



Public Notice of Proposed Capital Charge on the Property Roll

The Crescenta Valley Water District (CVWD) Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing to consider a capital charge on the property tax roll to fund pipeline replacements. If approved, the capital charge will take effect on the 2023/2024 Property Tax Roll. The public hearing will be conducted at the time, date and location specified in this notice. All members of the public are invited to attend. This notice is being sent to all property owners of record upon which capital charges will be imposed.

 **Date** June 13, 2023  **Time** 6:00 p.m.

 **Location** 2700 Foothill Blvd.
La Crescenta, CA, 91214

At CVWD, we are committed to providing safe and reliable water service, now and in the future.

Much of our critical infrastructure was first installed in the 1950s, and that means that many of our pipelines, wells and facilities are nearing or have reached the end of their useful life. Significant community investment will be needed to fund work to replace and rehabilitate wells and replace around two miles of pipeline each year, almost a third of which are over 60 years old. This will safeguard our water infrastructure for our future.

CVWD also faces increasing costs to deliver the same quality water and sewer service our customers deserve. With rising costs to import water, rising inflation and reduced financial reserves, the District must ensure that annual revenues meet or exceed expenditures.



We invite you to review this information and contact us at (818) 248-3925 or feedback@cvwd.com with questions, comments or concerns.

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La Crescenta, CA 91214

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Why Have I Received This Notice?

You have received this notice to inform you that the CVWD Board of Directors is considering a property roll capital charge to address the rising costs to provide infrastructure reliability.

The District is providing this information to ensure the public is aware of this issue and the opportunities that exist for them to raise questions, share concerns, seek clarification and provide input that can help the Board of Directors as it deliberates and determines the appropriate course of action. CVWD is committed to providing safe, reliable and affordable drinking water to the community. The property roll capital charge proposal was developed to treat all customers fairly, reflect the true cost to provide that service, and to protect CVWD's financial stability and its ability to provide the same level of service in the future.

What is a property roll capital charge? Public benefits such as schools, libraries, vector control, flood control, parks & recreation and more are funded in part through annual assessments included on the property roll charged to property owners.

This Notice Is To:

- Inform you about the proposed property roll increase
- Share how you can participate in the process
- Invite you to attend the public hearing at which time the proposed capital charge will be considered

About The District

The Crescenta Valley Water District was formed as the Crescenta Valley County Water District on December 14, 1950, by the vote of local residents. The District is located in the Crescenta Valley area of Los Angeles County in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, between the San Fernando and San Gabriel valleys.

The District provides water distribution and sewage collection within its boundaries to the unincorporated communities of La Crescenta, Montrose and Verdugo City as well as a small portion of the City of La Canada-Flintridge. The District currently provides water to more than 8,000 accounts representing a population of approximately 32,000.



Our Mission

To provide quality water and wastewater services to the Crescenta Valley community in a dependable and economically responsible manner.



Our Vision

Secure sustainable water supplies and ensure infrastructure reliability, while furthering our commitment to accountability, transparency and cost-effectiveness.

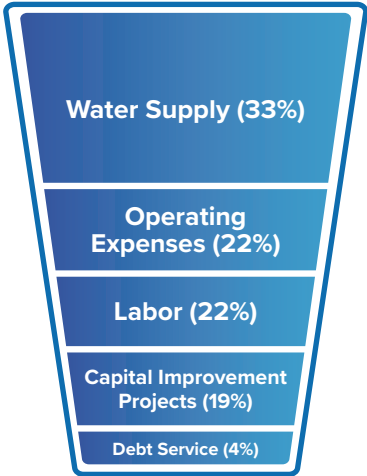
Questions?

This notice is also available on the CVWD website, www.cvwd.com. CVWD staff can assist in answering any questions between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you have questions or need additional information, please call CVWD at (818) 248-3925 or email feedback@cvwd.com.

CVWD Behind the Tap

When people turn on their faucet or flush their toilet, they probably aren't aware of everything that CVWD does behind the scenes to keep that water flowing. When you pay your water bill, you're paying to install, operate, maintain and improve our water system. While every effort is made by CVWD to find improved efficiencies and reduce expenses, the costs to provide reliable and sustainable water service involves many factors.

- **Water Supply:** CVWD utilizes two water sources including 60% groundwater from the Verdugo Basin and 40% from imported supplies from Northern California and the Colorado River
- **Operating Expenses:** Costs to operate the District and support its daily functions. Including many water quality tests, repairing leaks and maintaining adequate water storage
- **Labor:** Highly specialized staff to support CVWD daily operations, customer services and emergency response
- **Capital Improvement Projects:** Projects to improve and secure our water infrastructure to maintain water quality, reliability and future needs
- **Debt Service:** Costs to repay money borrowed to build existing infrastructure



How Does This Impact Me?

