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CCWD presents rate hike reasons to its customers

Calaveras County Water District ratepayers had an opportunity to hear reasons for the district's proposed water and wastewater rate increases and voice their opinions on the issue at a series of community workshops last week.

Those meetings were held in Arnold, Copperopolis and Valley Springs.

If approved, the proposed five-year schedule of water and wastewater rate increases would be implemented Oct. 16.

The proposal, for the first year, calls for a
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The Calaveras County Water District's community meeting Thursday in Valley Springs to talk about proposed water and wastewater increases attracted a large audience. Photo by Robert Thompson.

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20.9 percent increase in the water bill for a vast majority of CCWD customers. The bi-monthly bill for a residence on a 5/8-inch water line using 1,500 cubic feet of water would go from \$138.15 to \$167.08.

The wastewater rate would go from \$210.63 to \$239.39, a 13.7 percent increase.

Over the course of the five years, water rates would double and the sewer rate would increase by 73.4 percent.

Ratepayers wishing to send a letter protesting the proposal must have it reach the CCWD

office before a Sept. 13 public hearing to consider adoption of the rate schedule. Those letters need to be sent to the Board Clerk, 120 Toma Court, San Andreas, CA 95249.

They must include a description of the property, such as street address of the property served or assessor's parcel number, a statement that the letter constitutes a protest to the proposed rate changes specific to water and/or sewer, and signed and dated by the property owner on record. Only one protest for each property will be counted.

If a majority of all property owners file protests, the proposed rate increases will not be imposed.