

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, there will be a public hearing on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the regular meeting location of the Board, 6530 Mirabel Road, Forestville, California to allow the public to register protests on the following proposed new rates for metered customers:

Proposed increases of Water Connection Fees, Water Bi-Monthly Rates, and Sewer Service Rates and Connection Fees, based on increases of the cost of providing services and equipment.

**(1.) ADOPTION OF "WATER CONNECTION" ORDINANCE NUMBER 88:**

(a.) Proposed increase to Water Connection Fee to be **effective as of July 1, 2026**, as follows:

Meter Size	Current Connection Fee	Proposed Connection Fee
3/4 inch	\$5,670.00	<b>\$6,120.00</b>
1-inch	\$10,430.00	<b>\$11,023.00</b>
1 1/2-inch	\$19,981.00	<b>\$21,009.00</b>
2-inch	\$30,337.00	<b>\$31,802.00</b>

**(2.) ADOPTION OF "WATER RATES" ORDINANCE NUMBER 89:**

Proposed increase for both the fixed and variable portions of the District's water rates. These rate increases will be **effective June 26, 2026**. If passed, the water rate increase would affect the rates for metered potable water for residential and non-residential customers. The proposed tier rate increase is also necessary to offset the increased costs imposed on the District by Sonoma Water for the purchase of water for Forestville Water District customers.

- Fixed Bi-Monthly Charge:** Proposed increase from \$34.98 to **\$38.13** per EDU\*\*
- Volumetric Charges\*:** Proposed **increase** for each tier as follows:

Tier Charges	2025-2026	2026-2027
Tier 1 Usage Charge (0-12,000 gallons*)	\$8.27/1,000 gallons	<b>\$9.01/1,000 gallons</b>
Tier 2 Usage Charge (12,001-23,000 gallons*)	\$10.33/1,000 gallons	<b>\$11.26/1,000 gallons</b>
Tier 3 Usage Charge (23,001+ gallons)	\$12.41/1000 gallons	<b>\$13.53/1000 gallons</b>

\* Volumetric charges – Each customer shall be billed based upon the actual volume of water being used. Additionally, the volumetric charges for water will be charged at different billing rates based upon water usage. As presented on the table in the Ordinance, the cost of water shall increase as the bi-monthly usage passes pre-determined Tier thresholds of 12,000 gallons and 23,000 gallons.

**Multi-family Residential & Non-Residential Customers:** For multi-family residential customers, the District's water rate structure considers the number of individual dwelling units (EDUs) on the property and applies individual fixed fee allocations and tier threshold amounts based on the number of EDUs. For non-residential customers, the District considers the use type to establish an EDU equivalent. Like multi-family customers, the District applies individual fixed fee allocations and tier threshold amounts based on the number of EDUs assigned.

The total charges for your account will be different to those shown below. To calculate the charges for your account, use the water consumption shown on your bi-monthly water bills as a reference.

Single Family Example (1 EDU)

Factor	Measurement	Charge
Fixed Charge	Per (1) EDU**	\$38.13
Tier 1 Usage Charge	6,000 gallons x \$9.01/1,000 gallons	\$54.06
Tier 2 Usage Charge	0 gallons x \$11.26/1,000 gallons	\$0.00
Tier 3 Usage Charge	0 gallons x \$13.53/1,000 gallons	\$0.00
Fixed + Sum of Usage Charge	\$38.13 + \$54.06	
<b>TOTAL BI-MONTHLY BILLING</b>		<b>\$92.19</b>

Multi EDU Example (2 EDUs)

Factor	Measurement	Charge
Fixed Charge	Per (2) EDU**	\$76.26
Tier 1 Usage Charge	7000 gallons x \$9.01/1,000 gallons for 1 EDU 8000 gallons x 9.01/1,000 gallons for 1 EDU	\$63.07 \$72.08
Tier 2 Usage Charge	0 gallons x \$11.26/1,000 gallons	\$0.00
Tier 3 Usage Charge	0 gallons x \$13.53/1,000 gallons	\$0.00
Fixed + Sum of Usage Charge	(\$38.13 x 2) + \$63.07+72.08	
<b>TOTAL BI-MONTHLY BILLING</b>		<b>\$211.41</b>

\*\*Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) A residential structure designed for occupancy by one (1) household with permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation. Includes: Prefabricated, factory-built and manufactured homes. Equivalent Dwelling Unit and abbreviation EDU has been selected to differentiate from the term Equivalent Standard Dwelling and abbreviation ESD, which is already in use to describe sewer customers serviced by the District.

