



Rancho Santa Fe Association

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Dear Member,

The Rancho Santa Fe Association wants to bring you up to date on the process regarding the Santa Fe Irrigation District's proposed water rate increases and how you may protest the rate increase.

At the September Santa Fe Irrigation District Board meeting, SFID voted 3 to 2 to continue the process to approve a new rate structure. Details of the proposed rate increases were mailed to residents by SFID on October 1, 2018. (To view the document, please see the RSF Association website at www.rsfassociation.org.) The proposed two-tier structure eliminates the extremely high current tier 4 rates that many residents in our area pay. Additionally, the new tier 1 proposal collapses the first two tiers in the existing rates into a new tier 1. As a result, parcels that are charged the current tier 4 water rates should see some pricing relief, but not as much as we believe they can be with a more equitable solution.

You may voice your opposition to the rate increase by submitting a protest vote, labeled Proposition 218, by **November 15, 2018**, the date of the scheduled SFID Public Hearing. For the protest to be successful, at least 50 percent of ratepayers must file a protest.

To participate in the protest vote, please complete and return the attached form in person or by mail to either the Association or SFID. Protests submitted via e-mail or other electronic means will not be accepted as a valid written protest. Please return the original protest form by Thursday, November 15, 2018, to either the SFID or the RSF Association office. (See the attached protest vote form for mailing addresses or hand-delivery.)

If you have any questions, please email RSFA@RSFAssociation.org or call 858-756-1174.

Sincerely,



Christy Whalen
Manager
Rancho Santa Fe Association

PROP. 218 PROTEST FORM

By signing the form below, I protest the proposed potable or recycled water rate increases and affirm under penalty of law that I am the owner of or tenant directly liable for the payment of water service charges for the parcel identified below.

PARCEL INFORMATION

One of the three items listed below is required for parcel identification.

- 1) Street Address: _____
Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067
- 2) Assessor's Parcel Number: _____
- 3) SFID Customer Account Number: _____

SUBMITTED BY

- Owner, Tenant or Customer Name: _____
- Authorized Signatory Name: _____
(Authorized signatory name required if owner or tenant is not an individual but is an LLC, Trust, Corporation, etc.)
- Signature: _____

INSTRUCTIONS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DEADLINE: All Prop. 218 Protest Forms must be received prior to the public comment portion of the SFID Public Hearing on **Thursday, NOVEMBER 15, 2018.**

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Legibly complete and sign form.
- 2) Submit form via mail OR hand delivery to SFID or RSFA. (See addresses for mailing and hand delivery below.)

Mail to:

Santa Fe Irrigation District
Executive Secretary to the District Board of Directors
ATTN: Rate Hearing
P.O. Box 409
Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067

OR

Rancho Santa Fe Association
ATTN: Rate Hearing
P.O. Box A
Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067

Hand-Deliver to:

Santa Fe Irrigation District Office
Executive Secretary to the District Board of Directors
5920 Linea Del Cielo
Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067

OR

Rancho Santa Fe Association Office
17022 Avenida de Acacias
Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067