

Notice of Water Rate Increase

Date: September 17, 2015
Combined Consumers Special Utility District Customers

During 2015 the District has been working on projects that will improve service to our customers. All of these projects were funded with monies set aside by the Board of Directors for capital improvements.

Within the last three years Combined has made many improvements to our water system, but we are facing many upgrades to our system in the near future in order to be able to provide you, our consumers with the best quality of water possible.

The Rate increase is due to a \$3,000,000.00 bond package needed to make the following necessary upgrades.

- Upgrading the Filters and Clarifiers
- Replacing the Scada System
- Painting the Water Storage Tanks
- Upgrading the Transmission Main line

When presented with such increases, the Board of Directors is still determined to meet the growing needs of our customers, continue to improve services, and maintain the existing investment in our infrastructure. In order to meet these goals, the Board of Directors passed a rate that will meet all the above obligations, fund our improvement program, as well as keeping the District financially stable. Therefore, the Board has approved an increase in the water rates as follows:

Meter Size	Old Rate	New Rate
5/8" x 3/4"	\$38.15	\$40.15
1"	\$51.12	\$54.12
1-1/2 "	\$105.25	\$110.25
2"	\$190.75	\$200.75
3"	\$364.50	\$396.50
4"	\$602.50	\$652.50

A summary of the rate changes approved by the Board of Directors is set forth below.

Volumetric Rates

Gallons	Existing Rates	New Rates
0-2,000 gallons	\$4.10 per 1,000 gallons	\$5.10 per 1,000 gallons
2,001-5,000 gallons	\$4.50 per 1,000 gallons	\$5.50 per 1,000 gallons
5,001-8,000 gallons	\$5.00 per 1,000 gallons	\$6.00 per 1,000 gallons
8,001-15,000 gallons	\$6.00 per 1,000 gallons	\$7.00 per 1,000 gallons
>15,000 gallons	\$6.50 per 1,000 gallons	\$7.50 per 1,000 gallons

This new rate structure will begin January 1, 2016, and will be present on February 2016 bills. If you have any questions about the new rate or the District, feel free to contact the District office at 903-356-3321.

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