

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING



### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED RATE ADJUSTMENTS TO INLAND EMPIRE BRINE LINE WASTEWATER SERVICE FEES**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the Board of Directors of Jurupa Community Services District (“JCSD”) will conduct a Public Hearing on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to consider the adoption of rate adjustments to JCSD’s wastewater service fees for wastewater customers connected to the Inland Empire Brine Line (“IEBL”) system. The vast majority of JCSD’s wastewater customers are not affected by the proposed changes, which pertain solely to approximately 135 industrial and commercial wastewater accounts connected to the IEBL system. Details of the date, time and location of the Public Hearing are set forth below.

**Public Hearing Date and Time:** December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

**Public Hearing Location:** Jurupa Community Services District  
Board Room  
11201 Harrel Street  
Jurupa Valley, CA 91752

**This notice is being provided to property owners and customers who have been identified as wastewater customers within the JCSD service area.**

**This notice describes the following:**

- **Which wastewater customers are affected by the proposed rate changes**
- **Reasons and basis for the proposed IEBL wastewater rate structure changes**
- **Proposed rates for IEBL wastewater service fees**

## **Affected Customers**

JCSD provides wastewater service to single-family residential, multi-family residential, institutional, commercial, and industrial accounts within its sewer service area. For the vast majority of customers, wastewater discharges to the sewer system are collected by the District and transported to one of two local treatment plants operated by the City of Riverside and the Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority. These customers are not affected by the proposed rate changes.

Approximately 135 of JCSD's industrial and commercial wastewater accounts are connected to a separate wastewater collection and treatment system, referred to herein as the Inland Empire Brine Line (IEBL) system. The IEBL system transports high-strength industrial wastewater discharges from the Inland Empire to Orange County for treatment and disposal to the Pacific Ocean. JCSD's IEBL customers either 1) produce high-strength wastewater that exceeds the limits of the two local treatment plants, or 2) are located in close proximity to the IEBL pipeline, thus making it more efficient to connect to the IEBL system than to the two local treatment plants. Only IEBL customers are affected by the proposed rate changes.

## **Reasons for Proposed Changes**

JCSD is charged by Western Municipal Water District (WMWD) for use of the IEBL system. JCSD currently passes through all IEBL-related charges from WMWD to its approximately 135 IEBL customer accounts using a highly complex and administratively burdensome cost allocation model. This approach to determine IEBL customer bills is time-consuming, drives up the cost of service and, despite its complexity, is limited in precision because most IEBL customers are not routinely sampled to monitor the strength of wastewater discharges.

JCSD is proposing implementing a revised rate structure that simplifies the process and more closely aligns with how non-IEBL customers are charged for wastewater service throughout the rest of the JCSD service area. The key benefits of the proposed changes include:

- Improved fairness between monitored and non-monitored IEBL customers
- More certainty in future bills for non-monitored customers
- Improved alignment of non-IEBL and IEBL rate structures
- Simplification of the IEBL customer billing processes
- More efficient use of JCSD staff time

## **Proposed Changes to Wastewater Rate Structure**

The current and proposed wastewater rate structures are summarized below in Table 1. No rate structure changes are proposed for non-IEBL customers. For IEBL customers, the proposed rate structure is different for "monitored" customers (who are routinely sampled to measure wastewater strength) and "non-monitored" customers (who are not routinely sampled). Proposed "Fixed IEBL Treatment/Pipeline Charges" and "Variable IEBL Charges" are designed to recover actual IEBL-related charges from WMWD. Proposed "Fixed IEBL Service Charges" are designed to recover JCSD costs associated with providing collection service to IEBL customers.

**Table 1: Proposed Changes to Wastewater Rate Structure**

| Customer Type                       | Current Rate Structure  | Proposed Rate Structure  |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Non-IEBL Customers</b>           | 1) Fixed Service Charge per EDU <sup>1</sup><br>2) Volumetric Rate per HCF <sup>2</sup> of metered water use <sup>3</sup>                             | <b>SAME AS CURRENT (UNAFFECTED)</b>  |
| <b>Monitored IEBL Customers</b>     | 1) Fixed Service Charge per EDU <sup>4</sup><br>2) Pass-through of IEBL-related charges from WMWD based on customer-specific cost allocations in SIBS | 1) Fixed IEBL Service Charge per EDU <sup>5</sup><br>2) Fixed IEBL Treatment/Pipeline Charge per EDU<br>3) Variable IEBL Charges:<br>-a) Flow Charge per million gallons<br>-b) BOD <sup>6</sup> Charge per pound of BOD<br>-c) TSS <sup>7</sup> Charge per pound of TSS |
| <b>Non-Monitored IEBL Customers</b> | 1) Fixed Service Charge per EDU <sup>8</sup><br>2) Pass-through of IEBL-related charges from WMWD based on customer-specific cost allocations in SIBS | 1) Fixed IEBL Service Charge per EDU <sup>9</sup><br>2) Fixed IEBL Treatment/Pipeline Charge per EDU<br>3) Variable IEBL Charges:<br>-Commodity Rate per HCF of water  |

