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PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED SEWER RATE INCREASES POSTPONED

The public hearing on a proposed sewer rate increase scheduled for February 23, 2010 before the Vacaville City Council will be postponed. The hearing is tentatively rescheduled to May 11, 2010.

The hearing will be postponed because City staff recently became aware of a change in State law regarding the rights of certain tenants to file a written protest to the increase. The previously-mailed hearing notice provides that any interested person, including owners or tenants of property receiving City sewer service, may provide verbal or written input on the proposed increase.

A revised notice will be sent to clarify that tenants who pay the sewer fee may file a written protest. As required by law, only one written protest per parcel, filed by either an owner or tenant of the property, will be counted.

Property owners who have already submitted a written protest to the increase in the manner described in the prior notice do not need to resubmit a protest. Such protests will be carried over to the future hearing and then counted to determine whether a majority protest exists. Other property owners will be allowed to file a protest at any time prior to the end of the hearing, tentatively set for May 11, 2010.

The postponement will ensure that all persons who pay the sewer fee will have an adequate opportunity to participate in the process.

For further information, contact the City's Utilities Department at (707) 469-6400.

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