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## REVISED WATER RATES & OTHER FEES

### BURLINGTON WATER DISTRICT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Dear customers,

While working through our budget for the 23/24 fiscal year, we received updated rates from the Portland Water Bureau, increasing prices beyond what we communicated in the previous letter. Here is an updated statement to share the updated rates.

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, and the increase will affect every rate payer. This year, we expect the cost of water from the Portland Water Bureau to increase from \$1.009/ccf to \$1.289/ccf. This increase is applied to a guaranteed minimum purchase (GMP) amount, which is currently greater than the amount of water sold yearly. We hope to get rid of this GMP when the new contract with Portland Water is signed in 2026. But for now, we need to raise usage rates \$0.39 at each tier to match the water cost increase. Beyond this increase, the base rate will see an increase of \$8 per connection to a total of \$74.18 in district, and \$92.71 out-of-district. The majority of this increase is to cover payments related to a significant preventative repair project that is required for Riverview Road, and to cover replacement of our aging meters. In addition to covering these costs, the base rate change moves us closer to having constant un-metered revenue aligned with our constant costs. 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.

[oregon.public.law/statutes/ors\\_757.061](http://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_757.061)

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

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