



**Proposition 218 Notification**  
**Notice of Public Hearing**  
**Water Rate Adjustment**

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**DATE: May 15, 2025**

**TIME: 6pm**

**LOCATION: 323 Frazier Mountain Park Road, Lebec CA 93243**

This letter is to advise you that the Lebec County Water District (LCWD) is proposing a water rate adjustment for all users connected to the District's water system. The proposal will be considered by LCWD's Board of Directors at a public hearing on May 15, 2025. All property owners, water customers and other interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and present written and/or oral comments.

**If you have any questions regarding this notice, please call Lebec County Water District Monday through Thursday, between the hours of 8:00am -4:30 pm at (661) 248-6872.**

**BASIS OF PROPOSED RATE ADJUSTMENT**

LCWD is required by State law and Board policy to collect revenues sufficient to fund the current and future costs of operating, maintaining, and administering its existing water facilities, as well as funding capital improvements and an infrastructure replacement program. These revenues allow LCWD to protect public health and safety by reliably conveying and treating water. By State law, LCWD may not charge more than the reasonable estimated cost of providing these services.

Water rates are the primary source of LCWD's revenue to operate its water system and fund necessary upgrades. LCWD's operating costs have increased since the last rate adjustment due to inflation and other factors. Also, due to recent system repairs and replacements, LCWD's reserves have been depleted.

The proposed rates have been developed through a comprehensive Water Rate Study prepared by Self-Help Enterprises. This study describes the basis upon which the proposed rates have been calculated and is available for review by the public on the LCWD website ([lebecwater.com](http://lebecwater.com)). As part of the rate study, a comprehensive review of current expenditures was conducted to maximize available resources and reduce operational costs. Some of the recommended cost-cutting measures included reducing emergency and operating reserve amounts and a comprehensive evaluation of general overhead expenses.

**RATE ADJUSTMENT HEARING PROCEDURE**

State law requires LCWD to conduct a public hearing upon the proposed rate adjustment not less than 45 days after mailing the notice of the rate adjustment to the record owners of each affected parcel. At the hearing, the Board of Directors shall consider all protests against the proposed rate adjustment. If written protests against the proposed rate adjustment are presented by a majority of record owners of the affected parcels, LCWD shall not impose the fee or charge.

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If you are the record owner of an affected parcel, you may submit a written protest against the proposed rate adjustment. Only one written protest will be counted per parcel. Written protests must include:

- Your signature and date
- Your name typed or printed under the signature
- The assessor's parcel number or street address of the property; and
- An affirmation that you are the record owner of the property

Written protests must be delivered in person or mailed to LCWD as follows:

**Delivered in Person**

Lebec County Water District  
323 Frazier Mtn. Park Road,  
Lebec CA 93243

**Delivered by Mail**

Lebec County Water District  
PO Box 910  
Lebec CA 93243

Protests must be received (not postmarked) prior to the close of the public hearing. Written protests will not be accepted by e-mail or fax. (While anyone may submit verbal comments at the hearing, verbal protests are not counted for this purpose.)

LCWD will adopt the proposed rates after the close of the public hearing, provided that written protests have not been received from a majority of owners of the affected parcels. The rates will not exceed the increases in this notice. Actual adoption may occur after the public hearing at a later meeting of the Board of Directors, if additional time is needed to verify and count written protests.

**PROPOSED MONTHLY RATE SCHEDULES**

The proposed water base rate will be increased as set forth on the following table beginning on June 1, 2025, and will increase by 2.2% each year for the next four (4) years. The final adjustment under this schedule will be implemented no later than June 1, 2029.

| Meter Size | Current Monthly Base Charge | Proposed Monthly Base Charge | Current Usage Rate (per CF) | Proposed Usage Rate (per CF) |
|------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 3/4"       | \$54.15                     | \$64.39                      | \$0.029                     | \$0.047                      |
| 1"         | \$90.36                     | \$75.28                      |                             |                              |
| 1 1/2"     | \$180.49                    | \$214.65                     |                             |                              |
| 2"         | \$288.80                    | \$343.43                     |                             |                              |
| 4"         | \$902.54                    | \$1,267.67                   |                             |                              |
| 6"         | N/A                         | \$2,897.72                   | N/A                         |                              |
| 8"         |                             | \$3,434.33                   |                             |                              |
| 10"        |                             | \$6,439.38                   |                             |                              |
| 12"        |                             | \$8,585.84                   |                             |                              |

**ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE FEES**

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| <b>Repair calls after 5:30pm</b> | <b>\$95</b> |
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In an effort to provide transparency, information will be available as noted at LCWD's business office located at 323 Frazier Mtn. Park Road, Lebec CA 93243, and online at [lebecwater.com](http://lebecwater.com).

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