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SANTA FE COUNTY UTILITIES DIVISION

November 4, 2016

RE: Proposed Santa Fe County Utilities Water Rate and Service Charge Increase

To all Santa Fe County Utilities water customers:

Over the past few years, Santa Fe County Utilities (SFCU) has been faced with significant, external cost increases. In order to continue to cover the costs of delivering a clean and reliable water supply to all of our water customers, SFCU is proposing an increase to water rates and service charges. The last rate increase was implemented in January of 2011. These proposed rates are similar to the current City of Santa Fe water customer rates. The proposed water rate ordinance is slated to be on the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners' (Board) agenda as a public hearing on Tuesday, November 29, 2016.

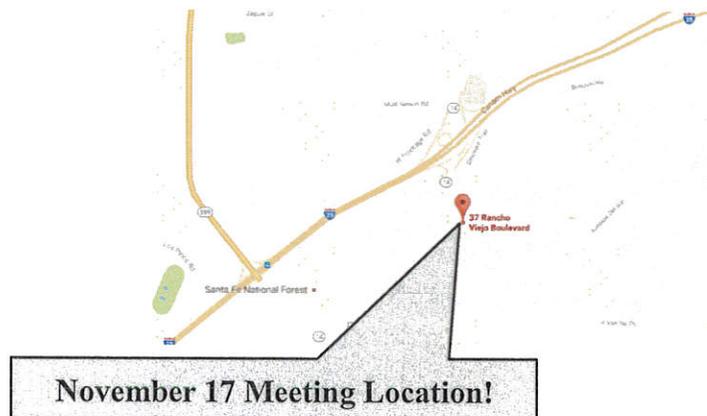
In advance of the Board's public hearing, we welcome the opportunity to present our cost-of-service analysis to you in person and discuss the resulting proposed increased rate schedule and service charges. We therefore, cordially invite you to attend an **open house** on the proposal on **November 17, 2016, from 5:30-7:30 pm** in the conference room of the **La Cienega Fire District - Rancho Viejo Station 1 at 37 Rancho Viejo Blvd.**

On the back side of this letter we have presented a summary of some of the proposed rate increases. We also invite you to study a presentation on the rates & charges and the draft ordinance on the County's website at:
http://www.santafecountynm.gov/documents/agendas/packet_materials/BCCpacket11-8-2016part4.pdf (pgs. 23-70).

Please submit any written comments to me, Claudia Borchert via mail or email (addresses listed below). We look forward to hearing from you and continuing to provide you with clean and reliable water at reasonable rates.

Respectfully,

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November 17 Meeting Location!

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PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL RATE INCREASE

Current			New		Delta
5/8" Monthly Service Charge	\$ 14.50		\$ 18.42		\$ 3.92
1" Monthly Service Charge	\$ 17.99		\$ 21.42		\$ 3.43
Tier 1 (g)	0-5,000	\$ 6.12	0-4,000	\$ 6.12	\$ 0.00
Tier 2 (g)	5,001-10,000	\$ 8.43	4,001-10,000	\$ 9.00	\$ 0.57
Tier 3 (g)	10,001-15,000	\$ 13.02	> 10,000	\$ 21.72	\$ 8.70
Tier 4 (g)	>15,000	\$ 17.62	omitted		

- Price is per 1,000 gallons
- 4,000g residential water user bill will increase \$3.92/mo from \$38.98 to \$42.90
- Average residential customer bill will increase \$6.54/mo from \$44.55/mo to \$51.09/mo

PROPOSED NON-RESIDENTIAL RATE INCREASE

Monthly Service Charge:

Meter Size (inches)	CURRENT	NEW
5/8	\$ 30.38	\$ 32.81
3/4	\$ 43.59	\$ 47.08
1	\$ 69.42	\$ 74.97
1 1/2	\$ 133.99	\$ 144.71
2	\$ 211.46	\$ 228.38
3	\$ 407.77	\$ 440.39
4	\$ 484.45	\$ 523.21
6	\$ 964.05	\$ 1,041.17
8	\$ 1,539.58	\$ 1,662.75
10	\$ 2,138.00	\$ 2,309.04

Volumetric Rate:

	Current		New		Delta
Tier 1 (g)	0-5,000	\$ 5.91	0-5,000	\$ 6.38	\$ 0.47
Tier 2 (g)	5,001-10,000	\$ 8.16	5,001-10,000	\$ 8.81	\$ 0.65
Tier 3 (g)	10,001-15,000	\$ 12.65	10,001-15,000	\$ 13.66	\$ 1.01
Tier 4 (g)	>15,000	\$ 17.07	>15,000	\$ 18.44	\$ 1.37

- Price is per 1,000 gallons
- Overall 8% increase in both monthly service charge and volumetric rates
- Implemented in 3 phases
- Non-residential customers with a greater than 2-inch meter are in different customer class