**(3.) ADOPTION OF "SEWER" ORDINANCE NUMBER 90:**

(a.) **SEWER RATES for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 based on Winter Water Use and the cost of providing services:** Annual Sewer Direct Charges are based on **up to four (4) factors:** (1.) **Fixed Charge** – per water meter size for each property; (2.) **Usage Charge** – based on water use per property during bi-monthly billing periods of November/December + January/February each year; (3.) **Debt Service Charge** per property for repayment of debt for use of Sewer System; and (4.) **High Strength Surcharge** for commercial and industrial uses whose wastewater strengths exceed threshold values for influent loading to the treatment plant. The method for determining Sewer Rates will not change; however, certain of the charges factored into the Sewer Rates are proposed to increase or change as follows effective **July 1, 2026:**

- Annual Fixed Charge:** Proposed **increase** for each meter size as follows:

Meter Size	2025-2026 Annual Fixed Charge	2026-2027 Annual Fixed Charge
1-inch & Smaller	\$1,056.64	<b>\$1,120.04</b>
1.5-inch	\$6,086.24	<b>\$6,451.41</b>
2-inch	\$10,820.00	<b>\$11,469.20</b>
3-inch	\$24,344.98	<b>\$25,805.68</b>

2. **Annual Usage Charges:** Proposed increase from \$21.76 to **\$23.06** for each 1,000 gallons of wastewater discharged to the sewer annually. The cap for usage charges for single-family residential properties will increase from \$2,271.74 to **\$2,407.46** (based on three times of last year's (March 1, 2024- February 28, 2025) median single-family residential annual usage of 34,800 gallons).
3. **High Strength Surcharge:** Proposed **increase** for each high strength constituent as follows:

Constituent	2025-2026 Surcharge Rate	2026-2027 Surcharge Rate
BOD	\$1.43 / lb.	<b>\$1.52 / lb.</b>
TSS	\$2.19 / lb.	<b>\$2.33 / lb.</b>

4. **Annual Service Charge:** Proposed **increase** for properties with no water meter from \$1,704.42 per ESD to **\$1,806.68 per ESD.**

(b.) A sample calculation for the annual Sewer Charges for a typical single family residential customer is shown below. **It is for illustrative purposes only.**

The total sewer charges for **your account will be different** than those shown below. To calculate the sewer charges for your account, use the meter size and winter water use shown on your bi-monthly water bills for November/December 2025 and January/February 2026.

Factor	Measurement	Charge
Fixed Charge	¾" meter	<b>\$1,120.04</b>
Total Winter Water Use, November through February	12,000 gallons (gal.)	NA
Monthly Wastewater Discharged to Sewer	12,000 gal. ÷ 4 = 3,000 gal.	NA
Annual Wastewater Discharged to Sewer	3,000 gal. x 12 = 36,000 gal.	NA
Usage Charge	36,000 gal. x \$23.06 per 1,000 gal.	\$830.16
Debt Service Charge (Forestville Central only)*	1 ESD x \$396.00 per ESD	\$396.00*
	<b>*** SAMPLE ONLY*** TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,346.20</b>

\*Mirabel Heights Customers pay a debt service charge as an independent line item on their property tax bill.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that at said time, date and place there will be a hearing held pursuant to California Health & Safety Code Section 5473 to allow the public to review the Ordinance set for adoption by the Board of Directors during their May 12, 2026, Board Meeting. Anyone wishing to review it may do so by stopping by any of the following locations where notices will be posted:

1. Forestville Water District, 6530 Mirabel Road, Forestville, CA 95436
2. Community Bulletin Board (Located between 6661 & 6665 Front Street, Forestville CA 95436)
3. US Post Office, 6484 Mirabel Road, Forestville CA 95436

Alternatively, for a reasonable fee of \$5.00 (to cover the photocopy and handling costs) a copy of the proposed Ordinance may be obtained by stopping by the District office described above during normal business hours.

Written protests may be delivered at the Public Hearing or mailed in advance of the Public Hearing to:

[info@forestvillewd.com](mailto:info@forestvillewd.com)

Board of Directors

Forestville Water District

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