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REVISED WATER RATES & OTHER FEES

BURLINGTON WATER DISTRICT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Dear customers,

As you know, Burlington Water District buys water from the Portland Water Bureau, and distributes and sells it to residents of the district. Portland Water continues to increase their water sale prices. The District has been informed that the add-on infrastructure and projected new water filtration costs will cause the water sale prices to increase annually from \$1.584 per ccf in 2021-2022 to at least \$1.879 per ccf in 2026-2027, and the increase will affect every rate payer. This year, we expect the cost of water from the Portland Water Bureau to decrease from \$1.584/ccf to \$1.009/ccf, but, the district has also been selling substantially less water than projected for the past year. Less water has been used per month in the past year, than when the rate study was completed in 2021, requiring a slight rate increase, and some budget reductions to balance the budget. Beyond these reductions, the base rate will see an increase of \$6 per connection to a total of \$66.18 in district, and \$84.71 out-of-district. This is aligned with the original plan from the rate study. In addition to covering costs, it moves us closer to having constant un-metered revenue align with our constant costs. Metered rates were planned to increase by \$2.35 per ccf, but due to the reduced cost of water, this increase will not be implemented, and the usage rates will remain the same as last year! All of these numbers will be revisited again when we look at the budget next year.

As a part of this increase, we are required to provide written notice to all district customers advising you of your right to file a petition for further external rate regulation and management under subsection (3) (d) (C) of this section.

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Beyond this if you're particularly concerned, I would encourage you to volunteer to join the board to help identify other possible revenue sources or cost reductions that we could pursue without putting the safe and reliable delivery of water to the district at risk.

Thank you,
Dan Johnson
Treasurer, Burlington Water District