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Board of Directors Triunfo Water & Sanitation District Ventura County, California

## PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR RATE STUDY PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR POTABLE WATER, RECYCLED WATER, AND WASTEWATER ENTERPRISES

## **Summary**

At the August 26, 2019, Triunfo Water & Sanitation District's (District) Board Meeting, your Board approved moving forward with development of an updated financial plan covering 5 years beginning on July 1, 2020. Subsequently, Raftelis was selected to conduct a 5-year rate study for the District's three enterprises, namely, Potable Water (PW), Recycled Water (RW), and Wastewater (WW). The financial planning effort included review of the current billing rates for the District's three utilities PW, RW, and WW, and to make recommendations regarding any rate adjustments that would be necessary to ensure adequate revenues to support District operations and capital needs.

Following two rate study workshops, your Board provided direction to staff and Raftelis regarding the preferred rate adjustment options, and rate implementation, to include in the required public notifications and scheduling of public hearings. In order to ensure timely rate implementation, staff recommends a public hearing date of May 18, 2020. Based on the Board's direction, the proposed rates are as follows:

Prop	osed Increase		Future Annua	l Adjustment	
	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25
Potable Water	6%	6%	6%	4%	4%
Recycled Water	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Wastewater (Sewer Service)	15%	15%	15%	15%	7%

Pursuant with the Proposition 218 process necessary to implement a rate increase by the July 1, 2020 date, and to ensure timely rate implementation, staff has developed the following timeline:

March 23 – 1st reading of the Ordinances setting a public hearing date of May 18, 2020 March 30 – Mail Prop 218 Notification to all impacted stakeholders to begin protest period

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May 18 – Conduct public hearings to consider adoption of the proposed rates for PW, RW, WW

July 1 – Effective date for rate increase implementation for the three utilities

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## **Fiscal Impact**

Approval of the recommended rate adjustments ensures that the District will maintain adequate funding to support District operations and capital projects.

## Recommendation

It is recommended the Board review the preferred rate increases and tentative schedule and direct staff to move the Proposition 218 process forward with a first reading of the three enterprise Ordinances [TWSD-250 (WW), 350 (PW), and 450 (RW)] at the March 23, 2020, Board Meeting and confirm a public hearing date of May 18, 2020.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED** 

Mark Norris - General Manager

Attachments: Projected Annual Sewer Service Rates by Fiscal Year

Triunfo Water & Sanitation District Proposed Annual Sewer Service Rates for FY21-29

Rate Increases		15%	15%	15%	15%	7%	7%	7%	3%	1%
Annual Charge per ERU	Current	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Residential	\$719.76	\$827.73	\$951.89	\$1,094.68	\$1,258.89	\$1,347.02	\$1,441.32	\$1,542.22	\$1,588.49	\$1,604.38
Apartment	\$575.64	\$661.99	\$761.29	\$875.49	\$1,006.82		\$1,152.72	\$1,233.42	\$1,270.43	\$1,283.14
Commercial	\$719.76	\$827.73	\$951.89	\$1,094.68	\$1,258.89		\$1,441.32	\$1,542.22	\$1,588.49	\$1,604.38
Shopping Center	\$1,278.12	\$1,469.84	\$1,690.32	\$1,943.87	\$2,235.46		\$2,559.39	\$2,738.55	\$2,820.71	\$2,848.92
Restaurants	\$1,655.76	\$1,904.13	\$2,189.75	\$2,518.22	\$2,895.96		\$3,315.59	\$3,547.69	\$3,654.13	\$3,690.68
Annual Impact (\$)/year										
Residential		\$107.97	\$124.16	\$142.79	\$164.21	\$88.13	\$94.30	\$100.90	\$46.27	\$15.89
Apartment		\$86.35	\$99.30	\$114.20	\$131.33	\$70.48	\$75.42	\$80.70	\$37.01	\$12.71
Commercial		\$107.97	\$124.16	\$142.79	\$164.21	\$88.13	\$94.30	\$100.90	\$46.27	\$15.89
Shopping Center		\$191.72	\$220.48	\$253.55	\$291.59	\$156.49	\$167.44	\$179.16	\$82.16	\$28.21
Restaurants		\$248.37	\$285.62	\$328.47	\$377.74	\$202.72	\$216.91	\$232.10	\$106.44	\$36.55

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