

COMMUNITY WASTEWATER FORUM

The Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) will be holding an event at the Traver School located at 36736 Canal Dr on **December 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.** Residents of the community of Traver are encouraged to attend the event.



Staff will provide a presentation on the wastewater system and discuss the proposed rate adjustment. After presentation, community members will be given the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed charges, the public hearing, or the community wastewater forum, contact the Tulare County Resource Management Agency at (559) 624-7000 or visit the RMA website for more information at: <https://tcgov.link/water>

SAVE THE DATE

Community Wastewater Forum

Please join county staff to discuss the wastewater system, the proposed rates, the rate study, and more on **December 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Traver School located at:

36736 Canal Dr.
Traver, CA 93673

Public Hearing

The Public Hearing to set the rates will occur on **January 24, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.** at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors, located at:

Board Chambers
2800 W. Burrel Ave.
Visalia, CA 93291



**Tulare County Resource
Management Agency**

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RESOURCE
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**TRAVER
WASTEWATER
SYSTEM RATE
ADJUSTMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE**

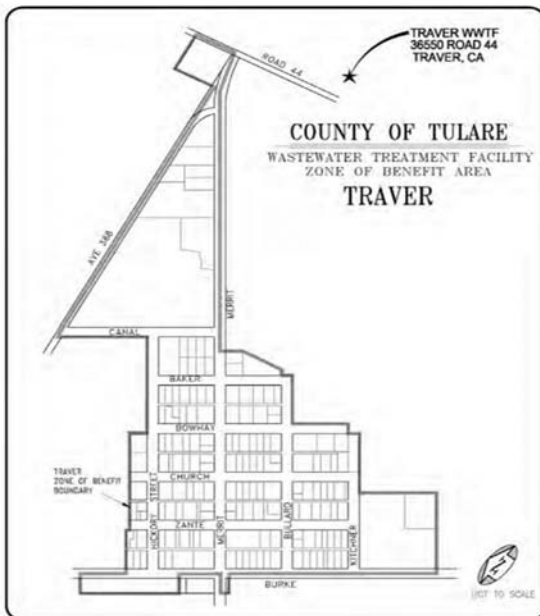


For more information, please visit:
<https://tcgov.link/water>

WHY ARE THE RATE CHANGES BEING CONSIDERED?

The County is proposing an adjustment to the monthly wastewater service charge for the Traver Zone of Benefit (Z80) in County Service Area #1. This will be the first adjustment to the rates since July 2013, when the current rate schedule was implemented. The proposed rate adjustment is necessary to ensure that the County can continue to provide safe and efficient wastewater service while maintaining operational and fiscal security for the system.

You are receiving this notice in accordance with Proposition 218 and County Ordinance which requires the County to notify affected property owners and customers that a proposed rate change is being considered for a wastewater service, including the proposed rates, the reasons for the proposed rates, and how customers and owners can protest the rates.



WHAT ARE THE PROPOSED RATES?

The current rate for most customers is \$36.50 per month, which applies to each single family dwelling and most businesses. The proposed standard rate, if approved, will be \$58.01 as of **March 1, 2023** with an adjustment to occur each July through 2026.

The proposed rates were determined through a Rate Study conducted for the system. This study analyzed the budget including current and projected costs to operate the system for fiscal year 2023, as well as projections for the four subsequent fiscal years. The rate study also applied industry standards and best practices regarding affordability and reserves. Further, the study considered impacts from new and evolving regulatory requirements for wastewater systems. A copy of the rate study is available online at:

<https://tcgov.link/water>

Effective Date	Standard Rate*	Institutional Rate
Current	\$36.50	\$364.50
March 2023	\$58.01	\$579.31
July 2023	\$59.61	\$595.28
July 2024	\$61.29	\$612.06
July 2025	\$63.03	\$629.44
July 2026	\$64.81	\$647.21

*The Standard Rate shall be applied to each dwelling unit as well as small commercial services.

HOW DO I PROTEST?

Proposition 218 and County ordinance require that those affected have an opportunity to protest the proposed rate adjustment.

To protest, affected property owners and customers must submit a written notice, which will only be considered a valid protest if it meets the following criteria:

1. The protest clearly identifies the affected property or properties by address or Assessor's Parcel Number (APN)
2. The protest includes a wet signature from either the record owner of the parcel or the customer of record, who is clearly identified
3. The protest must be dated on or before the public hearing to be held at the time and date on the back of this flyer
4. The protest must include a clear indication that it is a protest against the proposed rate adjustment
5. The protest must be received at or before the close of the public hearing specified on the back of this flyer

Protests may be withdrawn anytime before the close of the public hearing. The protest may be hand delivered or mailed to:

Clerk of the Board Office
 RE: Traver Wastewater Rates
 2800 West Burrel Ave
 Visalia, CA 93291

Envelopes should clearly indicate that it is in reference to the proposed rate adjustment for the Traver Zone of Benefit. Protests will not be accepted by email, fax, or other electronic means, and protests not meeting the requirements described above will not be considered. If the County receives half of the proposed affected parcels, the rate adjustment cannot be implemented.