



# NOTICE OF PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASES

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**Public Hearing 9:00 a.m. May 27, 2026 at 1036 West Main Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945**

Nevada Irrigation District (District) is notifying all property owners and water customers of the proposed changes to treated and irrigation water rates. This notice explains the proposed rate changes and includes information on how you can participate in the public hearing for the proposed rate increase. You can learn more at <https://www.nidwater.com/nid-water-rate-adjustments>.

For more than a century, the District has provided dependable water service to customers in Placer, Nevada, and Yuba Counties. Maintaining this service requires ongoing investment in water supply reliability, infrastructure maintenance, regulatory compliance, and responsible financial management.

The District hired an independent water rate consultant to evaluate current customer demands, revenues, operating expenses, capital infrastructure needs, and financial reserves, and recommend rates that proportionally recover projected costs. The results of this analysis are presented in the 2026 Cost of Service Study.

## Why NID Is Proposing to Adjust Water Rates

The District has done its best to contain costs since it last raised rates in 2021. However, like many businesses, households, and other public agencies, the District has experienced increases in expenses related to regulations, labor, materials, chemicals, utilities, insurance, and other essential services needed to operate and maintain the water system.

Having completed the Plan for Water process to address our community's future water needs, the District must continue investing in the repair and replacement of aging infrastructure to ensure reliable water delivery now and in the future, to protect water quality and the environment, and to mitigate the effects of climate change and potential natural disasters. In addition, the District has identified several significant infrastructure projects that must be completed, the largest and most immediate being repairs and upgrades to the Scotts Flat Reservoir Spillway, which is projected to cost \$55 million.

## Proposed Treated Water Rates

The District is proposing to phase in a series of annual water rate increases over the next five years, with the maximum allowable rates being those shown in the following table. Proposed treated water rates will be effective on January 1<sup>st</sup> from 2027 through 2031. The proposed rates for customers receiving treated water service include:

- A monthly fixed service charge based on a customer's meter size. The District is proposing to discontinue the "Additional Regulatory Fee" currently included on customers' bills.
- A single, volumetric rate per unit of water used. The District is proposing to eliminate two volumetric rate tiers and instead charge the same amount for every unit of treated water used.



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Treated Water Rates Effective:	Jan. 1, 2027	Jan. 1, 2028	Jan. 1, 2029	Jan. 1, 2030	Jan. 1, 2031	
	<i>Existing</i>	<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Proposed</i>	
<b>Inside District Monthly Fixed Service Charges (\$ per Meter per Month)</b>						
5/8inch	\$29.33	\$32.69	\$36.78	\$41.38	\$46.55	\$52.37
3/4inch	44.00	49.05	55.18	62.08	69.84	78.57
1inch	73.34	81.74	91.96	103.46	116.39	130.94
1.5 inch	146.67	163.49	183.93	206.92	232.79	261.89
2 inch	234.68	261.57	294.27	331.05	372.43	418.98
3 inch	469.35	523.16	588.56	662.13	744.90	838.01
4inch	733.36	817.44	919.62	1,034.57	1,163.89	1,309.38
6inch	1,466.72	1,634.86	1,839.22	2,069.12	2,327.76	2,618.73
8inch	2,346.75	2,615.78	2,942.75	3,310.59	3,724.41	4,189.96
<b>Outside District Monthly Fixed Service Charges (\$ per Meter per Month)</b>						
5/8inch	36.67	43.16	48.56	54.63	61.46	69.14
3/4inch	55.00	64.73	72.82	81.92	92.16	103.68
1inch	91.67	107.89	121.38	136.55	153.62	172.82
1.5 inch	183.34	215.76	242.73	273.07	307.20	345.60
2 inch	293.34	345.22	388.37	436.92	491.54	552.98
3 inch	586.69	690.45	776.76	873.86	983.09	1,105.98
4inch	916.70	1,078.82	1,213.67	1,365.38	1,536.05	1,728.06
6inch	1,833.40	2,157.64	2,427.35	2,730.77	3,072.12	3,456.14
8inch	2,933.44	3,452.22	3,883.75	4,369.22	4,915.37	5,529.79
<b>Additional Monthly Regulatory Fee</b>						
All Customers	1.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Inside District Volumetric Rates (\$ per HCF) Proposed Rate 1 Tier Only</b>						
Tier 1 (0-5 HCF)	2.42					
Tier 2 (>5 HCF)	3.13					
Proposed (\$ per HCF)		3.21	3.61	4.06	4.57	5.14
<b>Outside District Volumetric Rates (\$ per HCF) Proposed Rate One Tier Only</b>						
Tier 1 (0-5 HCF)	3.03					
Tier 2 (>5 HCF)	3.91					
Proposed (\$ per HCF)		4.26	4.79	5.39	6.06	6.82



