2.

Process to Protest Proposed Rates: Ratepayers wishing to protest the proposed rates must submit their protest in writing. Written protests against the proposed rate change have to identify the address or the parcel number of the impacted property and include the signature(s) of the owner of record or utility ratepayer. Written protests must be received by the District at 35141 87th St., East Littlerock, CA 93543 before the time set for the public hearing. If the District receives written protests against the proposed water rates by a majority of the affected property owners or ratepayers prior to the end of the hearing, the Board of Directors will not approve the change. Only one protest for each property will be counted.

Concerns, Please Contact Us

Address the Board of Directors: Attend the Public Hearing on October 25, 2023 at 7pm at 35141 87th St., East Littlerock, CA 93543.

Questions: If you have any question about this notice, please call the District at (661) 994-2015 during regular business hours.

Monthly Water Rates: All Customers:

	Current:	Proposed:				
		1/1/2024	1/1/2025	1/1/2026	1/1/2027	1/1/2028
Domestic (Residential, Commercial, and Industrial)						
Fixed Monthly Charge (CF* allotment):						
3/4" (500 CF)		5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
1" (900 CF)	\$31.56	\$33.14	\$34.79	\$36.53	\$38.36	\$40.28
1/5" (2,000 CF)	\$56.83	\$59.67	\$62.66	\$65.79	\$69.08	\$72.53
2" (2,500 CF)	\$126.24	\$132.55	\$139.18	\$146.14	\$153.45	\$161.12
Each Additional	\$157.87	\$164.76	\$174.05	\$182.75	\$191.89	\$201.49
	\$15.78	\$16.57	\$17.40	\$18.27	\$19.18	\$20.14
Volumetric Charge, \$/CF above allotment:						
3/4" (>500 CF)		5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
1" (>900 CF)	\$1.27	\$1.33	\$1.40	\$1.47	\$1.54	\$1.62
1/5" (>2,000 CF)	\$1.27	\$1.33	\$1.40	\$1.47	\$1.54	\$1.62
2" (>2,500 CF)	\$1.27	\$1.33	\$1.40	\$1.47	\$1.54	\$1.62
Bulk Water & Irrigation Accounts						
Fixed Monthly Charges by Service Area						
In District		5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Zone 0	\$60.78	\$63.82	\$67.01	\$70.36	\$73.88	\$77.57
Outside District	\$60.78	\$63.82	\$67.01	\$70.36	\$73.88	\$77.57
	\$182.33	\$191.45	\$201.02	\$211.07	\$221.62	\$232.70
Volumetric Charge, \$/AF*						
In District		5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Zone 0	\$325.08	\$341.33	\$358	\$376.32	\$395.14	\$414.89
Outside District	\$406.07	\$426.37	\$447.69	\$470.08	\$493.58	\$518.26
	\$2,713.22	2,848.88	2,991.33	3,140.89	3,297.97	3,462.83

*1 CF = 7.48 gallons, 1 AF = 43,560 CF = 325,851 gallons

Compliance with Proposition 218

In 1996 California voters approved Proposition 218, which amended the state constitution as it relates to the passage of property related fees. Today, "Prop 218" requires that local governments follow a defined process when setting fees such as water bills. The District must 1) inform property owners and/or rate payers who are responsible for the bill that a proposed rate increase is being considered, 2) clearly demonstrate the basis on which these fees are calculated (the rate study), and 3) hold a public hearing at least 45 days after notice where the District hears all protests to the rate increase. Water rates are subject to "majority protest" meaning they **cannot be passed** if a majority of property owners or rate payers impacted by the rate change submit written protests opposing the increase. The proposed changes and suggested increases are based upon the findings of the water rate study completed by Bartle Wells Associates, an independent public finance and rate consultant. This study will be available at the District's office for the public to view 45 days before the public hearing.