



PANOCHÉ DRAINAGE DISTRICT

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March 19, 2023

Subject: Panoche Drainage District Proposed Drainage Service Fees – Notice and Opportunity to Protest

Dear Landowners,

On March 12, 2024, the Panoche Drainage District Board of Directors adopted the District's FY 24-25 Budget. As part of that process, the Board approved, subject to the requirements of Article XIII D of the California Constitution, imposing land-based charges to fund the District's activities, which the District identifies as a "Drainage Service Fee".

The District has identified two classes of land within the District properly subject to the Drainage Service Fee: "Regular", and "Landlocked". Regular lands are those lands that have full access to Panoche Drainage District facilities. Landlocked lands are those lands surrounded by parcels owned by others, with no access to District drains. To address the distinction between the two, the District has identified different Proposed Drainage Service Fees for these two types of land and has developed the following Proposed Drainage Service Fees:

Drainage Service Fee: Regular	\$64.39
Drainage Service Fee: Landlocked	\$16.97

Currently, the District funds all its activities through Drainage Service Fees and plans to fund its activities for the 2024-2025 fiscal year through the Proposed Drainage Service Fees.

In accordance with the requirements of Article XIII D of the California Constitution, known generally as "Proposition 218", the Board will hold a public hearing on the Proposed Drainage Service Fees. The Board will hold this public hearing at 9:00 am on May 14, 2024. At that time, the Proposed Drainage Service Fees will go into effect unless a majority of owners of the identified parcels submit written protests before the close of the public hearing on May 14, 2024. If the Proposed Drainage Service Fees do not pass the protest hearing, the District will refund the difference between any fees paid for the 2024-25 fiscal year and the amount of the 2023-24 Drainage Service Fees.

Enclosed with this notice is a protest form to indicate whether you, as the landowner subject to the Proposed Drainage Service Fee, oppose the Proposed Drainage Service Fees. Please refer to the form and carefully follow the instructions provided on the form.

Sincerely,

Patrick McGowan
General Manager



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PANOCHÉ DRAINAGE DISTRICT PROPOSED 2024-2025 DRAINAGE SERVICE FEES OFFICIAL PROTEST FORM

By signing below, I OPPOSE the Panoche Drainage District's Proposed 2024-2025 Drainage Service Fees.

Date:

Signature:

If applicable, check the box below. Please write/print legibly.

By checking this box, I certify I am the Landowner or the Landowner's legal representative of the following APN or Address.

Name:

APN:

Address:

Provide the Name and Address as it appears (not a post office box).

Instructions and Requirements

- o This Form can be downloaded from: <https://panochewd.specialdistrict.org/>
- o Landowners within Panoche Drainage District may file a written protest against the Proposed 2024-2025 Drainage Service Fees at the Protest Hearing scheduled on May 14, 2024, at 9:00 am.
- o Written protests must be filed no later than the close of the Protest Hearing to be considered.
- o This form must be completely filled out, dated, and received during the Official Protest Period, which begins on March 19, 2024, and ends on April 9, 2024, at the close of the Protest Hearing.
- o This form must either be received in the Panoche Drainage District office by mail or delivered in person prior to the close of the Protest Hearing.
- o The Panoche Drainage District mailing address is 52027 West Althea Ave, Firebaugh, CA 93622.
- o Written protests cannot be accepted by fax or email.
- o Written protests that have been filed may also be withdrawn at the Landowner's request prior to the close of the Protest Hearing.