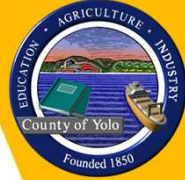




Wild Wings CSA

Public Hearing – Proposed Water and Wastewater Rates

**Yolo County Board of Supervisors
July 23, 2024 Meeting**



FY24/25 BUDGET SUMMARY

Yolo County manages several Community Service Areas (CSAs) including the Wild Wings CSA located in the Western Yolo County area. The Wild Wings CSA is supported by water and wastewater rates to serve the community utility service needs. The rates were last amended in 2018, which necessitated the preparation of the 2024 Water and Wastewater Rate Reports. The proposed rates support higher utility operations, maintenance, capital improvements, and regulatory compliance costs.

Total Water System Budget	\$729,487
Total Wastewater System Budget	\$1,221,682
General Fund Contribution	\$0



2018 vs. 2024 Rates:

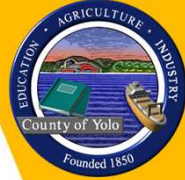
Large Utility Revenue Need Increases

Year	Wild Wings Five-Year Utility Revenue Projections	
	Water System	Wastewater System
FY17-18	\$543,845	\$920,815
FY24-25	\$729,487	\$1,221,682
% Increase	34.14%	32.67%

Increases due to higher labor, energy, supplies, materials, equipment, construction and compliance costs.

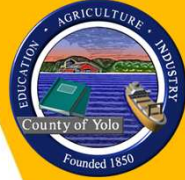
- SUSP Private Contractor Costs Increase = 19%
- PG&E Energy Costs Increase = 12%
- Capital Cost Increase = 25-35%
- Supplies/Materials/Equipment = 20-35%
- Compliance Costs (Treatment) = 30%
- Labor/CPI = 25%
- Supply chain/cost increases = 10-20%

Updated rates cover increased costs of service



PROPOSED MAXIMUM WATER/WASTEWATER RATES

Max. Annual Water Charges – Residential	Current	FY24/25	FY25/26	FY26/27	FY27/28	FY28/29
Fixed Meter Charge	\$1,371.31	\$875.32	\$887.35	\$899.61	\$911.47	\$914.00
Tier 1 Water Charge (0-180,000 gallons annually)*		\$0.605 per 100 gallons	\$0.62 per 100 gallons	\$0.636 per 100 gallons	\$0.652 per 100 gallons	\$0.668 per 100 gallons
Tier 2 Water Charge (180,001 + gallons annually)**		\$1.25 per 100 gallons	\$1.28 per 100 gallons	\$1.31 per 100 gallons	\$1.34 per 100 gallons	\$1.37 per 100 gallons
Total Annual Water Charge:	Fixed Meter Charge + Tier 1 Water Charge + Tier 2 Water Charge (if applicable)					
Max. Annual Wastewater Charges – Residential	Current	FY24/25	FY25/26	FY26/27	FY27/28	FY28/29
Annual Fixed Charge	\$3,170.44	\$3,571.07	\$3,584.34	\$3,574.92	\$4,647.14	\$5,257.28
Total Annual Wastewater Charge:		\$3,571.07	\$3,584.34	\$3,574.92	\$4,647.14	\$5,257.28



EXISTING V. USE-BASED RATES

Existing Rates

The existing water rate structure was established in 2004 with flat rates for the first 250,000 gallons per year and a single tier rate for use greater than 250,000 gallons per year.

This rate structure overcharges low water users and undercharges high water users and is based on outdated water use patterns and costs of service.

Use-Based Rates

A two-tier water rate structure is proposed based on current water use patterns, similar to what other water agencies have implemented throughout California.

The proposed structure charges low water users less and high water users more, as high users pay a higher portion of water system costs needed to support higher water use.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Arsenic Treatment

Estimated Project Cost:

- ~\$2 million



Project Benefits:

- Health – reduces cancer risk and chronic health conditions
- Regulatory – compliance with DDW, avoids fines and penalties
- Economic – lower healthcare costs, maintains property values
- Operational – allows for water to be treated from all well sites

New Well

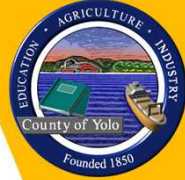
Estimated Project Cost:

- ~\$4 million



Project Benefits:

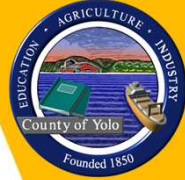
- Improves water source capacity reliability in the event other well water sources are not available due to drought or well/pump failure
- Freedom to use well water for golf course irrigation needs
- DWR grant funds to partially fund project are facing cost pressures



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Wild Wings CSA Water and Wastewater Rate Project Outreach

- Wild Wings CSA Advisory Committee regularly scheduled meetings in FY 23/24:
 - October and December 2023
 - February and April 2024
- May 21, 2024 – Board set the public hearing for 7.23.2024 and approved moving forward with mailing of the Proposition 218 notice regarding the proposed rate changes
- May 2024 – more than 45 days prior to 7.23.2024 Board of Supervisors meeting and public hearing: Mailed Proposition 218 Notice to all Wild Wings property owners of record
- June 7, 2024 - mailed letter to address community questions about whether a ballot was required and also:
 - Mailed Frequently Asked Questions
 - Mailed Optional Protest Form
 - Continued to update [CSA website](#)
- Wild Wings CSA Advisory Committee Meeting special meetings:
 - 5.14.2024 special meeting to discuss Proposition 218 , notice, FAQs, and process
 - 7.11.2024 Town Hall meeting with a presentation by LSCE and County staff and Q&A session



RECOMMENDED ACTION

Wild Wings CSA Water and Wastewater Rate Process

- Hold public hearing as required by Proposition 218 (Cal. Const., art. XIII D, section 6) for property-related fees and receive any additional written protests;
- Following close of the public hearing, direct the Clerk to begin tabulating the protests received and return to the Board upon completion of the tabulation;
- Upon Clerk's completion of the tabulation,
 - If there is no majority protest – adopt the Resolution (Att. A) approving the maximum 5-year water and wastewater rates consistent with the Prop. 218 Notice and authorizing collection commencing with FY 24/25 tax roll (as is current practice).
 - If there is a majority protest (170+ valid protests) – because the Board cannot adopt the proposed rates, adopt the Alternative Resolution (Att. I) instead, authorizing continued collection of current water and sewer rates on the tax roll as required by DFS.
- Direct the Clerk of the Board to forward a certified copy of the adopted resolution to DFS for collections of the approved rates on the FY 24/25 tax roll.