

FORESTHILL PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

AGENDA

Special Meeting of
FORESTHILL PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Veteran's Memorial Hall, 24601 Harrison Street, Foresthill, CA 95631
www.foresthillpud.com

Tuesday	February 25, 2020	7:00 P.M.
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A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. ROLL CALL:

- _____ President Neil Cochran
- _____ Vice President Mark Bell
- _____ Treasurer Linda Cholcher
- _____ Director Helen Rogers West
- _____ Director Patty Wade

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE::

D. PUBLIC COMMENT: All items on the agenda will be open for public comment before or during consideration of an item and before final action is taken. Speakers are requested to restrict comments to the item as it appears on the agenda and stay within a three minute time limit. The President has the discretion of limiting the total discussion time for an item

E. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Overview of the Proposition 218 Protest Hearing Process**
2. **Open the Proposition 218 Hearing:** Proposed Water Rate Increases to Commence on March 15, 2020 (Fiscal Year 2019-2020) and on or about each January 15 thereafter through Fiscal Year 2023-24.
3. **Presentation:** District Staff will present a brief overview of the District's compliance with Proposition 218 procedural requirements.
4. **Presentation:** HF&H Consultants will present a summary of the cost of service study's findings which support the proposed rate increase, including the amount of the increase, the basis upon which the rates have been calculated, and how the collected rates will be expended.
5. **Open Public Comment:** This is the time for any member of the public to address the Board of Directors on any matter on the agenda. Directors and staff are limited by law to brief responses and clarifying questions to comments. Comments shall be limited to three minutes per person, or such other time limit as may be imposed by the President. As a courtesy to others, please turn off cell phones and any other distracting devices. All

speakers must address the board from the podium with the microphone. Please be respectful to the person speaking from the podium.

6. **Close the public hearing:** All protests must be submitted prior to the close of the public comment.
7. **Consideration and Tabulation of the Protests**
8. **District Board To Announce Result of Protest Tabulation and Consider Adoption of the Following Resolutions:**
 - a. Resolution 2020-01 Ratification of Protest Tabulation
 - b. Resolution 2020-02 Adopting and Implementing Proposed Rates Effective March 15, 2020, Contingent Upon Result of Protest Tabulation

F. ADJOURNMENT: This meeting may be continued to Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 7 PM for a special meeting of the Foresthill Public Utility District at the Veteran's Memorial Hall, 24601 Harrison Street, Foresthill, CA 95631

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the General Manager at (530)367-2511. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the District to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting

In accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2(a) this notice and agenda were posted in the District's front window at the Foresthill Public Utility District office, 24540 Main Street, Foresthill, CA 95631 on or before 4:30 p.m., February 20, 2020.

Henry N. White, Board Clerk & Ex-Officio Secretary

FORESTHILL PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

Staff Report For District Board Of Directors Meeting On February 25, 2020

Agenda Items: E3

Date: February 25, 2020

Subject: Consideration and Approval of Water Rate Increases Pending Public Hearing and Proposition 218 Process

From: Hank White, General Manager

Recommended Action: Hold protest hearing on water service rate increase, certify results of protest, adopt Resolution No. 20-01 Ratification of Protest Tabulation and, absent a majority protest, adopt Resolution No. 20-02 Adopting and Implementing Proposed Rates Effective March 15, 2020, Through Fiscal Year 2023-24

Issue Statement and Background

Foresthill Public Utility District ("District") provides potable water service to the community of Foresthill, located in Placer County. Currently Foresthill serves just over 2,000 residential and non-residential metered accounts across an approximate service area of 13,000 acres. The District operates Sugar Pine Reservoir, a water treatment plant and distribution system with over 30 miles of piping.

To ensure that rates collected for growing operating expenses and projected on-going maintenance, capital costs and depreciation related to water service, a water rate study was prepared for fiscal years 2019-20 through 2023-24 ("Rate Study"). The rates proposed in the Rate Study would ensure the District's ability to continue providing safe and reliable potable water service to each customer based on the actual cost of providing this service and the cost of anticipated ongoing maintenance and capital costs. That Rate Study analyzed and calculated water rates necessary over the next five years to ensure viability of the District's water service infrastructure system and the District's ability to continue providing safe and reliable water service to all customers.

