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District News and Information
from Valley Water District...

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2022 Rate Notification

The Board of Commissioners has adopted the 2022 base fee and commodity rates to take effect for all billings generated on or after January 1, 2022. The Board approved increases that will result in a 1.72% - 2.4% increase for the average use customer two month billing. The following changes will take effect January 1, 2022.

1. There will be no Base Rate increase for Alderwood, Chinook, Country/Eldorado, Valley, View Royal and Winchester Systems. However, there will be a 5% commodity (usage) increase and a new tier added from 800cf-1600cf for these systems.
2. No increase to the commodity (usage) for Buttes or Sierra. However, there will be a \$1.50/mo. increase to the Base Rate for both systems.

For a full copy of the current rates for your system, please visit the District website at www.valleywaterdistrict.com, send an email to service@valleywaterdistrict.com, or contact the District office at 253-841-9698.

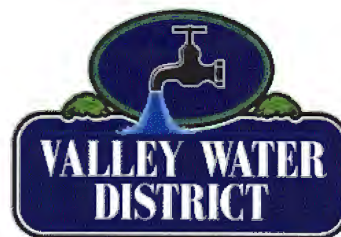
Updated Bills:

You will see a consolidated look to the "Base Rate" on future billings. What was previously shown as acquisition, surcharge and Capital Improvement (as applicable) has been combined and will show as just Base Rate on your bill. This is meant to simplify the look of the billing and eliminate customer confusion. The District still tracks and analyzes all components of all billings to ensure equity between all systems.



Mission:

"To provide safe and reliable water to all of the District's customers."



IMPORTANT—Update Contact Info for automated phone notifications.

The District will be using automated phone calls to contact customers for emergency breaks, disconnection notices, etc. Make sure the phone numbers are correct on your account so we can keep you informed.

Board of Commissioners * Robert Fulton * Christine Johnson * Ted Hardiman

Meetings are held at 7:00pm on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Ratepayers are encouraged to phone in to attend open and public board meetings. See details on our website. (www.valleywaterdistrict.com)

What's Happening in the District...

Capital Improvement Projects...

One of the primary responsibilities of a Public Water System is to plan for and fund Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). CIP's are projects that are identified by the District as required repairs and replacement of aging infrastructure, or addition of facilities to increase the safety and reliability of the Public Water System.

Funding for these projects can come from a variety of sources; a portion of the bi-monthly customer billings, connection charges from new customers and developers, bond issues, and loans from the Dept. of Health, Washington State, or various other agencies.

Valley: SR 162 AC Watermain Replacement

The Valley System has experienced numerous watermain breaks on SR162 over the last 3 years from aging/failing AC Watermain. The District has secured funding and submitted the Permit to WSDOT to replace approximately 6000 LF of AC Watermain. We anticipate the construction to take place in the Spring/Summer of 2022.

Sierra: Treatment System

The existing treatment system is no longer manufactured and obtaining parts to repair has become difficult. The District is currently completing the design and construction package that will go out to bid in early/mid 2022 to replace the existing treatment system.

The Buttes: New Well Source

The District will be installing a new well for this system in response to the existing well failing several times in the last few years. The new well will allow us to rehabilitate the existing well, which will result in having two well sources to serve the community. The District anticipates the new supply being online by late summer/early fall 2022.

Emergency Power Supply

Emergency Power is essential to providing reliable water supply to our customers. There are only three District Facilities remaining that do not currently have generators for emergency supply. The District has completed sizing requirements and will proceed with adding generators to power the Alderwood, Valley and Chinook systems.

Your money at work on System Improvements!