STATE FUNDING:
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

EL PORVENIR COUNTY SERVICE AREA 30 (CSA 30) NEW WATER RATE PROPOSAL

Background:
- Fresno County is currently administering the Proposition 218 (Prop 218) process to raise water rates for El Porvenir (CSA 30), which will go to the Board of Supervisors on June 20, 2023.
- Rate increases are necessary to cover the costs of operating the current water system and to financially sustain the proposed new groundwater treatment system.
- El Porvenir’s water system has accumulated unpaid charges and the current rates do not cover the necessary operating costs.
- The proposed new water rates by Fresno County are not affordable for the community of El Porvenir.

The State Water Board has approved significant funding over a 5-year period to:
- Increase affordability of monthly rates for El Porvenir (CSA 30).
- Cover operating costs and avoid accumulating more unpaid charges; and
- Ensure sufficient income to implement planned solutions for safe, affordable drinking water.

If the new rates are protested by the community and they fail to pass:
- Long-term construction funding from State Water Board may not be provided for the switch to groundwater and treatment in El Porvenir (CSA 30) and Cantua Creek (CSA 32). Approval of State Water Board funding is contingent upon new water rates that can sustain the water system.
- State Water Board funding will not be provided to support monthly costs for El Porvenir (CSA 30).

FUNDING
State Water Board funding will be approved only if new water rates proposed by the County of Fresno are approved. State Water Board funding will be disbursed directly to the Fresno County Service Area 30 Water System and not as direct rate payer assistance.

State Funding being provided over 5 years to offset existing unpaid charges AND cover water system’s operation and maintenance (O&M) costs $891,418

ESTIMATED COST PER RESIDENT AFTER NEW RATES APPROVED
Rates shown below are estimated and based on costs to run the system as is, relying on the purchase of surface water and surface water treatment. If the groundwater treatment system is completed, monthly rates will not exceed the rates shown. The Total Monthly Rate shown in the table below is based on usage of 10,500 gallons per household per month. The actual monthly rate will be based on actual water usage per household. Rates will gradually increase every year over the five-year period that State funding is provided.

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<td>Total Monthly Rate (Based on 10,500 gallons per house per month)</td>
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<td>Resident Cost (Estimated amount, actual amount will change based on usage)</td>
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This funding is part of the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) program. The SAFER program was designed to ensure Californians who lack safe and affordable drinking water receive it as quickly as possible. The SAFER program is helping water systems achieve this goal through a set of tools, funding sources, and regulatory authorities.

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