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Public Works News Release

Water and Sewer Rate Meeting

The City of Bishop will hold a public meeting about the water and sewer rate study that is currently underway. The meeting will be from 5:30 pm to 7 pm 24 October in the City Council Chambers 301 West Line Street. City and consultant staff working on the study will be available to provide information, answer questions, and receive public input on the recommended water and sewer rates. This meeting is a follow-up to the public workshop held in May.

The City of Bishop provides water and sewer service within the limits of the city. Law and the city's obligation to its customers dictate that the water and sewer fees be fair and only what is necessary to pay system costs. These costs include operation, maintenance, replacement, and necessary system improvement. Periodically, rate studies are conducted to ensure the continued health of the systems.

The last study was done in 2008 and resulted in water and sewer rate increases. The current rate study is not expected to result in significant general rate increases though it is expected to include adjustments to the current customer categories. The adjustments are to address concerns about rate fairness and are intended to better reflect the cost and benefits associated with each customer category. Water and sewer rates in Bishop are flat rate and not dependent on individual use. The recommended rates are summarized on the attached page.

Input received at the public meeting 24 October and recommended rates will be considered by the Bishop Water and Sewer Commission at their 13 November meeting. The Commission is expected to provide their recommendations to the City Council later in November and the City Council is expected to hold a formal hearing on rates in February 2014. Any rate changes are planned to go into effect in July 2014.

For more information contact City of Bishop Public Works at publicworks@ca-bishop.us or 760-873-8458.

Comparison Summary of Existing and Recommended Water and Sewer Rates

Existing Rates			Recommended Rates			
Customer Category	Per	Fee	Customer Category	Per	Fee	Change
Single Family Residence	Each	\$63.30	Single Family Residence	Each	\$ 64.00	1.1%
Multiple Family Residence	Each	\$50.64	Multiple Family Residence (detached)	Unit	\$ 48.00	-5.2%
			Multiple Family Residence (attached)	Unit	\$ 44.80	-11.5%
Church	Each	\$62.24	Church	Each	\$ 64.00	2.8%
Church Recreation Hall	Each	\$62.24	Hall	Each	\$ 64.00	2.8%
Lodge or Meeting Hall	Each	\$62.24				2.8%
Hall Bar	Each	\$62.24				2.8%
Hospital	Bed	\$21.10	Hospital	Bed	\$ 22.40	6.2%
Convalescent Home	Bed	\$21.10				6.2%
Public School	Student	\$2.41	School	Student	\$ 2.56	6.2%
Other School	Student	\$1.93				32.6%
Fairgrounds	Each	\$435.68	Fairgrounds	Each	\$ 376.00	-13.7%
Gas Station	Island	\$69.27	Gas Station	Island	\$ 25.60	-63.0%
Self Serve Car Wash	Stall	\$166.97	Car Wash	Stall	\$ 192.00	15.0%
Beauty or Barber Shop	Each	\$63.30	Beauty or Barber Shop	Each	\$ 64.00	1.1%
Bar	Seat	\$5.06	Bar	Seat	\$ 5.12	1.2%
Restaurant	Seat	\$6.33	Restaurant	Seat	\$ 6.40	1.1%
Hotel Room	Each	\$22.56	Hotel Room	Each	\$ 16.00	-29.1%
Hotel Manager Quarters	Each	\$63.30	Hotel Manager Quarters	Each	\$ 64.00	1.1%
Laundromat	Washer	\$48.94	Laundry and Laundromat	Washer	\$ 44.80	-8.5%
Laundry	Each	\$189.90				
Trailer Dump Facility	Each	\$126.60	Trailer Dump Facility	Each	\$ 128.00	1.1%
Other Facilities	Toilet	\$63.30	General Commercial	Toilet	\$ 60.80	-3.9%
			Brewery (with pretreatment)	1K Barrels/ Year	\$ 12.80	
			Irrigation	Acre	\$ 10.80	
			Other	Case by case	\$ -	

Notes:

1. Recommended rates listed are for July 2014. Rates are recommended to increase about 2% per year in each of the following five years to allow for inflation.
2. Improvements to customer categories are recommended to improve fairness and efficiency. These improvements appear as differences between the existing and recommended customer categories.
3. Fees shown are combined water and sewer fees.
4. In some cases, rates are additive for an account and in some cases changes are recommended to which rate categories are recommended to change.