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MT. VIEW SANITARY DISTRICT

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### Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Sewer Service Charge Adjustments

At a Public Hearing to be conducted on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 6:30 PM in the Board Room, 3800 Arthur Rd. Martinez, California, the Mt. View Sanitary District Board of Directors will consider the adoption of a rate increase on annual sewer service charges and other rates and fees of the District for sanitary sewer service.

Wastewater infrastructure is essential to protect public health and the environment. Mt. View Sanitary District (MVSD), established in 1923, has been fulfilling this mission for 100 years. Due to the ongoing and immediate needs to replace critical aging infrastructure and meet increasingly stringent regulations that require significant upgrades in equipment and technology, the District Board of Directors will consider the adoption of a rate increase on annual sewer service charges and other rates and fees for sanitary sewer service. The MVSD Board will vote on this rate increase immediately following the above noticed Public Hearing.

### Planning for the Future

Nearly twelve years ago, MVSD completed a comprehensive infrastructure evaluation and began implementing a long-term Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The CIP prioritizes which parts of the treatment plant and collection system are expected to need repair or replacement, and when those projects are expected to occur. It encompasses all engineered studies and projects related to improvements, repairs, rehabilitation, and replacement of the District's plant, collection system, pump stations, and marsh assets. By addressing its infrastructure needs now, the District will be able to meet regulatory requirements, prepare for the future, and ensure sustainability. To meet these challenges, rate increases are necessary. The most recent CIP update may be found on the MVSD website at <https://mvsd.org/CIP> and includes descriptions and photos of each capital project.

MVSD continues its responsible stewardship of public funds by controlling operating costs and investing in key capital improvement projects. These projects ensure that wastewater and its by-products continue to be collected, transported, treated, recycled and reused (when appropriate), and ultimately, disposed of properly. By proactively maintaining its wastewater infrastructure, MVSD has extended the lifespan of its facilities and will continue to do so into the future.

The strategic goal of the CIP is to complete at least two capital projects, major engineering studies, or strategic initiatives every fiscal year. One of the largest plant projects, the Ultraviolet (UV) Disinfection Replacement, is scheduled to be completed this summer.

With the UV completion, some of the next projects being evaluated are rebuilding the Headworks automatic screening mechanism; replacing the Centrifuge; making improvements to the Digesters heat / mix room piping, valves, and equipment; replacing the Digesters motor control center; and constructing an influent flow metering system in and around the Influent Pump Station. Other items that may also be addressed are the replacement of an isolation slide gate; replacement of the Sand Filters' sand; replacement of the Sand Filter air compressors; replacement of an Equalization Basin slide gate; replacement of the Arthur Road potable water pump station; reconfiguration and renovation of the Operations Building restroom/locker room spaces; modification of Administration Building parking lot storm drain pipes; installation of additional steel security fencing and gates; modification of the Administration Building fire suppression system; and implementation of various pavement maintenance, rehabilitation, and replacement activities.

### Help Us in the Fight Against Vandalism

Mt. View Sanitary District has recently been the target of vandalism. Educational panels, street surfaces, and signs have been spray-painted; cameras and our entry gates have also been damaged. Damage to the property doesn't just impact us, it impacts you. Repairs to damaged surfaces and equipment use District resources that should be used on your wastewater collection and treatment services.

The MVSD facility road and McNabney wildlife viewing area are private property. While we wish to keep these areas accessible to the public, our employees and vendors have reported to us recent encounters of harassment and vulgar displays by individuals, who intentionally are prohibiting them from entering or leaving the facility. These encounters have been reported to the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department, along with photos of individuals involved. MVSD is taking additional steps to ensure safety by installing fencing on both sides of the facility road.



We know that we are not alone and that many businesses, homes, and members of our community are falling prey to these harassing individuals and vandals. Let's come together and put a stop to this malicious activity. Report suspicious persons and/or activity in our area by calling the Contra Costa County Sheriff at 925-646-2441.

MVSD is proud to serve our community and with your help, we can all continue to thrive.

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Planning for these critical and necessary improvements requires that MVSD maintain a sound financial position. As construction costs continue to rise faster in the Bay Area more than anywhere else in the nation, and as regulatory requirements become more stringent, the cost of wastewater infrastructure continues to increase. The approved CIP projects annual average capital expenditures of \$5,135,400 for the next ten years.

To maintain its ability to provide its customers with the best possible service and to fully fund the CIP, MVSD will be requesting rate increases for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 through Fiscal Year 2027-2028. The proposed rate schedule information is contained in the chart below.

The combined impact of changes in customer characteristics and the annual increase in revenue requirements on unit costs and sewer service charges is shown in the table below. When the impact of changes in customer characteristics is combined with the impact of the increase in revenue requirements, the changes in customer bills varies between customer classes.

