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## NOTICE

### of Proposed Service Charge Increase & Public Hearing

May 19, 2020

Dear Property Owner:

You are receiving this Notice because you own property within County Service Area 51 (District), which is a special district administered by San Joaquin County (County). The District provides storm drainage services to the properties within the District's boundaries. The Department of Public Works (Department) is advising you of a proposed increase to the rates that you pay for these services and the Public Hearing regarding the increase.

The annual charges you pay to the District are property related fees collected as part of your property tax bill. The fees fund labor for maintenance and administration costs associated with the services. Unfortunately, the revenue collected is far less than what is needed to maintain the current level of services. Your rates have not been raised since 1992; however, costs to operate your system have increased during that time. The District only has six properties and currently collects a total of \$60 annually for the storm drainage services. However, the cost just to annually mow and clean the basin is approximately \$500.

The proposed rate is being phased in over five years to provide property owners a more gradual increase in the rate. District fees are a flat rate charge based on the Single Family Equivalent (SFE) unit. This is the level of service received by the average single family residence. The proposed charges, if approved, will be effective Fiscal Year 2020-2021 through Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The charges will continue after this time period at the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 rate, and any additional increases would require another notice of proposed increase and Public Hearing. The service charges are annual and will continue indefinitely for the purpose of covering all the necessary expenses to operate, maintain and replace the District's public utilities for services.

The table below shows the current and the proposed charges per SFE per fiscal year:

Service	Current Rate (2019-2020)	Proposed Rates (per year)				
		2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Annual Storm Drainage Service Charge (per SFE*)	\$10	\$21	\$42	\$63	\$84	\$102

\*One SFE is assigned to every single family home in this District.

The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors will consider adoption of the increase at a Public Hearing on:

**Tuesday, July 7, 2020**  
**9:00 A.M. – Chambers of the Board of Supervisors**  
**44 North San Joaquin Street, Sixth Floor, Suite 627**  
**Stockton, California 95202-2924**

Any written protests must be received by the Department at 1810 East Hazelton Avenue, Stockton, California 95205, by 5:00 p.m., on July 6, 2020, or submitted at the Public Hearing prior to the close of the hearing.

If a rate increase is not passed, service levels within the District will need to be reduced to generate cost savings. The following cost reduction measures may be implemented:

- Reduction of after-hours and weekend service calls
- Reduction of regular maintenance of the system

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The Engineer's Report detailing the rate calculation methodology and revenue requirements are available at the County's website at [www.sjgov.org/ud/csa/csa-51](http://www.sjgov.org/ud/csa/csa-51). The Engineer's Report can be reviewed at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or at the Department.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jayna Rutz, Community Infrastructure Engineering Manager, at (209) 468-3697.