

# WOODLANDS MUTUAL WATER COMPANY

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## Letter from the General Manager September 2017

### **New Water & Supplemental Water Rates Effective 10/1/17**

At the July 20, 2017 Directors meeting, the Board unanimously approved a 3% rate increase to the water and supplemental water rates to keep pace with inflation and to include allowances for reserves consistent with the adopted reserve studies. These new rates will be effective 10/1/17 and will be reflected on the invoices to be distributed in November 2017. The increases are summarized in the tables below.

<b>WATER FUND</b>					
<b>RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES</b>			<b>COMMERCIAL WATER RATES</b>		
<b>BI MONTHLY</b>	Existing Rate	Effective 10/1/17	<b>BI MONTHLY</b>	Existing Rate	Effective 10/1/17
Base Water Rate 0-10 CCF	\$34.96	\$36.00	Base Water 1" Meter 0-18 CCF	\$34.96	\$36.00
Tier 1 11-35 CCF	\$2.70/CCF	\$2.78/CCF	Base Water 1.5" Meter 0-18 CCF	\$69.94	\$72.03
Tier 2 36-100 CCF	\$4.71/CCF	\$4.85/CCF	Base Water 2" Meter 0-18 CCF	\$111.88	\$115.23
Tier 3 >100 CCF	\$6.12/CCF	\$6.30/CCF	Tier 1 >18 CCF	\$2.70/CCF	\$2.78/CCF

<b>SUPPLEMENTAL WATER</b>				
<b>BI MONTHLY</b>	Existing Fixed Charge	Existing Charge per Unit	Fixed Charge Effective 10/1/17	Charge Per Unit Effective 10/1/17
Residential Single Family (RSF)	\$87.40	\$0.00/CCF	\$90.02	\$0.00/CCF
Residential Multi-Family (RMF)	\$29.82	\$0.00/CCF	\$30.71	\$0.00/CCF
Commercial – All Meter Sizes	\$83.72	\$2.08/CCF	\$86.23	\$2.14/CCF
Common Area - Irrigation	\$83.72	\$2.50/CCF	\$86.23	\$2.57/CCF

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## **Tips to reduce outdoor water usage**

Outdoor landscaping is the largest use of water in our community, as well as across California. Please remember to check your irrigation settings regularly, as there are many factors that contribute to increased water use.

- Confirm Irrigation Timer Settings Regularly– power outages effect the settings of these clocks, you may need to reprogram to confirm that correct and optimal intervals are being utilized.
- Understand the area your irrigation system covers – most parcels have a common area component that is included in your irrigation station settings.
- Inspect your irrigation system for leaks and signs of wear weekly.

## **Recommended Irrigation Settings**

Turf with spay irrigation – 10 minutes, 3 times per week – Avoid irrigation during daylight hours

Ornamental Plants with Drip – 20 minutes, 3 times per week\* – Avoid irrigation during daylight hours.

*\*Depending on your specific systems, some residents may need to increase time settings in 10 to 20% increments if plant stress is observed.*

## **Leak Detection/Repair**

Currently water meters are read bimonthly, so if there is a leak or break we may not know about it immediately. Each individual water meter is equipped with a leak detection device. We are happy to send out a technician to check for leaks, however, we would also like to remind you that you may check this device on your own at any time. Doing so can help to provide peace of mind, as well as reduce the duration of leaks, if present. Please contact us to find out how you can help be proactive in prevention and timely repair of leaks.

## **Supplemental Water Capital Contributions Tracking**

WMWC recently retained David Taussig & Associates (DTA) to implement and administer a Facilities Financing Program to assist with the equitable distribution and repayment of the capital expense of the supplemental water project. More information will be distributed as DTA compiles data and produces a work product that we can share with everyone.

## **Turf Replacement Program – CA Department of Water Resources**

The State of CA offers a residential turf removal and toilet replacement rebate to candidates that qualify. There is an online application and rebates are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Please see their website for more information. [www.water.ca.gov/turf/](http://www.water.ca.gov/turf/)

## **Drought Status Update**

In June 2017 the Nipomo Mesa Management Area (NMMA) Technical Group issued an official statement regarding the drought status. Unfortunately we remain in a severe water shortage condition, despite the winter rains, and conservation efforts remain in effect with a continued goal of 50% reduction from 2013 production, similar to last year. Last year we made substantial progress toward meeting the goal, including improving on the previous year, but we are still short of the 50%. We are currently reviewing early summer irrigation patterns to determine the appropriate next steps, including consideration for the temporary purchase of additional supplemental water.

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