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# Seal Rock Water District

Date: April 21, 2023  
To: SRWD Customers  
RE: Proposed Water Rate Adjustment

Greetings,

Seal Rock Water District (SRWD) customers have not experienced an adjustment in the rate since 2021. Water rates are used to build, maintain, and operate the public drinking water system our customers rely on. While the district works hard to deliver water to our customers at a reasonable cost, from time-to-time adjustment in the rate is necessary. SRWD has made a generational investment in a long-term water supply, which replaced the Toledo supply in 2022. The district has leveraged its financial resources to construct \$24M in capital improvements over the past 12 years. The district has been able to offset the impact to rates by obtaining \$9M in combined grants over the same time period.

Like everyone, the impact of inflationary costs is affecting the district and is a significant driver for this year's rate increase. Things like goods and services, personnel costs, along with increased state and federal requirements have a major influence on the budget. The cost of supplies has risen by as much as 35% over the past three years. Supply chain issues for parts and equipment generate extended downtime which triggers the need to purchase water from a secondary source. Additional state and federal regulations to comply with EPA Lead and Copper Rule Revision and state safe drinking water regulations require additional costly sampling and analytical support.

To meet the ongoing Operational and Maintenance needs of the Water Distribution and newly constructed Water Treatment System an adjustment in the rate will be necessary. As a result, the SRWD Board of Commissioners will review and consider the adoption of an average 12.57% increase in the monthly rate which would take effect beginning June 2023. If adopted, customers can expect to see an increase beginning with the May-June meter reading cycle and the June monthly base facility charge for the statements mailed at the end of June 2023.

The effect of the increase for a domestic customer that uses 1,000 gallons per month is \$9.75 a month (from \$46.00 to \$55.75). Please see back of this letter for the proposed increase per thousand gallons for domestic usage. The calculation process for outside district customer water rates will remain at 150% of the inside district rate.

Pursuant to ORS 264.312, the Seal Rock Water District Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.** or thereafter to take public testimony regarding the proposed rate adjustment. Interested customers are encouraged to attend the hearing. A copy of the draft proposed rate schedule is available for review, upon request, before the scheduled hearing. Please visit our website to view the proposed rate adjustment or contact our office.

SRWD will hold the public hearing through Zoom video conferencing. Due to the limited capacity for in-person meetings, the public is invited to attend this meeting electronically. Please E-mail [tkarsen@srwd.org](mailto:tkarsen@srwd.org) to receive the meeting login information. SRWD encourages the public to submit written comments or testimony regarding the Proposed Water Rate Adjustment and on items included in the agenda by email to [tkarsen@srwd.org](mailto:tkarsen@srwd.org) by 2:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting to be included as public testimony. Written comments or testimony may also be mailed to the attention of the SRWD, Office Manager, 1037 NW Grebe Street, Seal Rock, OR 97376. Comments received will be shared with the SRWD Board of Commissioners and included in the permanent record.

Respectfully,  
SRWD

# PROPOSED RATE INCREASE 2023

All rates below are for ¾" Domestic Inside District meters which are the majority of our customers.

## Monthly Base Fee

Current: \$40.00

Proposed: \$49.50

Proposed Monthly Increase \$9.50

All amounts below include monthly base facility charge:

Current: 1,000 gallons \$46.00 (includes base fee)

Proposed: 1,000 gallons \$55.75 (includes base fee)

Proposed Monthly Increase \$9.75

Current: 2,000 – 4,000 gallons \$54.50 - \$71.50 (includes base fee)

Proposed: 2,000 – 4,000 gallons \$64.50 - \$82.00 (includes base fee)

Proposed Monthly Increase \$10.00 - \$10.50

Current: 5,000 – 7,000 gallons \$82.00 - \$103.00 (includes base fee)

Proposed: 5,000 – 7,000 gallons \$93.50 - \$116.50 (includes base fee)

Proposed Monthly Increase \$11.50 - \$13.50

Current: 8,000 – 13,000 gallons \$116.00 - \$181.00 (includes base fee)

Proposed: 8,000 – 13,000 gallons \$130.75 - \$202.00 (includes base fee)

Proposed Monthly Increase \$14.75 - \$21.00

Current: 14,000 – 17,000 gallons \$198.00 - \$249.00 (includes base fee)

Proposed: 14,000 – 17,000 gallons \$220.50 - \$276.00 (includes base fee)

Proposed Monthly Increase \$22.50 - \$27.00

Current: 18,000 – 20,000 gallons \$272.50 - \$319.50 (includes base fee)

Proposed: 18,000 – 20,000 gallons \$301.25 - \$351.75 (includes base fee)

Proposed Monthly Increase \$28.75 - \$32.25

Current: 21,000 – 30,000 gallons \$346.50 - \$589.50 (Includes base fee)

Proposed: 21,000 – 30,000 gallons \$380.75 - \$641.75 (Includes base fee)

Proposed Monthly Increase \$34.25 - \$52.25

Note: Larger meter rates, commercial rates and outside district rates are also proposed to increase.