

Agenda

WASHINGTON COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Special Meeting

October 27th , 2020

6:15 P.M.

Washington School

Please Note: In compliance with the Federal "Americans with Disabilities Act", any person who requires special accommodations in order to attend or participate in the meeting, please contact 265-4720 - prior to the meeting.

Open Meeting :

Approval of the Agenda:

Public Comment on Agenda item only :

Water Agency Meeting :

I. New Business

A. Review letter of Notice to property owners of the upcoming Rate Changes. And Answer Questions from the public regarding Proposed water increase. (Amy B. Alyssa W.)

B. Talk about Getting the next Letter ready , The Policy and Procedures ready and work on the Resolution : (Amy B. Alyssa W.)

Close of the Water District Meeting:

IF ANY BOARD MEMBER NEED TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA CONFERENCE CALL, OR ANYONE WISHING TO JOIN THE MEETING BY CONFERENCE CALL CAN DIAL 1-978-990-5000 WITH THE CODE OF 890273# FOR ALL BUT CLOSED SESSIONS.

November 2nd 2020

To all of our Washington residents and customers,

We would like to notify you of the public hearing about the new water rate structure set forth in our last letter. We will be meeting on **November 17th 2020 at 6:15 pm** at the **Washington School House** to vote on this new rate structure. It will take a 51% of the water customers to pass or fail this new rate structure.

We would like our customers to keep in mind the great changes that will be coming from this new rate structure. The board feels that it is so important, now more than ever, to promote fire mitigation. We are now a firewise community and with that we felt that it was necessary to make water unlimited, however not to be used excessively. We will still be reading meters in order to monitor excessive use, leaks, and theft. In the event a customer has excessive water usage (over XXXXX gallons) we will look into the reasoning and there will be correspondence with the water customer.

In an effort to meet our newly proposed budget here are the following changes:

1. We will be increasing the monthly base rate to \$60/month for all permanent residents/ property owners of Washington (this includes those who reside permanently in: both campground or in a trailer, cabin, or granny unit on another person's property), which will include unlimited gallons (**not to be used in an excessive manner**). There will be a 2% increase each year to the base rate.
2. All yearly campers (vacationers only allowed to stay a total of 60 days out of the year by law) from both campgrounds as well as extra dwellings on vacation properties (that are not occupied by a full time renter) will pay \$10/month. There will be a 2% increase each year to the base rate.
3. Business' base rate will increase to \$159/month, which will include unlimited gallons (**not to be used in an excessive manner**). Businesses with Transient Occupancy Tax Licences (TOTL) will pay a 2% fee for transients. There will be a 2% increase each year to the base rate.

The WCWD plans to implement the new base rate structure on January 1st 2021, which will affect your February bill.

Customer type	Rate	Increase/year
Resident/ Property owner/vacation home property owner	\$60/ month	2%
Resident living in a campground/ extra dwelling	\$60/ month	2%
Yearly Camper/ vacation home extra dwelling	\$10/ month	2%
Business owner	\$159/ month	2%
Transient	2% of camp/hotel rate stay	2%