Customer Class	Billing Units	Current FY23	Recommended Five-Year Rate Plan				
			FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28
<b>Unit Costs</b>							
Flow	\$ per million gallons	\$8,965	\$9,771	\$10,651	\$11,609	\$12,654	\$13,793
BOD	\$ per 1000 pounds	\$1.18	\$1.29	\$1.40	\$1.53	\$1.67	\$1.82
TSS	\$ per 1000 pounds	\$1.29	\$1.40	\$1.53	\$1.67	\$1.82	\$1.98
<b>SSCs</b>							
	<i>% inc (before rounding) &gt;</i>	<i>10.0%</i>	<i>9.0%</i>	<i>9.0%</i>	<i>9.0%</i>	<i>9.0%</i>	<i>9.0%</i>
Residential *	Annual	\$814.20	\$888	\$972	\$1,056	\$1,152	\$1,260
Apt/MH Units	Annual	\$652.20	\$708	\$768	\$840	\$912	\$996
<b>Nonresidential</b>							
Group 1	\$ per HCF	\$11.04	\$12.05	\$13.15	\$14.35	\$15.65	\$17.05
Group 1A	\$ per HCF	\$11.04	\$12.05	\$13.15	\$14.35	\$15.65	\$17.05
Group 2	\$ per HCF	\$12.12	\$13.20	\$14.40	\$15.70	\$17.10	\$18.65
Group 3	\$ per HCF	\$15.36	\$16.75	\$18.25	\$19.90	\$21.70	\$23.65
Group 4	\$ per HCF	\$16.68	\$18.20	\$19.85	\$21.65	\$23.60	\$25.70
Group 5	\$ per HCF	\$18.96	\$20.65	\$22.50	\$24.55	\$26.75	\$29.15
PMA's **	\$ per HCF	\$14.80	\$16.15	\$17.60	\$19.20	\$20.95	\$22.85
VA Clinic	\$ per HCF	\$11.04	\$12.05	\$13.15	\$14.35	\$15.65	\$17.05

\* Recommended and Forecast SSCs for Residential and Apt/MH are rounded to the nearest \$12.  
 Recommended and Forecast SSCs based on HCF are rounded to the nearest \$0.05.  
 \*\* The SSCs for accounts with PMA's (Private Meter Agreements) are the average for the class.

### What Does This Mean for You?

To learn more about the proposed rate increases and the District's plan for the necessary replacement and upgrade of its infrastructure, please attend an open house public meeting at MVSD. Details for the meeting are below:

**March 29, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the  
 MVSD Administration Building Board Room  
 3800 Arthur Road, Martinez CA**

### How to Protest the Proposed Rate Increase

All owners and tenants of property receiving sanitary sewer service from Mt. View Sanitary District are invited to attend the Public Hearing on April 13, 2023, and to comment on the proposed rate increase. Proposition 218 allows property owners to file a written protest before or during the public hearing. If written protests are presented by a majority of the property owners, a rate increase will not be approved. Only one written protest per identified parcel or property will be counted for purposes of determining whether there is a majority protest.

Written protests must be received prior to the close of the Public Hearing to be considered. The written protest must be signed by the property owner(s) and must include a description of the affected property, including address and/or Assessor's Parcel Number. If you were not identified as the owner of the property on the most recent Contra Costa County tax roll, include written evidence that you presently own the property.

Written protests can be mailed to:

MVSD Board Secretary  
 Mt. View Sanitary District  
 3800 Arthur Road  
 Martinez, CA 94553

Or, written protests may be hand-delivered to Mt. View Sanitary District officials or staff at the Administration Office during its office hours on or before April 13, 2023, or up to the close of the Public Hearing on the night of the meeting, April 13, 2023.

### Doing More for Our Customers

For nearly 100 years, the District has proudly served its customers by providing wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal services for the City of Martinez and adjacent lands to the northeast. Every day, the District is committed to protecting public health and the environment in a safe and reliable manner at a responsible cost.

Here are a few additional ways the District ensures the public is safe and the environment flourishes:

- Household Hazardous Waste Collection (HHW): For over 20 years, MVSD has partnered with Central Contra Costa Sanitary District to operate one a successful HHW facility. The facility has collected over 39 million pounds of paint, cleaners, pesticides, batteries, fluorescent lamps and much more. Doing so has kept those hazardous products out of our waterways by reusing or recycling 90% of what is collected.
- Moorhen and McNabney Marshes: As part of the Peyton Slough Marsh Complex, MVSD's wetlands are home to a rich and diverse population of fish and wildlife, including 116 bird species. Moorhen Marsh saves District customers tens of millions of dollars by eliminating the need for a deep water outfall, and instead provides a drought-resistant aquatic habitat for native wildlife.
- MVSD offers an award-winning wetlands education program to Contra Costa County schools including the Wetlands Field Trip Program (since 1996) and the Wetlands Classroom Program (since 2017).
- MVSD maintains a used sharps collection station for the public.

**For a sewer emergency 24/7  
 call 925-228-5635**

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