

El Macero County Service Area

PROP 218 ELECTION FOR WATER SERVICE INCREASE

Why is a fee increase needed in El Macero?

- The El Macero County Service Area (CSA) receives its water from the City of Davis. Effective November 1, 2014, the City adopted a new rate structure that includes annual water rate increases through 2019. The City of Davis is the provider of the services through a 1977 water service agreement with the CSA. The CSA has been paying the same price for water services as a City of Davis resident would within the City. **This will not change with the new fee increase.**

Why did the City of Davis raise its water fees?

- The City has partnered with the City of Woodland to form the Woodland-Davis Clean Water Agency. The agency is responsible for the completion of a \$228 million dollar project to supply both cities with a clean reliable source of water. The increased fees will fund the construction of a new intake on the Sacramento River, a new water treatment plant, and pipelines and other infrastructure to bring 12 million gallons of water per day to the City of Davis.
- In addition to funding Davis' portion of the regional water supply project, the rate increases provide funds for necessary additional capital improvements, operations and maintenance, and other increased costs of providing water service.

What happens next?

- All property owners within the CSA should have received a "Notice of Proposed Fee Increase Proceedings and Public Hearing" via US Mail. If you have not received this notice please call (530) 666-8775.
- The Yolo County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to consider the proposed fee increase on **July 28, 2015 at 9 am**. The meeting will be held in the Board Chambers at 625 Court Street in Woodland. The Board will receive public comments and will count any ballots received in protest of the proposed increase.

What if the Proposition 218 election is unsuccessful?

- Should ballots protesting the fee increase exceed 50% plus 1 (a simple majority) of the parcels in the CSA the 218 election will be unsuccessful, and the future of City water deliveries to El Macero residents would be uncertain.
- The El Macero CSA will not be able to collect enough revenue to pay the City's charges for water delivery and maintenance. Per the water service agreement (Agreement No. 77-90) between the County and City, the agreement terminates automatically after one (1) year of non-payment.

Additional Resources

- Yolo County: www.yolocounty.org
- City of Davis: www.water.cityofdavis.org
- Woodland-Davis Clean Water Agency: www.wdcwa.com