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June 9 BOS Announcement – MSD Prop 218 Hearing

Good morning, Chair Honorable Bob Nelson and Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors.

My name is Dorinne Lee Johnson, and I serve on the Montecito Sanitary District Board of Directors as Treasurer and as the District's Legislative Representative.

I am here today to inform and invite our ratepayers and the public to our MSD Board Meeting tomorrow, June 10 at 2:00 PM, to hear the Proposition 218 rate hearing. Ratepayers and the public are welcome to attend in person at 1042 Monte Cristo Lane, Montecito.

While we have already sent out a mailing regarding the rates, this meeting will provide another clear explanation of the proposed rate adjustment, the District's essential service needs, and the Proposition 218 protest process. The new rates will pay for necessary improvements that address critical health and safety priorities, including aging infrastructure, system reliability, and environmental protection. Until the close of the hearing on June 10, ratepayers may submit a written protest in person, or they may use the Protest Form available on our website.

Our MSD Board of Directors, along with our GM, John Weigold, will be available to answer questions and provide accurate information directly from District leadership.

MSD has not requested a rate increase since 2019, that is seven years of no increased rates during a period of significantly increased costs. The proposed rate adjustment will be effective as of July 1, 2027.

We respectfully invite our community and ratepayers to attend and participate in this important Proposition 218 process to hear in more detail:

1. The rate history and proposed adjustment.
2. Why this adjustment is proposed.
3. MSD's commitment to ratepayers.

Thank you for your time.

Dorinne Lee Johnson

Treasurer & Legislative Representative

Montecito Sanitary District Board of Directors