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Service Address: [Street address]

Utility Account Number: [UTCSID] – [UTLCID]

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

## PROPOSED WATER CONSUMPTION RATE CHANGES FOR MOBILE HOME PARKS FISCAL YEAR 2016/17

The Sunnyvale City Council will hold a public hearing regarding proposed changes to mobile home park water consumption rates for City provided water service on Tuesday, January 31, 2017, at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 456 W. Olive Avenue in Sunnyvale.

Sunnyvale's rates for utility services are based entirely on the City's costs for operating and maintaining its utility facilities and services. Each year, as part of the City's budgeting process, the City Council considers adjustments to utility rates. This review also includes projections of future rate adjustments needed over the next 20 years to ensure the sound financial condition of the City's utilities.

Section 2705.5 of the California Public Utilities Code allows mobile home parks with a master meter to provide water service to mobile home park residents through a submeter as long as the mobile home park tenants are charged at the same rate as if the residents were receiving water service directly from the City.

The proposed rate change, retroactive to July 1, 2016, would modify the fee schedule so mobile home park owners pay for water consumption based on two usage tiers, matching those paid by single family residents. This will align the park's cost of water with the residents, and enable park owners to pass consumption costs onto each resident at the same rate the park paid for the water.

All water customers are billed a flat service charge based on the size of the water meter; and also for the volume of water consumed according to the rate table. The proposed rate change includes only the water consumption rates.

Please see the reverse side of this notice for more information.

## CURRENT AND PROPOSED WATER CONSUMPTION RATES FOR MOBILE HOME PARKS

| CURRENT MONTHLY VOLUME CHARGE PER 100 CUBIC FEET (CCF) = 748 GALLONS  |                |  |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--|--|
| Mobile Home Park                                                      | \$4.14 per CCF |  |  |
| CCF                                                                   | 0+             |  |  |
| PROPOSED MONTHLY VOLUME CHARGE PER 100 CUBIC FEET (CCF) = 748 GALLONS |                |  |  |

| Mobile Home Park      | TIER 1 - \$3.75 per CCF | TIER 2 - \$4.58 per CCF |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| CCF per dwelling unit | 0 - 5                   | 6+                      |

A complete rate schedule, comparisons between Sunnyvale's rates and those of surrounding communities, and a twenty year rate projection for each utility are available at *UtilityRates.inSunnyvale.com* or by calling (408) 730-7400, TDD (408) 730-7501.

Additional details regarding factors influencing rate changes will be available in the 2016/17 Mobile Home Utility Rate Report to Council. This report will be available in the City Clerk's Office and on the City's website (www.sunnyvale.ca.gov) at least two weeks prior to the January 31st public hearing. This letter may be made available upon request in alternative formats by calling the City of Sunnyvale Utility Billing Office at (408) 730-7400, TDD (408) 730-7501.

## PROTEST PROCESS

If you wish to protest the proposed rate changes, the City must receive your *written and signed* protest prior to the close of the public hearing on January 31, 2017. As required by California Proposition 218, should the City Council receive written protests from a majority of customers, the proposed rates will not become effective and the current rates will remain in place. Mail or deliver written protests to:

Attention: Utility Rate Protest City of Sunnyvale, Department of Finance 650 W. Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94086-7637

For your protest to be counted, please include <u>one</u> of the following: the address(es) or Assessor's Parcel number(s) of the property(ies) you own, or the utility account number(s) or address(es) for open utility account(s) that are subject to the proposed rate adjustment. Email protests will not be counted. Protests are limited to one per parcel. If you have any questions about the protest process, please call (408) 730-7400, TDD (408) 730-7501.