**Proposed IEBL Wastewater Rates**

No changes to adopted FY 2024 rates are proposed for non-IEBL customers. For IEBL, proposed FY 2024 rates are shown in Table 2 below.

**Table 2: Proposed Fixed Monthly Wastewater Service Charge**

| Proposed FY 2024 IEBL Wastewater Rates (Effective January 1, 2024) | Monitored Customers | Non-Monitored Customers |
|--|---------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Fixed Charges</b>   |                     |                         |
| IEBL Fixed Monthly Service Charge (per EDU)                        | \$23.74             | \$13.64                 |
| IEBL Fixed Monthly Treatment/Pipeline Charge (per EDU)             | \$11.42             | \$11.42                 |
|  |                     |                         |
| <b>Variable Charges</b>  |                     |                         |
| Non-Monitored IEBL Commodity Rate (per HCF)                        | N/A                 | \$3.11                  |
| WMWD Flow Charge (per million gallons)                             | \$1,138             | N/A                     |
| WMWD BOD Charge (per pound of BOD)                                 | \$0.3707            | N/A                     |

<sup>1</sup> JCSD defines an equivalent dwelling unit (“EDU”) as the wastewater generated by an average single-family residential customer in gallons per day.

<sup>2</sup> HCF = one hundred cubic feet

<sup>3</sup> Capped at 8 hundred cubic feet per EDU per month for single-family residential, multi-family residential, and institutional customers

<sup>4</sup> Same as the Fixed Service Charge for non-IEBL customers

<sup>5</sup> Distinct from the Fixed Service Charge for non-IEBL customers

<sup>6</sup> Biochemical Oxygen Demand

<sup>7</sup> Total Suspended Solids

<sup>8</sup> Same as the Fixed Service Charge for non-IEBL customers

<sup>9</sup> Distinct from the Fixed Service Charge for non-IEBL customers

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| WMWD TSS Charge (per pound of TSS) | \$0.5460 | N/A |
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### Public Hearing on Proposed Rate Adjustments

As noted above, a Public Hearing will be held on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the proposed adjustments to the District’s rates for IEBL wastewater service.

Any affected property owner, or any tenant directly responsible for the payment of wastewater fees (customer of record), may submit a written protest to the proposed rate adjustments. Only one protest will be counted per identified parcel.

A written protest must:

1. Identify which rate the property owner or customer is protesting;
2. Provide the location of the identified parcel (by assessor’s parcel number or street address); and
3. Include the name and signature of the property owner or customer of record submitting the protest.

Any written protest may be submitted by mail or in person to the Secretary of JCSD at 11201 Harrel Street, Jurupa Valley, California 91752, or at the Public Hearing, so long as it is received prior to the conclusion of the Public Hearing. **Any protest submitted via email or other electronic means will not be accepted.** Please state on the front of the envelope of any protest, whether mailed or submitted in person to the JCSD Secretary, **Attention: IEBL Wastewater Rate Adjustments.**

The Board of Directors will hear and consider all written and oral protests to the proposed rate adjustments at the Public Hearing. Oral comments at the Public Hearing will not qualify as formal protests under Proposition 218 unless accompanied by a written protest. Upon the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the Board of Directors will consider adopting the proposed rates. If written protests against the proposed rates do not represent a majority of the parcels affected by the proposed rates, the Board of Directors will be legally authorized to adopt the proposed rates. If approved, the rate changes will become effective with invoices for service beginning on or after January 1, 2024. Per California law (Government Code section 53759) there is a 120-day statute of limitations from the effective date of the resolution or ordinance adopting the rates to challenge any of the rates described herein.

For further details regarding the basis and rationale for the proposed rate adjustments for wastewater service, or for any questions you may have regarding the proposed wastewater fees that will be imposed on your parcel, please contact JCSD via e-mail at [info@jcsd.us](mailto:info@jcsd.us) or contact JCSD’s Finance Office at (951) 685-7434. Please note on any written communication: Attention: IEBL Wastewater Rate Adjustments.