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**ATTENTION:** Contract Water Users and Persons Authorized to Receive Billings for Water Service

**SUBJECT:** NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING  
CHARGES FOR 2009 SURFACE WATER SERVICE

Dear Water User:

In setting the water charges each year, the Board establishes an Additional Water Use Charge and a Service Charge, based on the availability and use of surface water. These charges are in addition to the Water Use Charge in your Water Service Contract which is fixed at \$12.00 per acre-foot. These charges are collected directly by the District. The following preliminary rates have been established for 2009:

1. Additional Water Use Charge - \$43.50 per acre-foot
2. Service Charge - \$50.60 per acre

To determine the total charges for your Contract Water Service, multiply the sum of the Water Use Charge and the Additional Water Use Charge by your Contract Amount of Water, multiply the Service Charge by your Contract Acres, and add these two amounts. The Contract Amount of Water and the Contract Acres may be found on the "Exhibit A" of your Water Service Contract.

$$\begin{aligned} \$12.00 + \$43.50 &= \$55.50 \times \text{Contract acre-feet} = \text{Water Use Charges} \\ &\quad \$50.60 \times \text{Contract acres} = \text{Service Charges} \\ &\qquad\qquad\qquad \text{TOTAL CONTRACT WATER CHARGE} \end{aligned}$$

Overall, this reflects a 29.8% change from your 2008 charges.

In addition to the above charges, the Board establishes the General Administrative and General Project Service Charges in June of each year. On June 11, 2008, the Board set the General Administrative Service Charge at \$.50 per acre, collected on all land in the Improvement District, and the General Project Service Charge at \$32.00 per acre, collected on all developed land in the Improvement District. These charges appear on your Kern County tax bill and are collected by the County.

**You are advised that a Hearing for fixing the 2009 Water Service Charges will be held on November 12, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the District office, 1101 Central Avenue, Wasco, California.**

If you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please contact Will Boschman, District General Manager, at (661) 758-5113.

Sincerely yours,  
/s/ Fredrick A. Wegis  
President, Board of Directors

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**BUTTONWILLOW IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
AND  
POND-POSO IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
OF SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT**

**NOTICE OF FIXING SURFACE WATER SERVICE AREA SERVICE  
CHARGE AND ADDITIONAL WATER USE CHARGE FOR 2009  
AND THE TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING THEREON**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Semitropic Water Storage District acting for and on behalf of the Buttonwillow and Pond-Poso Improvement Districts will fix the following preliminary charges, in addition to the \$12.00 per acre-foot rate of the Water Use Charge specified in the Water Service Contracts, affecting Contract Water Service to land in the Surface Water Service Area, during 2009, namely:

**For Buttonwillow Improvement District**

- (a) A preliminary Service Charge of \$50.60 per acre for each acre described in Exhibit "A" of the respective Water Service Contracts.
- (b) A preliminary Additional Water Use Charge of \$43.50 per acre-foot for each acre-foot of the Contract Amount of Water set forth in Exhibit "A" of the respective Water Service Contracts.

**For Pond-Poso Improvement District**

- (a) A preliminary Service Charge of \$50.60 per acre for each acre described in Exhibit "A" of the respective Water Service Contracts.
- (b) A preliminary Additional Water Use Charge of \$43.50 per acre-foot for each acre-foot of the Contract Amount of Water set forth in Exhibit "A" of the respective Water Service Contracts.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a meeting of the Board of Directors will be held **Wednesday, November 12, 2008** at the District Office, 1101 Central Avenue, Wasco, California, or at such other time or place as may be announced at said meeting. A public hearing will be held during the meeting, commencing at **2:00 p.m.**, at which time any person interested in the Improvement Districts' operation may in person or by representative appear and be heard regarding fixing of said charges. At the conclusion of the hearing the Board will adopt said charges as proposed or as modified pursuant to the Rules and Regulations and order that the Additional Water Use Charge be paid and collected upon the same terms and conditions as the Water Use Charge as set forth in the Water Service Contracts and the Improvement Districts' Rules and Regulations, and order that delinquent charges, penalties and interest shall constitute a lien upon the land as provided in said Water Service Contracts and the Improvement Districts' Rules and Regulations.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that questions regarding this matter may be directed to the District, Attention Will Boschman, P. O. Box Z, Wasco, California 93280, or by telephoning (661) 758-5113.

SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

By           /s/ Wilmar L. Boschman            
Assistant Secretary