



## PROPOSITION 218 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO WATER RATES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Tehachapi City Council at 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on Monday, December 21, 2015 in the Board Room of the Wells Education Center located at 300 South Robinson Street, Tehachapi, California, for the purpose of considering changes to water rates. The new rates, if adopted, will go into effect on January 1, 2016. In compliance with Proposition 218, affected property owners are hereby informed of the proposed changes to water rates.

The City recently completed a comprehensive water rate study (the "Report") of the revenues and expenditures for the water enterprise fund to ensure sufficient revenues are collected to provide for the short and long term water service needs of the community. The Report by AECOM issued in August, 2015, is available for review at the Tehachapi City Hall, 115 South Robinson Street, Tehachapi, California and on the City's website at [www.liveuptehachapi.com](http://www.liveuptehachapi.com). The Report found that the present level of revenue is insufficient to meet anticipated expenses and so the attached changes are proposed.

The City has two water service zones. Zone A represents areas with ground water rights as a part of the ground water adjudication. Zone B represents areas without rights to groundwater. The City also has established water rates for water service outside of its corporate boundaries (although no such service is presently provided) and proposes to increase those rates. The City also proposes a charge for taking water from fire hydrants. The rate changes include both increases and decreases in the monthly "ready to serve" charges depending upon meter type and size. This ready to serve charge is the base charge for water service and includes a customer's first 4,000 gallons of water used each month.. The proposal also replaces the tiered usage rates in each zone or area with a single usage rate. **Attachment 1** to this notice shows the proposed rates.

Additionally, each year's rates will be increased by the Consumer Price Index as previously established by the City. If you have questions regarding this notice or how it may affect your property, call 661-822-2200 from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM or email City staff at [ckirk@tehachapicityhall.com](mailto:ckirk@tehachapicityhall.com).

PUBLIC COMMENT and protests will be accepted in writing before the hearing date indicated above by the City Clerk, at City Hall located at 115 South Robinson Street, Tehachapi, California 93561. Any interested person including property owners, may appear at the hearing and be heard to protest against the changes. Written protests to the proposed changes must be delivered in writing prior to the conclusion of the public hearing on December 21, 2015. All written protests must identify the assessor's parcel number, identify the address of the parcel and include the name and signature of the property owner submitting the protest. If written protests are received from a majority of property owners of the affected parcels, the proposed rate changes will not be approved.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tori Marsh". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

TORI MARSH, CITY CLERK  
CITY OF TEHACHAPI, CA