On November 13, 2019, the District Board of Directors ("Board") considered the proposed water service rates described in the Rate Study at a public meeting. At that meeting, the District's Board directed District staff to initiate the Proposition 218 process, to confirm a date and time for a Proposition 218 public protest hearing, and to mail a notice to property owners and customers of record in accordance with proposition 218 ("Proposition 218 Protest Notice"). On December 3, 2019, District staff mailed the Proposition 218 Protest Notice to parcel owners and customers of record to notify them of the Proposition 218 Protest Hearing scheduled for 7 p.m. on February 25, 2020. The Proposition 218 Protest Notices were mailed 84 days in advance of the February 25, 2020 protest hearing, which provides more than the 45-day notice required by Proposition 218.

On November 18, 2019, the District Board adopted Ordinance 19-01, establishing a procedure for ratepayers to file written objections to any new water service rates proposed by the District and for the

District to evaluate and respond to the merits of any objections before its Board decides whether to approve proposed new rates. The objection procedure seeks to avoid a scenario where the District adopts new rates, and a ratepayer later files a lawsuit challenging the lawfulness of the rates for reasons never presented to the District's Board before its decision whether to approve the new rates.

The proposed ordinance was included in the agenda packet for the District's November 18, 2019 public Board meeting and was publicly discussed during the meeting before the Board voted to adopt the ordinance. The District then published Ordinance 19-01 in the Auburn Journal newspaper and posted it at the District's office, the Foresthill Post Office, and the Foresthill Library. A copy of Ordinance 19-01 also was posted on the District's website at www.foresthillpud.com, and hard copies of the ordinance have been publicly available during business hours at the District's office, located at 24540 Main Street, Foresthill, CA 95631. The Ordinance 19-01 objection procedure took effect on December 18, 2019.

Pursuant to Ordinance 19-01, the District mailed to its ratepayers on December 20, 2019 a notice describing enactment of Ordinance 19-01, explaining the purpose of the objection procedure, and describing how to timely file an objection with the District ("Objection Notice"). To fulfill the purposes of Ordinance 19-01, objections were required (1) to state the specific grounds for any concern with a proposed water rate and (2) to include a desired resolution or outcome, if any. To ensure objections were submitted by actual District ratepayers, an objection was required to include the ratepayer's name, phone number, street address, and e-mail address (if applicable) and preferred method of communication. The District provided an objection template including prompts for all required information (above), posted the template on the District website (www.foresthillpud.com), and made hard copies of the template available for pickup at the District Office. The District's Objection Notice called for any objections to be submitted and received on or by January 17, 2020, which the District later extended to January 21, 2020.

The District received 57 objections on or by January 21, 2020. District staff reviewed all objections with the District's ratemaking consultant, HF&H Consultants, to evaluate and respond to their merits. The District numbered each objection (1 through 57) and assigned a code number to each issue raised by each objection. In cases where the same issue has been raised by more than one objection, this cross-cutting issue was assigned the same code number in every objection raising it. On February 13, 2020, District staff presented the objections and written responses to all objection issues during a public Board meeting. After taking public comment on the objections and responses, the Board considered and evaluated the objections and responses in order to decide whether to move forward with the Proposition 218 Protest hearing on the rates described in the Proposition 218 Protest Notice. The Board voted to move forward with the Proposition 218 Protest Hearing previously scheduled for 7 p.m. on February 25, 2015.

To further enhance ratepayer engagement with the District on the proposed water service rates, the District hosted public information sessions at noticed public Board meetings held on November 12, 2019, January 23, 2020, and February 12, 2020. At each public information session, the District's staff and ratemaking consultant, HF&H, used a slide presentation to explain the proposed rates and their basis. The District Board, the District staff and the District's ratemaking solicited and responded to public questions about the Rate Study and the proposed rates.

