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## **Public Works News Release**

### **Commercial Water Account Review**

Over the next few weeks, City of Bishop staff will be visiting commercial water users to make sure equipment required to protect the Bishop water system from contamination is in place and working properly. At the same time the billing for commercial accounts will be verified with current uses.

The state requires that the protection equipment, usually called "backflow preventers", is inspected each year. The equipment, when installed and working properly, prevents contamination from flowing back into the public water system when there is a problem. Potential contamination includes biological hazards and chemical hazards. The cost of this yearly inspection is usually \$50 for each commercial account and is paid by the customer. If repair, installation, or replacement is required, that is also paid by the customer.

The City of Bishop water and sewer fee system is a flat rate system based on the use covered by the account. Restaurants, for example, pay based on how many seats they have. Offices typically pay based on how many toilets they have. While the backflow equipment is being inspected, City staff will also check commercial accounts to verify they are being billed correctly. If necessary, future billings will be adjusted.

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