

# **METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

## **PUBLIC HEARING ON WATER RATES**

**MARCH 11, 2014**

This is the time and place noticed for the public hearing to receive comments from members of the public, member agencies, and interested parties on the water rates and charges to become effective in 2015 and 2016.

A notice of this public hearing was sent to all member agencies, interested parties, posted on our bulletin boards, as well as advertised in the major newspapers and some of the local papers throughout our service area.

Anyone interested in presenting comments, please fill out a card if you have not done so already. Cards are available at the front of the room near the entrance.

Before we hear from the public the General Manager, Jeff Kightlinger has a brief presentation on some of the significant investments Metropolitan has been making to ensure a reliable water supply for the region.

Now our Chief Financial Officer Gary Breaux will provide a brief overview of the budget and proposed rate options.

Now we are ready to begin the public hearing:

- Each speaker will have a maximum of three minutes. There is a timer that will give you an indication of when you are approaching the end of the 3 minutes.
- Comments must address the purpose of the public hearing- water rates and charges
- Some comments have been submitted in writing. Copies of these letters are available and we welcome additional written comments.

First I would like to give any representatives from the member public agencies in the audience an opportunity to speak.

Please come to the microphone and identify yourself and your agency.

*[Member agency comments]*

Now I will call on members of the public to speak. Given the number of speakers I will call out 5 names at a time so you can be prepared to come up as each speaker finishes their comments.

Please come to the microphone and provide your name, address and affiliation for the record.

*[Public comments]*

If there are no other requests to present comments, the public hearing is closed.

Thank you for coming and for your comments, all of which will be taken into consideration by the Finance and Insurance Committee prior to presenting its recommendation on the water rates for Board consideration and action at its April 8, 2014 meeting.