There are 2,034 service connections that serve the property owners and customers of record subject to these rates and charges within the District boundaries. As required by California law, only one protest per parcel will be counted. Once the protests are counted, District staff recommends that the District Board adopt Resolution 20-01, titled "Ratifying Results of the Proposition 218 Protest Hearing On February 25, 2020 Regarding Proposed Water Service Rates," which will state how many protests were received by the District and whether a majority protest was reached.

Pursuant to Proposition 218, if a majority of the property owners of record and customers of record subject to these proposed rates and charges (50% + 1, or 1,018) protest, then the proposed water rate increase may not proceed. If a majority protest is not reached, the Board may consider adopting Resolution No. 20-02 to enact the water rates described in the Proposition 218 Protest Notice.

If there are insufficient protests and Resolution No. 20-02 is adopted, the increased rates will be commenced on March 15, 2020 (Fiscal Year 2019-2020) and on or about each January 15th thereafter through Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Proposed Rates (from Proposition 218 Protest Notice)

Table 1. Proposed Service Charge (by service size):

Service Size	Current (\$/month)	Proposed (\$/month; All Customer)				
		Jan. 2020	Jan. 2021	Jan. 2022	Jan. 2023	Jan. 2024
5/8"	\$90.54	\$67.37	\$69.40	\$71.48	\$73.62	\$75.83
3/4"	\$90.54	\$89.46	\$92.14	\$94.90	\$97.75	\$100.68
1 "	\$163.87	\$133.62	\$137.63	\$141.76	\$146.01	\$150.39
1 1/2"	\$328.68	\$277.15	\$285.46	\$294.02	\$302.84	\$311.93
2 "	\$643.17	\$453.80	\$467.41	\$481.43	\$495.87	\$510.75
4"	\$1,581.35	\$1,999.48	\$2,059.46	\$2,121.25	\$2,184.88	\$2,250.43
6"	\$1,581.35	\$3,876.38	\$3,992.67	\$4,112.45	\$4,235.82	\$4,362.90
8"	\$1,581.35	\$7,740.58	\$7,972.80	\$8,211.98	\$8,458.34	\$8,712.09

Table 2. Proposed Consumption Charge:

Customer Class	Current Rates	Tier Size (tGal)	Proposed (\$ per thousand gallon)					
			Jan. 2020	Jan. 2021	Jan. 2022	Jan. 2023	Jan. 2024	
Residential	Credit ¹	(\$0.42)	Tier 1: 0-5	\$2.01	\$2.08	\$2.14	\$2.20	\$2.27
	Overage ²	\$1.55	Tier 2: Over 5	\$3.78	\$3.89	\$4.01	\$4.13	\$4.25
Non-Residential	Credit ¹	(\$0.42)		\$2.78	\$2.87	\$2.95	\$3.04	\$3.13
	Overage ²	\$1.55						

Protest Hearing Process

The following is the suggested process for this agenda item:

1. Open the public Proposition 218 Hearing

2. Presentation: District Staff will present a brief overview of the District's compliance with Proposition 218 procedural requirements.
3. Presentation: HF&H Consultants will present a summary of the cost of service study's findings which support the proposed rate increase, including the amount of the increase, the basis upon which the rates have been calculated, and how the collected rates will be expended.
4. Open Public Comment: Note: protests may be accepted at any point prior to the close of public comment. Once public comment is closed, no further protests will be accepted, even if the meeting is adjourned to another date.
 - a) Note: This is the time for any member of the public to address the Board of Directors on any matter *on the agenda*. Comments shall be limited to *five minutes per person*, or such other time limit as may be imposed by the Board President.
5. Close the public hearing: All protests must be submitted prior to the close of the public comment period.
6. Consideration and Tabulation of the Protests
 - a) At this time, District staff and tabulations team will count all timely received, written protests and will determine whether each protest includes all information required to ensure that each protest is submitted by a bonafide parcel owner or customer of record within the District and to ensure that only one protest per parcel is counted.
7. District Board To Announce Result of Protest Tabulation and Consider Adoption of the Following Resolutions:
 - a) *Option 1*: Majority Protest. If there is a majority protest, the Board will take no action at this time and refer the proposed rate increase back to staff for further direction at a future Board meeting. Consider adoption of Resolution No. 20-01 Ratification of Protest Tabulation.
 - b) *Option 2*: No Majority Protest. Consider adoption of Resolution No. 20-01 Ratification of Protest Tabulation and Resolution 20-02 Adopting and Implementing Proposed Rates Effective March 15, 2020, Contingent Upon Result of Protest Tabulation.

