

## Notice of Water Rate Increase

Date: November 27, 2013

To: Cash Special Utility District Customers

During 2013 the District completed three major construction projects that will improve service to our customers. All of these projects were funded with moneys set aside by the Board of Directors for capital improvements.

First, new raw water pumps were installed in the lake to allow the District to continue to pump as the lake drops due to the ongoing drought. The pumps are set approximately one foot off the bottom of the lake and have kept the water flowing even at the current drought lake level, over nine feet low. Second, the District added three new filters at the treatment plant. The new filters add a combined increased filter flow of over a million gallons per day.

The third project was a complete upgrade of the SCADA system at the treatment plant and throughout the distribution system network. New hardware, software and radios are providing better communication and control of the treatment process as well as the remote locations of our pump stations.

Again this year, the District saw cost increases in insurance (7%), water (10% treated/5% raw), supplies, and materials for repair and maintenance. When presented with such increases, the Board of Directors is still determined to meet the growing needs of our customers, continue to improve services, and maintain the existing investment in our infrastructure. In order to meet these goals, the Board of Directors passed a budget that will meet all the above obligations, fund the capital improvement program, as well as keeping the District financially stable. Therefore, the Board has approved an increase in the water rates as follows.

	Old Rate	New Rate
Base	\$25.00	\$25.50
Water		
0 - 5000 gallons	= \$3.95 per 1000 gallons	\$3.95 per 1000 gallons
5001 - 10,000 gallons	= \$4.20 per 1000 gallons	\$4.40 per 1000 gallons
10,001 - 15,000 gallons	= \$4.75 per 1000 gallons	\$4.95 per 1000 gallons
15,001 - 20,000 gallons	= \$5.25 per 1000 gallons	\$5.50 per 1000 gallons
20,001 - 25,000 gallons	= \$5.50 per 1000 gallons	\$5.75 per 1000 gallons
Over 25,000 gallons	= \$6.50 per 1000 gallons	\$7.50 per 1000 gallons
<b>Cost of 4500 gallons of water</b>		
Old Rate = \$42.78		
New Rate = \$43.28		

This new rate structure will begin January 1, 2014, and will be present on February 2014 bills. If you have any questions about the new rate or the District, feel free to contact the District office at the number above.

**Clay Hodges, General Manager**  
**Cash Special Utility District**