Proposed property roll capital charges are displayed in the tables below. Capital charges are based on the average projected cost of pipeline replacement over the next five years. The Fire Service Meters apital charge is based on the “private” share of fire protection lines that are separately metered, excluding public fire hydrants. The Meter Ratios table displays proposed capital charges based on meter size. Meter ratios represent the differing capacities of various pipe sizes and are established by the American Water Works Association (AWWA). These ratios are used to allocate the cost across varying meter sizes. The vast majority of customers use a 3/4-inch meter, highlighted in green. Accountholders not billed through the property tax roll – e.g. governmental entities such as schools and parks – will receive a separate invoice. Most residential properties do not have fire service meters, which are most commonly used for a separate fire suppression system in larger buildings and complexes. Factors utilized to generate the fee are the total amount of revenue needed, the total number of meters in the system, and the associated capacity. Please see the associated report at www.cvwd.com for further detail. If a customer has more than one meter, the capital meter charges will be combined on the property tax roll.

Capital Charge by Meter Size

Capital charges will appear on the property owner's tax bill

Meter Size	Annual Charge
¾"	\$404.30
1"	\$673.83
1 ½"	\$1,347.66
2"	\$2,156.25
3"	\$4,718.14
4"	\$8,490.23

Fire Service Meters

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Meter Size	Number of Meters	Annual Cost
1"	1	\$6.93
2"	11	\$42.88
3"	2	\$124.55
4"	78	\$265.44
6"	18	\$771.03
8"	6	\$1,643.13
10"	2	\$2,954.88

Meter Ratios

For all customer classes except fire flow service

Potable Meters		
Meter Size	Number of Meters	AWWA Ratio
¾"	7,044	1.00
1"	885	1.67
1 ½"	152	3.33
2"	66	5.33
3"	29	11.67
4"	2	21.00



How Does This Ensure Infrastructure Reliability?

To address needs to fund pipeline replacements, CVWD is proposing a property roll capital charge to generate ongoing dollars. This also promotes revenue stability, which protects the ability to provide infrastructure reliability into the future regardless of external influences such as precipitation and temperature. It is a long-term cost for a long-term benefit.



How Can I Participate?

Crescenta Valley Water District welcomes your input as its Board of Directors considers the changes explained in this notice. If you have questions or comments, you can:

Visit, call, or go online – Information related to the proposed roll increases is available for review at the CVWD Office located at 2700 Foothill Blvd, La Crescenta. You may also obtain information by calling the District at (818) 248-3925 or online at www.CVWD.com

Protest Letters

Any CVWD customer or property owner within the CVWD water service area may file a written protest of the proposed property roll capital charges by sending a letter to: CVWD's main office, 2700 Foothill Boulevard, La Crescenta, CA 91214. A valid protest letter must include your name, a CVWD service address, a statement of protest and an original signature. Only one written protest per parcel, filed by an owner or tenant, will be counted.

For your convenience, there is a protest form available at www.cvwd.com. Electronic submittals of signed protest letters may be scanned and emailed to the District at feedback@cvwd.com.

All protests must be received at the address above no later than **Tuesday, June 13, 2023, by 4:00 p.m.** Protest letters received prior to **Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.** will be included in the agenda package distributed to the Board of Directors and posted online at www.cvwd.com.

Public Hearing Process

The public hearing will be held on **Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** Customers may attend in person or through teleconference. The District will post the information for the public hearing on the District's website. You may call the District at (818)-248-3925 to obtain the information. The Board of Directors will subsequently meet to consider the proposed property roll capital charge. The Board may adopt, reject or modify the proposed capital charge.

The Board cannot legally increase charges more than indicated in this notice. As a public agency, the district cannot collect more than the actual costs associated with providing services to its customers. There is a 120-day statute of limitations for challenging any new, increased, or extended fee or charge.

Any person may make a request for a disability-related modification or accommodation needed for that person to be able to participate in the public meeting by contacting Christy Colby by phone or in writing to the District at (818) 248-3925 or customerservice@cvwd.com. Requests must specify the nature of the disability and the type of accommodation requested. A telephone number or other contact information should be included so that District staff may discuss appropriate arrangements. Persons requesting a disability-related accommodation should make the request with adequate time before the meeting for the District to provide the requested accommodation.