Financial and/or Policy implications:

If adopted, this Resolution will provide adequate revenues to fund anticipated operating and maintenance expenses associated with the District's water service infrastructure, including Sugar Pine Reservoir, water treatment plant and pipelines, and to fund ongoing provision of safe and reliable potable water service to all District customers.

Attachments

Draft Resolution No. 20-01

Draft Resolution No. 20-02

Proposition 218 Protest Notice

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-01
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
FORESTHILL PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
RATIFYING RESULTS OF THE PROPOSITION 218 PROTEST HEARING ON
FEBRUARY 25, 2020 REGARDING PROPOSED WATER SERVICE RATES**

WHEREAS, the Foresthill Public Utility District (District) owns and operates a public water system.

WHEREAS, State law requires that certain changes to water service rates occur in accordance with procedures outlined in Article XIII D, Section 6, of the California Constitution, commonly referred to as "Proposition 218."

WHEREAS, a water service Rate study has been prepared which recommends the adoption of the rates, fees and charges specified in Exhibit A to this Resolution, which Exhibit is included herein as if set forth in full; and

WHEREAS, the District needs to increase water rates to fund operations, maintenance, repairs, debt obligation and a reserve fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Foresthill Public Utility District does hereby find and approve as follows:

SECTION 1. The District Board finds and declares as follows:

A. In compliance with Article XIII D, Section 6, of the California Constitution, Proposition 218 notices were mailed to property owners of record and customers of record within the District's service area on December 3, 2019 (84 days prior to the Public Hearing), which complies with Proposition 218's minimum 45-day notice requirements; and

B. The District Board of Directors held a public protest hearing on February 25, 2020, to consider the results of the protest proceedings conducted in accordance with California Constitution Article XIII D, section 6; and

C. After receiving and considering documentary and oral testimony, the District Board declared the public hearing closed and considered whether written protests were received from property owners or customers of record representing a majority of owners of the identified parcels; and

SECTION 2. The General Manager has counted (insert XX number of protests) and since there are 2,034 connections in the District, the Board has determined that there (is / is not) a majority protest.

APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Foresthill Public Utility District on February 25, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES	_____
NOES	_____
ABSENT	_____
ABSTAIN	_____

Neil Cochran, President, Board of Directors
Foresthill Public Utility District

ATTEST:

Henry N. White, Clerk, Board of Directors
Foresthill Public Utility District

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-02
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
FORESTHILL PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
ESTABLISHING INCREASED WATER SERVICE RATES CONTINGENT
UPON THE OUTCOME OF THE PROPOSITION 218 PROTEST HEARING**

WHEREAS, the Foresthill Public Utility District (District) owns and operates a public water system.

WHEREAS, State law requires that certain changes to water service rates occur in accordance with procedures outlined in Article XIII D, Section 6, of the California Constitution, commonly referred to as "Proposition 218."

WHEREAS, a water service Rate Study has been prepared that recommends the adoption of the rates, fees and charges specified in Exhibit A to this Resolution, which Exhibit is incorporated herein as if set forth in full; and

WHEREAS, the District needs to increase water rates to fund operations, maintenance, repairs, debt obligation and a reserve fund; and

WHEREAS, In compliance with Article XIII D, Section 6, of the California Constitution, Proposition 218 notices were mailed to property owners of record and bill paying responsible tenants of parcels within the District's service area on December 3, 2019 (84 days prior to the Public Hearing), which complies with Proposition 218's minimum 45-day notice requirements; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the proposed water service rates will not exceed the proportionate cost of the service attributable to each parcel upon which they are proposed for imposition; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Directors held a public protest hearing on February 25, 2020, to consider the results of the protest proceedings conducted in accordance with California Constitution Article XIII D, section 6; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager has counted the protests and the Board has determined that there is not a majority protest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Foresthill Public Utility District does hereby find and approve as follows:

SECTION 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

SECTION 2. Proposition 218 Compliance. The District has complied with the procedural requirements of Article XIII D, and based upon the Exhibit A water service Rate Study and the District's responses to objections submitted pursuant to District Ordinance 19-01, the water service rates proposed in the Rate Study comply with Article XIII D, section 6, subsections (b)(1) through (5).

