## Juniper Riviera County Water District

### **Proposition 218 Notification**

# Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Rate Restructuring and Adjustments to Water Rates and Charges

Hearing Date and Time: August 18th, 6:00 pm
Hearing Location: JRCWD District Office 25715 Santa Rosa Road, Apple Valley

The Juniper Riviera County Water District (JRCWD) is proposing a three-year water-rate program adjustment and tier restructuring for all customers. The proposal will be considered by the Board of Directors of JRCWD at a Public Hearing on August 18, 2022. If approved, the water rate adjustments and restructuring will commence on or after September 1, 2022 and adjust annually thereafter for the next two years on September 1<sup>st</sup>. You are receiving this notification in compliance with California Constitution Article XIII D Section 6 (Proposition 218) requirements that all impacted property owners are mailed notice of proposed rate changes at least 45 days prior to a Public Hearing. Proposition 218 also establishes a protest process for the public to follow if they wish to oppose the proposed rates.

#### BASIS OF PROPOSED RATES

JRCWD is required by State law and District policy to collect revenues sufficient to cover the costs of operating our water system. These revenues allow JRCWD to protect public health and safety and reliably convey and treat water. Costs that must be recovered through rate revenue include purchased water, energy costs, equipment and supplies, treatment chemicals, state mandated regulatory compliance and salaries. Additionally, revenues generated from the water rates would be used to finance the repair and renovation of aging water infrastructure. The rates proposed herein were developed through a comprehensive Rate Study performed by Robert D. Niehaus, Inc. in collaboration with the California Rural Water Association. This Rate Study was designed to meet all legal requirements and fairly and equitably recover the required revenue from all customer classes. This Rate Study is available for review at JRCWD District Office located at 25715 Santa Rosa Road, Apple Valley, CA.

### Proposed 3-Year Rate Plan

	Current:		2022-2	2023	2023-2024
Monthly Service Fee - \$34.00		Monthly Service Fee - \$37.00		Monthly Service Fee - \$40.00	
	Tier 1 (0-7 units)	\$2.81/unit	Tier 1	\$3.10/Unit	No Increase water use/tier rates
	Tier 2 (8-36 units)	\$2.95/unit	Tier 2	\$3.25/Unit	
	Tier 3 (36-70 units)	\$3.50/unit	Tier 3	\$3.50/unit	2024 - 2025
	Tier 4 (71-100 units)	\$5.00/unit	Tier 4	\$7.00/unit	Monthly Service Fee - \$43.00
	Tier 5 (100+ units)	\$15.00/unit	Tier 5	\$16.50/unit	No Increase water use/tier rates

You are invited to attend our Public Hearing to discuss the rate increase, ask questions and receive more detailed information. Date: August 18th 6:00pm Location: 25715 Santa Rosa Road, Apple Valley, 92308