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## Proposed Irrigation Water Rates

The District is proposing to phase in a series of annual water rate increases over the next five years, with the maximum allowable rates being those shown in the table below. Proposed irrigation water rates will be effective on January 1<sup>st</sup> from 2027 through 2031. The proposed rates for customers receiving irrigation water service include:

- A seasonal, fixed service charge per customer.
- A seasonal, volumetric rate per miner’s inch.

Raw Water Rates Effective:	Jan. 1,	Jan. 1,	Jan. 1,	Jan. 1,	Jan. 1,
	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
	<i>Existing</i>	<i>Projected</i>	<i>Projected</i>	<i>Projected</i>	<i>Projected</i>

### Fixed Service Charges (\$ per Customer per Season)

In-District						
Summer	570.99	660.60	743.18	836.08	940.59	1,058.16
Winter	713.73	807.14	908.03	1,021.53	1,149.22	1,292.87
Annual	1,284.72	1,467.74	1,651.21	1,857.61	2,089.81	2,351.04
Out-District						
Summer	713.73	1,151.87	1,295.85	1,457.83	1,640.06	1,845.07
Winter	890.74	1,298.41	1,460.71	1,643.30	1,848.71	2,079.80

### Volumetric Rates (\$ per Miners Inch)

In-District						
Summer	336.48	393.50	442.69	498.03	560.28	630.32
Winter	420.61	478.78	538.63	605.96	681.71	766.92
Annual	757.09	872.28	981.32	1,103.99	1,241.99	1,397.24
Out-District						
Summer	420.61	1,560.03	1,755.03	1,974.41	2,221.21	2,498.86
Winter	524.91	1,639.73	1,844.70	2,075.29	2,334.70	2,626.54

### Volumetric Rates (\$ per Acre Foot)

Inside Municipal	296.79	104.25	117.28	131.94	148.43	166.98
Outside Municipal	370.99	233.82	263.05	295.93	332.92	374.54

### Pumping Charges (\$ per Acre Foot)

Magnolia #3	62.94	47.93	47.97	48.01	48.05	48.09
Edgewood Ditch	15.58	14.39	14.43	14.47	14.51	14.55



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## How to Participate

These proposed increases in water rates are considered property-related fees and charges governed by section 6 of Article XIII D of the California Constitution, Government Code sections 53751 et seq. and 53759 et seq., and other applicable laws, collectively known as Proposition 218. There are multiple ways that property owners and customers subject to the proposed rates, as well as any other interested members of the public, may participate in the Proposition 218 process.

