



CITY OF BISHOP

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Notice of Public Hearing **Water and Sewer Rates**

You are receiving this because you are identified in Inyo County Tax Assessor records as an owner of property located in the City of Bishop. As you are probably aware, the last of a series of water and sewer rate increases in the City of Bishop is scheduled to go into effect on July 1, 2007. The Bishop City Council will hold a hearing on this increase at its regular meeting June 11, 2007. The meeting will be in the Bishop City Council Chambers located at 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California and will begin at 7:30 pm. Any person interested, including all water and sewer customers of the City of Bishop, may appear and be heard on any matter relating to the proposed increase in water and sewer rates.

The City of Bishop Water and Sewer Commission issued press releases and held two public meetings, one March 20, 2007 and one on April 24, 2007, to provide information and to gather input on the water and sewer systems, those systems needs and finances, and the proposed rate increases. The City of Bishop Water and Sewer Commission has passed its recommendations on to the Bishop City Council.

The combined rate of water and sewer charges that will go into effect on July 1, 2007 is \$52 per month, which is the sum of \$32 per month for water and \$20 per month, for sewer for a single family residence. The new water rate amounts to a \$2 per month increase from the previous \$30 per month rate. The new sewer rate amounts to a \$3 per month increase from the previous \$17 per month. Previous combined increases were from \$35 per month (\$24 for water; \$11 for sewer) to \$42 per month (\$28 for water; \$14 for sewer). All rate increases were put into effect by Bishop City Council Resolution 04-06 dated February 23, 2004. Rates for properties other than single family residences are based on single family residence rates and are shown on the attached summary. At its 11 June 2007 meeting, the City Council will consider adopting a resolution to restate and reset water and sewer rates.

City of Bishop water and sewer fees are set at the lowest level that will allow the replacement of deteriorated pipes and facilities before they collapse, the placement of larger and more pipes and new hydrants so the fire department has adequate water for fire suppression, the addition and operation of equipment required by new health and environmental requirements, other improvements that reduce the overall costs to operate the systems, and the maintenance of prudent cash reserves for emergencies.

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Water and Sewer Single Family Residence Unit Equivalents (SFRUE)

Customer	SFRUE	Per
Single Family Residence	1.000	Each
Multiple Family Residence	0.800	Each
Church	1.000	Each
plus Recreation Hall	1.000	Each
Hospital	1/3	Bed
Lodge Hall	1.000	Each
plus Bar	1.000	Each
Elementary School	0.040	Student
High School	0.040	Student
Other School	0.032	Student
Fairgrounds	7.000	Each
Gas Station	0.400	Island
Car Wash	3.000	Stall
Beauty or Barber Shop	1.000	Each
Bar	0.080	Seat
Hotel or Motel		
Manager Unit	1.000	Each
Rental Unit	0.250	Each
Laundry	3.000	Each
Landromat	0.800	Washer
Restaurant	0.100	Seat
Trailer Dump Station	2.000	Each
Other Facilities	1.000	Toilet