Wynola Water District
PO Box 193
Santa Ysabel, CA 92070

PROPOSITION 218 NOTIFICATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TREATED WATER RATE INCREASES

This notice is intended to inform you that the Wynola Water District (WD) will hold a public hearing regarding the proposed five-year water rate schedule for properties receiving Wynola WD Water Service. The new rates will be considered by Wynola WD Board of Directors on Saturday, November 14, 2026, at 9am at Santa Ysabel Nature Center, 22135 CA – 79, Santa Ysabel, CA in the Meeting Room.

BASIS FOR THE PROPOSED RATES

Wynola WD provides water utility service to 86 customers. The water utility is intended to be financially self-sufficient with funding for operating and capital expenses derived primarily from water sales. A financial rate study conducted by an independent consultant details the operations and maintenance and capital improvement needs for the water utility over the next 5 years. The study outlines the necessary rate adjustments needed to allow the District to keep pace with rising costs and to fund long-term capital improvements, including outstanding invoices for well improvements.

PROPOSED 5-YEAR SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES

The District currently charges all treated water customers a quarterly fixed charge plus a quarterly consumption rate based on the amount of water consumed. The proposed rates have been re-aligned based on the current fixed and volumetric costs of providing water service. Because the maintenance fee reflects fixed costs that the water system faces, all customers with water service will now pay the fixed rates. While meter reading occurs quarterly, customers will now have the option to pay rates monthly.

The proposed water rate schedule below would be effective January 1, 2027, and January 1 of each following year through 2031.

Five-Year Schedule of Proposed Rates

		1/1/2027	**1/1/2028**	**1/1/2029***	**1/1/2030***	**1/1/2031***
	Current	Restructured				
Fixed Charges						
All Customers (Quarterly)	$190.57	$335.98	$403.18	$443.50	$487.85	$536.63
All Customers (Monthly)	$63.52	$111.99	$134.39	$147.83	$162.62	$178.88
Volumetric Rate ($/ccf)	$13.03	$12.26	$14.71	$16.18	$17.80	$19.58

**Wynola WD received grant funds to improve and upgrade the District's infrastructure to comply with current regulations. Construction is estimated to be completed in 2028. Because of these upgrades, the system may face further increases to operations and maintenance costs. Additional rate increases may be considered during this timeframe, at which time a new notice may be mailed.*

NOTIFICATION OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED RATE INCREASES

Article XIIID of the California State Constitution and the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act requires local government to notify property owners and/or rate payers of proposed water rate increases. The District will hold a Public Hearing at the following address and time:

Date:	**Saturday, November 14, 2026**
Time:	**9am**
Location:	**Santa Ysabel Nature Center, Meeting Room**
	22135 CA – 79, Santa Ysabel, CA

At the time of the public hearing, the District Board will hear and consider all protests and objections concerning these matters and will consider and may adopt the increased rates. To oppose the proposed water rate increases, property owners or tenants may submit written protests prior to the close of the public hearing either by mail or in person at the public hearing. Only one protest per property owner or customer of record will be counted. The mailing address for written protest is PO Box 193, Santa Ysabel, CA 92070.

Written protests must include:

(1) identification of the property involved in the protest by assessor parcel number or address
(2) a statement of protest
(3) signature of the customer or property owner of record

If written protests against the rate adjustments are submitted by more than 50% of the affected properties, the proposed rate adjustments will not be adopted. Only one protest per property will be counted. Pursuant to Government Code section 53759(d), there is a 120-day statute of limitations for challenging the proposed water rates.

For further information regarding the rates and analysis, please refer to the Rate Study which is available for review at the District Office and at https://wynolawaterdistrict.com.

For any questions, call (760) 765-5503 or email info@wynolawater.com