- **Learn About the Proposed Rate Change** - Information on the District's water rates, the written basis, including the 2026 Cost of Service Study, is available at <https://www.nidwater.com/nid-water-rate-adjustments>.
- **Participate in the Public Hearing** - On May 27, 2026, beginning at 9:00 a.m., the District's Board of Directors will hold a public hearing to receive public feedback, including written protests, on the proposed rates.
- **Submit a Written Protest** - Proposition 218 is subject to a "majority protest" process where any property owner or customer may submit one written protest per parcel of the proposed rate increase. Immediately following the close of the public hearing on May 27, 2026, protests will be counted, and if a majority of the parcels subject to the proposed rate increases have submitted valid protests, then the rates will not be implemented. Additional details on submitting a protest are set forth below.
- **Submit a Written Objection** - Parties that wish to preserve the ability to legally challenge the rate change must submit a timely written objection by 5:00 p.m. on May 11, 2026. Failure to object in writing in a timely manner bars any right to challenge the rates in a legal proceeding. This is known as Proposition 218's exhaustion of administrative remedies requirement and is a separate legal requirement from the written protest. Additional details on submitting a written objection are set forth below.

## How to Submit a Written Objection to Proposed Rates

Pursuant to Government Code section 53759.1, any person or entity that may wish to challenge any new, increased, or extended rates adopted, modified, or amended by Nevada Irrigation District pursuant to this Notice must first exhaust administrative remedies. All substantive and procedural requirements for submitting a written objection are set forth in this Notice and the written objection form.

To exhaust administrative remedies, you must do the following:

1. Obtain a written objection form and complete all portions of the form. Oral objections will not be considered. Written objection forms are available at <https://www.nidwater.com/nid-water-rate-adjustments> and will be mailed to any interested party upon request by contacting the District at (530) 273-6185 and
2. Submit the completed written objection in a timely manner, no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 11, 2026, to 1036 West Main Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945 or by hand delivery during normal business hours at the same address. Mailed objection forms must be received (not postmarked) by 5:00 p.m. on May 11, 2026. Failure to object in writing in a timely manner bars any right to challenge the rates through a legal proceeding. Late-filed, non-compliant, or incomplete written objections will not be considered as satisfying the exhaustion of administrative remedies requirement.



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Prior to the public hearing on May 27, 2026, the District’s Board of Directors will review written objections and determine whether (1) amendments or clarifications are necessary; (2) to reduce the proposed new rates; (3) to review further prior to making a determination; or (4) to proceed with the public hearing. Pursuant to Government Code section 53759.1, subdivision (c)(2), the District has posted at [nidwater.com/nid-water-rate-adjustments](http://nidwater.com/nid-water-rate-adjustments) the written basis for the rates, including a copy of the 2026 Cost of Service Study. Additionally, the written basis will be mailed to any person upon request by contacting the District at (530) 273-6185.

## How to Protest Proposed Rates

Proposition 218 allows property owners or customers to file one written protest per parcel subject to the proposed rates in this Notice. Written protests must be received (not postmarked) by the District no later than the close of the public hearing on May 27, 2026. A sample protest form is available at <https://www.nidwater.com/nid-water-rate-adjustments> and will be mailed to any interested party upon request by contacting the District at (530) 273-6185. However, property owners/customers are not required to use the sample protest form. Although this notice is sent to both property owners and the customer identified on the account (if different), only one protest may be cast per parcel.

Every written protest must include all the following to be considered valid:

1. Customer or property owner name;
2. Parcel Number or street address(es) of all property(ies) serviced for which protest is made;
3. Original signature of property owner or water customer; and
4. Statement in opposition to the rate proposal.

Protests must be submitted in a timely manner by mail or in person only to the following address (oral protests or protests submitted by email or other electronic means are not accepted and will not be counted):

Nevada Irrigation District – Kris Stepanian, Board Secretary

1036 West Main Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945

At the conclusion of the public hearing, protests will be publicly counted and validated. If a majority protest exists, the District’s Board of Directors cannot proceed with the proposed rate change. However, if a majority protest does not exist, the District has the authority to adopt the proposed rates, which would take effect on January 1, 2027.

***Pursuant to Government Code section 53759, there is a 120-day statute of limitations for any judicial action or proceeding challenging any new, increased, or extended rate, fee, or charge that is subject to this Notice.***