

BURLINGTON WATER DISTRICT

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REVISED WATER RATES & OTHER FEES FY 24/25 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, and the increase will affect every rate payer. This year, we expect the cost of water from the Portland Water Bureau to increase from \$1.183/ccf to \$1.293/ccf. This \$0.11 increase will be passed on directly in our usage rates. Beyond these increases, the base rate will see an increase of \$6 per connection to a total of \$80.18 in district, and \$98.71 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 costs, it 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.

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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,
Kris Hines
Budget Officer, Burlington Water District