SECTION 3. Levy of Charges. Subject to the contingency provided in Section 5 below, the Board of Directors hereby approves and adopts, pursuant to the California Public Utilities Code section 16461 et. seq., the increased water service rates attached hereto as Exhibit A, effective with the first billing cycle after March 15, 2020, and on or about each January 15th thereafter through Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

SECTION 4. CEQA Exemption. The Board of Directors hereby finds that the levy of the proposed water service rates as supported by a water rate study (which is incorporated herein by reference) is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") review under Public Resources Code section 21080(b)(8) and CEQA Guidelines section 15273, because the proposed water service rates are necessary and reasonable to fund the administration, operation, maintenance, and improvements of the District's water system, are necessary to maintain service within the District's existing service area, and will not result in expansion of the system. The Board of Directors further finds that the action entails the creation of a government funding mechanism that is exempt from CEQA as not being a "project" pursuant to CEQA guidelines section 15378. The Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager to file a notice of exemption with the County Clerk to that effect.

SECTION 5. General Authorization. The General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, for and in the name of and on behalf of the District, to execute and deliver any and all documents, to do any and all things and take any and all actions that may be necessary or advisable, in his discretion, in order to effect the purposes of this Resolution. All actions heretofore taken by officers, employees, and agents of the District that are in conformity with the purposes and intent of this Resolution are hereby approved, confirmed, and ratified.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall only take effect in the event that it is determined, as a result of the February 25, 2020 protest hearing, that there is not a majority of property owners receiving water service within the District protesting the increases in rates described in Exhibit A and as set forth in Article XIII D, section 6.

APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Foresthill Public Utility District on February 25, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES	_____
NOES	_____
ABSENT	_____
ABSTAIN	_____

Neil Cochran, President, Board of Directors
Foresthill Public Utility District

ATTEST:

Henry N. White, Clerk, Board of Directors
Foresthill Public Utility District



Notice of Public Hearing to Consider Changes to the Foresthill Public Utility District Water Rates

The Foresthill Public Utility District (Foresthill) has set a public hearing for February 25, 2020, to consider adoption of new rates and charges for water delivery and service in its service area (water rates). The proposed water rates represent a restructuring of existing treated water rates that will maintain a cost of service structure consistent with current law.

Proposal:

The proposed water rates for delivery of treated water are intended to provide revenue for water system operation and maintenance. The water rates will be adjusted annually to provide for future costs, as shown in Table 1 and Table 2. The attached tables are provided to help you identify how your cost for water service will change.

Reason and Basis for the Proposed Rates:

Foresthill provides treated water services to the community of Foresthill, located in Placer County. Currently Foresthill serves just over 2,000 residential and non-residential metered accounts across an approximate service area of 13,000 acres. Foresthill operates Sugar Pine Reservoir, a water treatment plant and a distribution system with over 30 miles of distribution piping.

The reasons for the proposed rates are to provide safe and reliable water to each customer based on the actual cost of providing this service and the cost of anticipated ongoing maintenance and capital costs.

The proposed water rates were developed based on Foresthill's costs to provide water service and taking into account future annual operating costs and budgeted repair and replacement expenses by evaluating the prior years' audited financial data. There may be a decrease in rates for some users. High volume customers may see an increase in rates based on the cost of providing that service. A cost of service study prepared by HF&H Consultants, LLC is available on Foresthill's website for a detailed description of the analysis.

Notice of Public Hearing:

On Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 7:00 PM, at the Foresthill Veteran’s Memorial Hall, 24601 Harrison Street, Foresthill, CA 95631 the Foresthill Public Utility District Board of Directors will hold a public hearing to consider the proposed water rates for the delivery of water service in its service area effective no sooner than March 10, 2020.

