



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Kerrie Romanow

**SUBJECT: MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM  
RATES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020**

**DATE:** June 5, 2020

Approved

Date

6/8/2020

**COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2, 4, 7, 8**

## **SUPPLEMENTAL**

### **REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL**

This supplemental memorandum reports on the written protests received to date in response to mailed public notices regarding the proposed Municipal Water System rates effective July 1, 2020.

### **BACKGROUND**

Public notices were mailed to 25,740 potable water customers and 238 recycled water customers advising them that a hearing would be held on June 9, 2020, prior to Council consideration of Municipal Water System rates effective July 1, 2020. In accordance with Proposition 218, customers were given at least 45 days in which to file written protests of the proposed rate increase.

### **ANALYSIS**

As of Friday, June 5, 2020, the City Clerk's Office has received 217 protests in response to the potable water public notice, which represents less than one percent (1%) of all customers impacted by the change in water retail rates. The protests received did not offer any specific reason for the protest. The City Clerk's Office has not received any protests in response to the recycled water public notice.

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Protest letters may be submitted through the close of the Public Hearing, and the City Clerk will provide to Council a count of additional protests received subsequent to this memorandum and during the Public Hearing after the hearing is closed.

Staff is not recommending any increase. If Council received a majority protest, however, it could not adopt the rate increase in the notice.

/s/

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