



**City of Pittsburg**  
**65 Civic Ave.**  
**Pittsburg, California 94565**

## **Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Water Rate Increase**

Monday December 16, 2013 at 7:00 pm; City Council meeting, 65 Civic Ave, Pittsburg 94565

The City of Pittsburg (City) wishes to notify you of a Public Hearing where a four-year water rate increase will be considered. If the rate increase is approved, the increase for 2014 to a typical single family residential customer using 350 gallons per day will be \$2.95 per month or 4.6%. The sewer utility rate will not be increased; therefore the total water and sewer utility increase for a typical customer would be 3.7%.

The rate increases would apply to the quantity charge, the monthly meter and fire service charges, and zone pumping charges. Fire service charges apply to customers with separate fire lines. Water rates pay for the safe and reliable delivery of drinking water to all City customers. A rate increase is necessary to meet operational and maintenance requirements, fund capital improvements for aging infrastructure especially water lines, and offset increased cost of purchasing untreated water along with power for pumping and treatment.

The City has 220 miles of water lines, some of which are approaching 90 years old. They are at the point that they need to be replaced at a higher rate than they have been in the past. This proposed rate increase is to help fund additional water main replacement before they get to the higher maintenance/less reliable state.

The following are the components of the water rate increase that would be in effect for 2014:

- Meter service charge – an increase of 4% or \$0.85 per month for the typical residential customer.
- Water charge – an increase of \$0.15 per Unit (hundred cubic feet/Ccf) or \$2.10 for a customer using 350 gallons per day.
- Fire lines – 1% rate increase
- Elevation pumping charges: Zone 3 - an increase of \$0.03 per unit; Zone 4 – an increase of \$0.04/unit.

Public comments and written protests may be submitted to the City prior to and at the Public Hearing. Following the Public Hearing the City Council will consider adoption of the proposed rate increase.

For further information call Walter Pease, Director of Water Utilities at (925) 252-6966 or e-mail [WPease@ci.pittsburg.ca.us](mailto:WPease@ci.pittsburg.ca.us).