

# Burney Water District



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May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

## Notice of Proposed Increase in Water Rates in Compliance with Proposition 218

Dear Customer:

This notice is to advise property owners and ratepayers served by the Burney Water District (BWD) of a proposed increase to the Water base rates.

These changes would take effect on the billing statement you will receive on or around July 1, 2019. It also provides information about a Public Hearing on June 20, 2019 at which written and oral comments will be considered and a vote on the increase will be taken by the BWD Board of Directors. Furthermore, it provides information about why BWD needs to increase rates.

At the board meeting of April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the BWD Board of Directors adopted a proposed Preliminary budget that includes a proposed increase in the water base rates. In compliance with State Proposition 218, passed by California voters in 1996, BWD is hereby notifying all affected property owners and water customers of the proposed rate changes.

***Please see the table at the end of this notice titled Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Proposed Fee, Rate and Charge Increases for a comparison of the current fees, rates and charges and the proposed fees, rates and charges.***

### **What is the reason for the proposed increase in the water base rate?**

The District will use the revenue generated by the increase to first replace water meters throughout our system. On completion of water meter replacement, the revenue will then be used to replace aging water main pipes and valves.

**How will the proposed increase affect my bill?** The water base rate increase will increase the customer's bill by \$6.00 per billing period.

A public hearing before the Board of Directors of the Burney Water District to consider the issue of a rate increase is scheduled for:

**6:30 pm, Thursday, June 20, 2019  
Burney Water District Office Board Meeting Room  
20222 Hudson Street,  
Burney, CA 96013**

You are invited to present oral or written testimony on the proposal at the public hearing. You have the right to protest this proposed rate increase. If you do, you must submit your protest in writing, even if you plan to attend the public hearing. If written protests are submitted by a majority of the affected property owners or customers, the proposed rate changes will not be imposed.

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Your written protest must be received prior to the close of the June 20, 2019 public hearing. Written protests must include a description of the parcel (parcel number) or utility (BWD) account number. E-mail protests will not be accepted. Send or deliver written protests to:

**Board Secretary  
Burney Water District  
20222 Hudson Street  
Burney, CA 96013**

I believe this rate increase is necessary to ensure BWD's ability to replace and renew our water supply infrastructure in order to continue to provide a safe and reliable water supply well into Burney's future. My staff and I appreciate the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,

William M. Rodriguez  
District Manager,  
Burney Water District

**Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020 Proposed Fee, Rate and Charge Increases:**

	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Water Base Rate – Monthly Charge		
5/8" x 3/4" Meter	\$15.50 per month	\$21.50 per month
All other meters	Varies	Increase by \$6.00