



# Yucaipa Valley Water District

12770 Second Street, Yucaipa, California 92399

This notice explains the proposed imported water rate increase for customers receiving potable water service from the Yucaipa Valley Water District. The proposed imported water rate increase will be recommended to the Board of Directors at a Public Hearing scheduled for August 19, 2009. The revenue generated from this imported water rate increase will be used entirely for the purchase of imported water from San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District and San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency. This notice provides information on the reason for the rate increase.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On December 22, 2005, the Yucaipa Valley Water District adopted Resolution No. 37-2005 which, among other things, established an imported water charge. This charge is shown on your monthly bill as a separate line item and is used solely for the purchase of imported water. No portion of this imported water rate is used to fund salaries, benefits, operating expenses or projects of the Yucaipa Valley Water District.

Imported water is purchased from San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District for residents in the City of Yucaipa and imported water is purchased from San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency for residents in the City of Calimesa. After the imported water is purchased, it is combined and filtered at the Yucaipa Valley Regional Water Filtration Facility. This filtered water is delivered as pure drinking water to our customers.

While most retail water districts like Yucaipa Valley Water District have one state water contractor responsible for delivering imported water, we have two public agencies that provide us imported water from northern California. In the City of Yucaipa, we are served by the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District ([www.sbvmd.com](http://www.sbvmd.com)), and in the City of Calimesa we are served by the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency ([www.sgpwa.com](http://www.sgpwa.com)). The county line divides the two state water contractors. To find out which state water contractor serves your property, check your annual property tax bill.

## IMPORTED WATER RATES

The Yucaipa Valley Water District charges our customers for the cost of importing water as a separate line item on your monthly water bill. In 2005, the Yucaipa Valley Water District adopted a rate study that anticipated a 3% annual increase in the cost of imported water. However, due to the rapidly increasing cost of imported water, this cost assumption has not kept pace with the actual cost of importing sufficient water supplies.

## Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing for the proposed pass-through imported water rate adjustment will be held on:

**Wednesday,  
August 19, 2009 at  
6:00 p.m.**

**Yucaipa Valley Water District  
12770 Second Street, Yucaipa,  
California 92399**

The public hearing will be conducted to discuss the proposed imported water rate adjustment based on the actual cost as set by the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District and the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency.

This notice has been sent to all property owners who currently receive water service from the Yucaipa Valley Water District.

If adopted, the current imported water rates as charged by the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District and the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency will become effective on September 1, 2009 and thereafter immediately based on the actual imported water rates charged by San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District and San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency.

This notice provides a description on how to file a protest against the proposed imported water rate increase. This information is provided on the last page of this newsletter.

For more information, please contact the District offices at (909) 797-5117 or learn more about the proposed imported water rate change by visiting our website at [www.yvwd.dst.ca.us](http://www.yvwd.dst.ca.us).

As of July 1, 2009, the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency charges \$309 per acre foot for imported water to the Yucaipa Valley Water District. This imported water rate impacts our customers in the City of Calimesa. By comparison, the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District charges \$125.80 per acre foot for imported water. This imported water rate impacts our customers in the City of Yucaipa.

Currently, the Yucaipa Valley Water District charges our customers twenty-one cents (\$0.21) per one thousand gallons of potable water for imported water. On average, a residential customer using 25,000 gallons (25 kgal) per month pays \$5.25 per month for imported water. However, due to the difference in cost between the two prices for imported water, it is necessary for the District to create two different billing rates for our customers in Yucaipa and Calimesa. The difference in rate is illustrated below.

|   | San Bernardino Valley<br>Municipal Water District   |  | San Gorgonio Pass<br>Water Agency  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|
|   | Unit Cost of Imported<br>Water Charged to Yucaipa<br>Valley Water District<br>Customers in the City of<br>Yucaipa | Average Monthly<br>Imported Water<br>Cost Based on 25<br>Units per Month<br>(25,000 gallons) | Unit Cost of Imported<br>Water Charged to<br>Yucaipa Valley Water<br>District Customers in<br>the City of Calimesa | Average Monthly<br>Imported Water<br>Cost Based on 25<br>Units per Month<br>(25,000 gallons) |
| Current Imported Water Rates                    | \$0.21  | \$5.25   | \$0.21   | \$5.25   |
| Imported Water Rates<br>Effective Sept. 1, 2009 | \$0.27  | \$6.75   | \$0.66   | \$16.50  |

The cost of imported drinking water charged to our customers is not controlled or set by the Yucaipa Valley Water District. Rather, these costs reflect the charges billed to us by the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District and the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency. Customers interested in learning more about our imported water providers can learn more by contacting each agency directly.



**San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District**  
380 East Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, CA 92408  
Phone: (909) 387-9211  
www.sbvmd.com



**San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency**  
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223  
Phone (951) 845-2577  
www.sgpwa.com

## PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing to consider the imported water rate adjustment will be held at a regular meeting of the Yucaipa Valley Water District Board of Directors on August 19, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the District office located at 12770 Second Street, Yucaipa, California.

Customers may protest the proposed rate adjustments prior to the public hearing in writing. A valid protest must contain a description of the property (address or assessor's parcel number) sufficient to identify the property, the signature of the property owner of record as shown on the last equalized assessment roll used by the county of Riverside or San Bernardino for assessing taxes, or signature accompanied by written evidence that the signer is the owner if he or she is not identified as the owner of record on the last tax roll.

Protests may be mailed, or personally delivered to:

Yucaipa Valley Water District  
12770 Second Street, Yucaipa CA 92399  
Post Office Box 730  
Yucaipa, California 92399

All protests must be received by the District before the public hearing is closed. If written protests are received on behalf of a majority of the affected properties, the proposed rate changes will not be put into effect.