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ALAMEDA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE BIMONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE

Fremont, Calif. — The Alameda County Water District (ACWD) Board of Directors will consider a proposal to increase the bimonthly service charge at a public hearing on April 14, 2015. If adopted, the increase would become effective on May 1, 2015.

The service charge funds fixed costs such as billing, meter reading, infrastructure maintenance and replacement, and fire protection.

For the average residential customer using 23 units of water bimonthly (about 283 gallons per day) and with a 5/8 or 3/4 inch meter, the proposal would result in a total bill increase of about 8 percent, or approximately \$5 per month. Despite the proposed increase, the District's average residential water bill would still fall below the median of 30 Bay Area water providers.

The District's Financial Planning Model projects that an 8 percent overall revenue increase is needed to cover total operating costs. If adopted, the proposal would result in the required 8 percent revenue increase.

Specifically, staff is proposing a 30 percent increase to the bimonthly service charge (which is based on the size of the meter serving the property) and no increase to the commodity rate and drought surcharge.

The Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing to consider the service charge increase proposal on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 6 p.m. in the Board Room at ACWD headquarters at 43885 S. Grimmer Boulevard in Fremont. All interested members of the public are encouraged to attend.

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For 100 years, the Alameda County Water District has supplied water to the residents and businesses of southern Alameda County. ACWD supplies drinking water to the more than 340,000 people living in the cities of Fremont, Newark, and Union City. For more information, please visit www.acwd.org.