Proposed Rates 2020 through 2024:

The water rates are made up of two key components: a fixed service charge (based on the size of service provided) and a consumption charge (based on actual water use during the month).

Table 1. Proposed Service Charge (by service size):

Service Size	Current (\$/month)	Proposed (\$/mo; All Customer Classes)				
		Feb. 2020	Jan. 2021	Jan. 2022	Jan. 2023	Jan. 2024
5/8"	\$90.54	\$67.37	\$69.40	\$71.48	\$73.62	\$75.83
3/4"	\$90.54	\$89.46	\$92.14	\$94.90	\$97.75	\$100.68
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Table 2. Proposed Consumption Charge:

Customer Class	Current Uniform Rates		Tier Size (tGal)	Proposed (\$ per thousand gallon)				
				Feb. 2020	Jan. 2021	Jan. 2022	Jan. 2023	Jan. 2024
Residential	Credit	(\$0.42)	Tier 1: 0-5	\$2.01	\$2.08	\$2.14	\$2.20	\$2.27
	Overage	\$1.55	Tier 2: Over 5	\$3.78	\$3.89	\$4.01	\$4.13	\$4.25
Non-Residential	Credit	(\$0.42)		\$2.78	\$2.87	\$2.95	\$3.04	\$3.13
	Overage	\$1.55						

¹Credit provided for each tGal used under the monthly allotment; allotments vary by service size

²Overage charge for each tGal used over the monthly allotment; allotments vary by service size

- **Residential** classification includes single family residential and multi-unit developments with three or fewer dwellings. There are two tiers based upon amount of usage in thousands of gallons or "tGal."
- **Non-Residential** classification includes commercial, governmental and multi-unit developments with more than three dwelling units. This classification contains one tier.

How do I Oppose the Proposed Water Rate Increase?

Interested parties can comment on the proposed Foresthill water rates. California law prohibits the District from implementing proposed water rate increases if a majority of owners of identified parcels or customers of record file written protests opposing the proposed water rate increases prior to the close of the public comment period at the hearing on February 25, 2020. The customer of record is the name of the person whose name is printed on the utility bills for the parcel.

If you oppose the proposed Foresthill water rate increases, your protest must be submitted in writing to the General Manager and indicate it is a protest to the Foresthill rates. Written protests may be mailed to the Foresthill Public Utility District P.O. Box 266, Foresthill, CA 95631, hand-delivered to the Foresthill Public Utility District at 24540 Main Street, Foresthill, CA 95631, or submitted at the public hearing on February 25, 2020. Mailed protests must be received by the district by the time and the date of the public hearing on February 25, 2020 to be considered. **All other written protests must be received prior to the close of the public comment portion of the public hearing on February 25, 2020.**

In order to be valid, a protest must clearly bear (1) the date, (2) designation of parcel address or parcel number, (3) printed name of the person submitting the protest, and (4) original signature of the record owner, or trustee, or authorized signatory of a corporation/partnership, or customer of record with respect to the property identified on the protest. Protests not bearing the original signature shall not be counted. Protests which have been altered by someone other than the person who signed them shall not be counted. Protests can be withdrawn upon written notice of intent to do so submitted before the close of the public comment portion of the public hearing. Protests will be disclosable public records once received by the district.

At the public hearing on February 25, 2020, Foresthill will hear and consider all public comments regarding the fees (including oral comments), but only written protests submitted in accordance with the criteria above will be considered when determining whether a majority protest against the imposition of proposed fees exists. One protest per parcel will be tabulated and if the total protests exceeds fifty percent of the ratepayers then the water rate increase may not be adopted as proposed.

Can I Oppose the Proposed Rate Increase if I am a Tenant and Not the Record Property Owner?

Yes, however in accordance with the California Constitution as amended by Proposition 218, only one protest is allowed per parcel. For example, if both the tenant and the owner of the same parcel filed a protest, only one protest would be counted.

Additional Information:

Additional information is available upon request or on the Foresthill website at <https://www.foresthillpud.com/>. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please call the Foresthill Customer Service Department at (530) 367-2511.