

MADISON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS

Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Water/Sewer Rate Increases

The Madison Community Services District will hold a public hearing on Thursday December 17, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., to consider adopting increases in the rates for its water and sewer and lighting service. This notice is being provided to all property owners and tenants of parcels served by the District, to inform them about their rights to submit written protests by mail or at the time of the public hearing.

The public hearing will be held at:

Madison Community Services District Office
28963 Main Street
Madison, CA 95653

The proposed increase of water/sewer/lighting rates is necessary to provide sufficient funds for the operations of the District, to continue providing reliable, high-quality cost-effective water, sewer and lighting services to its customers.

This includes price increases levied against the service district for insurance, permits, services, parts, labor and any other charge the district may accrue in its day to day operations. This also includes payments and or matching fund requirements from obtaining loans and or grants to improve or replace equipment, vehicles and or infrastructure located within the sphere of influence of Madison CSD. This also includes establishing reserves for emergency and or future fiscal needs. To ensure the availability of dedicated revenues and continue to meet compliance, keep up with inflation and depreciation the district needs to raise its rates.

BASIS OF PROPOSED RATES

State law allows for the collection of additional revenues to cover the cost of providing water, sewer and lighting services. In order to increase water/sewer/lighting rates, the District must hold a noticed public hearing. The proposed rates will allow the District's water, sewer and lighting utility to continue operation while providing essential services to its ratepayers. The proposed rates are proportional to the cost of providing the service, and revenues from the rates do not exceed the District's costs, as shown in the approved budget for the operations of the District. A copy of the District budget is available for review at the District office.

The district has been required in recent years to make improvements and adopt new operating practices because of regulations mandated by Federal, State and County law. These practices and the costs associated with them cannot be bypassed by the Madison CSD. The basis also includes costs of infrastructure and mechanical failures that occur throughout the year. The income and cost for water, sewer and lighting are separated monthly and monitored throughout the year. At the end of the year the budget is studied for shortfalls and or met goals. It is then determined what area is in need of an increase or no change in rate. All changes reflect increases that are experienced and or anticipated for the following year.

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PROPOSED RATE INCREASES

The proposed increase of water and sewer rates for residential and commercial customers of the District is shown in the following table:

Rates

	<u>Current rate</u>	<u>Proposed new rate</u>
<u>Low Density Residential:</u>		
Water	\$42.00	\$44.50
Sewer	\$47.00	\$49.00
Lights	\$2.00	\$2.50
Total	\$91.00	\$96.00
<u>High Density Residential:</u>		
Water	\$37.50	\$38.00
Sewer	\$47.00	\$47.35
Lights	\$2.00	\$2.15
Total	\$86.50	\$87.50
<u>Schools:</u>		
Water	\$87.00	\$89.50
Sewer	\$74.00	\$76.00
Lights	\$2.00	\$2.50
Total	\$163.00	\$168.00
<u>Tier 1 Commercial:</u>		
Water	\$46.00	\$48.50
Sewer	\$55.00	\$57.00
Lights	\$2.00	\$2.50
Total	\$103.00	\$108.00
<u>Tier 2 Commercial:</u>		
Water	\$56.00	\$59.50
Sewer	\$55.00	\$61.00
Lights	\$2.00	\$2.50
Total	\$113.00	\$123.00
<u>Tier 3 Commercial:</u>		
Water	\$100.00	\$110.00
Sewer	\$110.00	\$119.50
Lights	\$2.00	\$2.50
Total	\$212.00	\$232.00

If approved by the District, the proposed rate increases **will take effect on Jan 01, 2021.**

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WRITTEN PROTESTS

Any property owner of record, whose property is subject to the proposed new rates for the District's water, sewer and lighting service fees may submit a written protest to the proposed rate increases. Only one written protests will be counted per legal parcel served by the District.

Written protests may be submitted by mail: Madison Community Service District, P.O. Box 40 Madison CA 95653 or in person to: Madison Community Service District, 28963 Main St., Madison, CA 95653. Any protest submitted via email or other electronic means will not qualify as a written protest.

Any written protest must be submitted to the District before the close of the public hearing and must:

- a. State the name of the property owner who opposes the proposed rate increases and;
- b. Identify the location of the owner's parcel (by assessor's parcel number, street address or customer account) and;
- c. Be signed by the property owner submitting the protest, with the name of the person signing printed on the protest.
- d. If the person protesting was not shown on Yolo County's last equalized assessment roll as the property owner of record, provide written evidence that the person is the property owner.

PUBLIC HEARING

At the public hearing, the District will accept and consider all written protests and hear all oral comments to the proposed rate increases. Oral comments at the public hearing will not qualify as formal written protests unless accompanied by a written protest. Upon conclusion of the public hearing, the District will consider the adoption of the proposed increases to the rates for water and sewer service fees as described in this notice. If written protests against the proposed rates are not presented by a majority of the property owners of the parcels subject to the proposed rate increases, the District will be authorized to adopt the rate increases.

If you have any questions, please contact Leo Refsland, General Manager, Madison Community Service District, at 530-666-2888, or via email at leo@madisoncsd.org.

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