



Notice of Public Hearing

**Wednesday, May 10, 2023 @ 6:30pm
at Tomales Town Hall**

Proposed Sewer Rate Annual Increase based upon Consumer Price Index

UPDATE

Notice is hereby given, no later than March 24, 2023, that at the date, time, and place shown above, the Board of Directors (Board) of the Tomales Village Community Services District (District) will include the following topic as a public hearing item prior to its regular board meeting:

- an annual adjustment to our District sewer fees, to be based upon the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) rate, and applied per Equivalent Unit (EU), each for five (5) consecutive fiscal years from FY2023-24 through FY2027-28. This sewer fee adjustment would be effective July 1, 2023.

ANNUAL INFLATION SEWER FEE ADJUSTMENT BASED ON CPI

The TVCSD Board is proposing an annual sewer fee adjustment in order to keep pace with inflation. The adjustment would be commensurate with the annual percentage increase to the **SAN FRANCISCO-OAKLAND-SAN JOSE PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI)**. The CPI adjusted increase would be calculated in June, each year, using the April data of the current year. Over the past five years the CPI has fluctuated 1.1%-5.0% with an average of 3.4%.

WHY A CPI ADJUSTMENT IS NEEDED

The proposed adjustment will support our town's sewer operations and maintenance. The District has been subject to inflationary cost increases in recent years, specifically with higher operator fees and increasing maintenance costs; for example, our System Operator has an annual CPI increase which the District has been absorbing while our revenues have not kept pace with increasing expenses since FY2017/2018.

COMPARISON WITH OTHER DISTRICTS

Our District sewer service fees are in the lower mid-range for Wastewater Systems serving under 1,000 customers in our coastal area. We are also a "post-Prop 13" Special District so that our sewer district does not receive income from sales tax distributed by Marin County as do many other Sewer Districts.

You Can Be Heard – Please write and/or attend our next board meeting!

State law invites customers to respond to proposed fee adjustments and increases prior to the public hearing.

If you object to the proposed increase in the service fees described in this notice, please file a written protest with the District General Manager at or before the time set for the public hearing, or 45 days from the receipt of this notice (whichever is longer).

A valid protest must be written and contain: your name, property address, and written evidence that the signer(s) is/are the owner(s) of the property, if the signer(s) was/were not shown on the last equalized assessment roll as the owner(s) of the property, or payer of the fee.) Only one written protest per parcel, filed by an owner or a tenant of the parcel, shall be counted in calculating a majority protest.

Protests should be mailed to: TVCSD P.O. BOX 303 TOMALES, CA 94971