

**January 7, 2020**

**PALATINE HILL WATER DISTRICT  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board of Commissioners of the Palatine Hill Water District will hold a public hearing at 5:30 P.M. on February 11, 2020 at Riverdale Grade School, 11733 SW Breyman Avenue, Portland, OR 97219, for the purpose of considering an increase of its bi-monthly water rates to:

\$150.00 for up to the first 10 CCF used  
\$ 5.50 per CCF for over 10 and up to 50 CCF used  
\$ 6.50 per CCF for over 50 and up to 100 CCF used  
\$ 9.00 per CCF for over 100 CCF used

These rates will become effective beginning March 1, 2020.

You may have read or heard about Portland Water Bureau's (PWB) plans to build a filtration plant and add a seismically sound cross-river pipeline. The price tag for these two items is significant and PWB is passing the cost along to their Portland customers as well as area wholesale water-purchasing districts such as Palatine Hill Water District (PHWD). Everyone's rates will increase appreciably and steadily over the next few years. PWB projects the cost of water purchased by PHWD will increase 281% by 2023. The proposed increase to take effect on March 1, 2020 is the first of several anticipated rate increases for PHWD customers.

In addition to the costs being forwarded by PWB, costs associated with maintenance, repairs and improvements to our aging PHWD distribution system have also increased. Dollars projected for replacement projects outlined in the District's Master Plan 2015 have increased by more than 25%.

Furthermore, the last rate increase adopted by the PHWD Board was in April 2016. The Consumer Price Index for the Pacific Cities (OR, WA, CA, AK and HI) has increased by 18% since that time.

The PHWD Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing to receive public comments on the proposed rate increase Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 5:30 PM at the Riverdale Grade School Library.

Finally, please visit [PalatineHillWaterDistrict.com](http://PalatineHillWaterDistrict.com) to view rates and to "register" your cell phone number(s) to receive emergency text alert information. You will also be able to provide your e mail address to use an online pay option which we are in the process of setting up now.

Thank you,

Leslie Goss  
Jean Stoll  
Paul Duden  
Laura Martin  
Stephen Holmes