

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES
RENEWAL OF THE WATER CONSERVATION
SURCHARGE**

For over 100 years, the delivery of safe and reliable water to its customers has been an essential service of the City of Riverside Public Utilities Department (RPU).

On May 25, 2004, the City Council adopted the 10-year Water Conservation Surcharge to serve the growing need for water conservation in the City of Riverside. The Water Conservation Surcharge is a 1.5% surcharge applied to all residential and commercial RPU water customer accounts and is utilized for:

- Conservation, education, and water use efficiency programs
- Research, development, and demonstration programs to advance science and technology with respect to water conservation

The results of the efforts funded through the Water Conservation Surcharge have been highly successful and have culminated in a combined lifetime savings of over 9 billion gallons of water. This reduction helps RPU meet its state mandated water conservation goals and decreases RPU's need for costly imported water.

RPU is proposing to renew the Water Conservation Surcharge to continue the City's ongoing water conservation efforts by eliminating the expiration date of May 31, 2014.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Article XIIIID of the California Constitution, RPU is proposing to renew the 1.5% Water Conservation Surcharge by eliminating the expiration date of May 31, 2014, for water service to the parcel for which you are shown as record owner directly liable to pay such rate. The change is applicable to all Water Rate Schedules WA-1 through WA-10.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that on March 21, 2014 at 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard, at the Public Utilities Boardroom, located at 3901 Orange Street, Riverside, the Board of Public Utilities will conduct a public hearing on the proposed renewal of the Water Conservation Surcharge. At the time of the public hearing, the Board of Public Utilities will hear and consider all protests and objections concerning these matters and will consider the specified charges. To be considered, written comments and protests must be delivered in person to the City Clerk at City Hall, 3900 Main Street, Riverside, California, 92522, prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments and protests may also be mailed to the City Clerk at the above-mentioned address, but must be received prior to conclusion of the public hearing. Please include your service address in your written protest. Further details regarding the basis and reason of the proposed modifications are available at the Public Utilities offices located at 3750 University Avenue, 3rd Floor, Riverside, California, 92501, and may be reviewed there by any interested person. Copies of the rate schedules are also available at the City Clerk's Office located at City Hall, 7th Floor, 3900 Main Street, Riverside, California, 92522, and the Public Utilities website: RiversidePublicUtilities.com

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