## Public Hearing and Protest Procedures

On Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 1:15 p.m. the Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on the proposed increases to the water and wastewater service charges. Due to COVID-19 this hearing will be conducted remotely via Zoom and will be accessible by internet or telephone. A physical location is not being provided for this meeting in accordance with State Executive Order N-29-20 and current county public health orders. If public health directives change after this notice is mailed, EBMUD may conduct the public hearing with members of the public physically present if consistent with legal requirements. The public may participate in the hearing virtually or by telephone in any event. Any update to the public participation information will be posted before the hearing at <a href="www.ebmud.com/rates">www.ebmud.com/rates</a>. Please use the information below if you wish to participate in the meeting telephonically or virtually:

You may participate in the public hearing and offer oral comments. You may also submit a written protest to the proposed increases. EBMUD's Board of Directors will consider both oral comments and written protests during the public hearing. Oral comments will be recorded in the public record but will not be counted as formal protests. Only written protests will be counted as formal protests for purposes of determining whether a majority protest exists under Proposition 218.

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking: <u>June 8, 2021 Public Hearing</u>

• By telephone: 1-699-900-6833

Zoom Meeting ID: 958 6681 4531 (for both telephone and web access)

Passcode: 810650 (for both telephone and web access)

International numbers available: ebmud.zoom.us/u/aP8q6onTO

The record owner of any parcel upon which the water and wastewater service charges are proposed for imposition and any tenant directly responsible for the payment of water or wastewater service charges (i.e., a customer of record who is not the property owner) may submit a written protest to the proposed increases; however, only one written protest will be counted per identified parcel. Any written protest must: (1) state the specific service charge increase (water and/or wastewater) for which the protest is being submitted; (2) provide the location of the identified parcel (by customer account number, street address, or assessor's parcel number); and (3) include the name and signature of the property owner or tenant submitting the protest. If a property owner or tenant is protesting one or more increases, the property owner or tenant should identify which service charge increase or increases the property owner or tenant is protesting.

Written protests may be mailed before the hearing to EBMUD, MS 218, PO Box 24055, Oakland, CA 94623-1055 or delivered before the close of the public comment portion of the public hearing to the EBMUD PAYMENT drop box outside the front entrance at 375 11th Street, Oakland, CA. All written protests must be received by EBMUD prior to the conclusion of the public comment portion of the public hearing. Protests by fax, email, or other electronic means will not be accepted as formal written protests.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Board will consider adoption of the proposed increases for the water and wastewater service charges described in this notice. If written protests against either or both of the proposed service charge increases are not presented by a majority of the property owners or tenants directly responsible for the payment of water and/or wastewater service fees and charges of the identified parcels upon which they are proposed to be imposed, the Board may impose the proposed increases.