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RE: WATER RATE INCREASE

September 10, 2014

Dear Utility Customer:

I'm writing you today with two important purposes. First, I want to say thanks. As the manager tasked with making sure that Cambrians have an adequate, safe supply of water during this extreme drought, I am impressed and deeply grateful at your conservation achievement. Because of your efforts, Cambria is a water conservation standout among California communities. Since Gov. Jerry Brown declared the statewide drought emergency early this year and asked Californians to cut their water use by 20%, Cambria residents and businesses have consistently reduced their usage by twice that – 40% or more – compared to last year's levels. By saving water so effectively, you have prevented a catastrophe and have given us time to develop and begin construction of the community's emergency water supply project.

My other reason for writing is to notify you that new charges will be appearing on your next water bill – charges related to the emergency water supply project just mentioned. The new charges will pay for the construction and operation of an emergency water supply project designed to operate during periods of drought. The project is located on CCSD property off San Simeon Creek Road and will treat brackish water pumped from an existing District well. It will enable the District to ensure that a reliable supply of potable water is available for your use at all times. This new charge appearing on your bill will be labeled "EWS Charges" for Emergency Water Supply.

The new EWS Charges took effect on September 1st. The District will read meters for water usage subject to the new rates on October 30th & 31st. This bill will be mailed to you on or about November 10th.

Your sewer rates are not affected by this change.

The amount of EWS Charges will vary from billing cycle to billing cycle depending upon whether the brackish water treatment facility is operating or not. This is due to operating costs such as staffing and utilities that will be incurred during periods of operation. During periods when the brackish water treatment facility is not operating, your water bill will decrease (assuming your water usage stays the same). The District anticipates operating the emergency water supply facility for four months every year during periods of drought.

On the reverse of this letter, you will find a chart that breaks down the various emergency water supply rate components and sums them up to a total combined amount. You can estimate what your bill will be by identifying the number of units of water you typically use, scanning to the right for the charge that will be billed for that level of use, and then adding that EWS Charge to your existing water bill.

Again, thank you,

Jerry Gruber
General Manager

EMERGENCY WATER SUPPLY RATES

These charges are IN ADDITION to your regular rates.

EMERGENCY WATER SUPPLY CHARGES = EWS CHARGES

FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS DURING PERIODS OF EWS TREATMENT FACILITY NON-OPERATION:

To estimate the water and sewer bill for your September & October water use, which will be mailed out on approximately November 10th, take the total amount of your most recent CCSD water and sewer bill and add the corresponding Column D EWS Charges reflecting your amount of water used. For example, if you used 4 units of water, your existing residential bill was \$94.67, and your additional EWS Charges will be \$19.00, for a total new bill of \$113.67. Assuming you are using the same number of units of water, this will give you an estimate of your total new bill including the new EWS Charges.

FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS DURING PERIODS OF EWS TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATION:

When the EWS brackish water treatment facility is operating, your additional EWS Charges will be reflected in Column F. Using the same 4 units of water example as above, your existing residential bill was \$94.67, and your additional EWS Charges will be \$25.00, for a total new bill of \$119.67.

BI-MONTHLY RESIDENTIAL RATE TABLE FOR ADDITIONAL EWS CHARGES

	FIXED METER CHARGES	WATER QUANTITY CHARGES	TOTAL EWS CHARGES DURING PERIODS WHEN THE EWS FACILITY IS NOT OPERATING	OPERATING CHARGES	TOTAL EWS CHARGES DURING PERIODS WHEN THE EWS FACILITY IS OPERATING
Units of Water Used	EWS Water Base Charge	EWS Water Usage Charge	Column D Column D = B + C	Column E	Column F Column F = B + C + E
Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E	Column F
0	\$13.00	\$0.00	\$13.00	\$0.00	\$13.00
1	\$13.00	\$1.50	\$14.50	\$1.50	\$16.00
2	\$13.00	\$3.00	\$16.00	\$3.00	\$19.00
3	\$13.00	\$4.50	\$17.50	\$4.50	\$22.00
example 4	\$13.00	\$6.00	\$19.00	\$6.00	\$25.00
5	\$13.00	\$9.00	\$22.00	\$9.00	\$31.00
6	\$13.00	\$12.00	\$25.00	\$12.00	\$37.00
7	\$13.00	\$15.00	\$28.00	\$15.00	\$43.00
8	\$13.00	\$18.00	\$31.00	\$18.00	\$49.00
9	\$13.00	\$21.00	\$34.00	\$21.00	\$55.00
10	\$13.00	\$24.00	\$37.00	\$24.00	\$61.00
11	\$13.00	\$27.00	\$40.00	\$27.00	\$67.00
12	\$13.00	\$30.00	\$43.00	\$30.00	\$73.00
13	\$13.00	\$33.00	\$46.00	\$33.00	\$79.00
14	\$13.00	\$36.00	\$49.00	\$36.00	\$85.00
15	\$13.00	\$39.00	\$52.00	\$39.00	\$91.00
16	\$13.00	\$42.00	\$55.00	\$42.00	\$97.00
17	\$13.00	\$46.50	\$59.50	\$47.00	\$106.50
18	\$13.00	\$51.00	\$64.00	\$52.00	\$116.00
19	\$13.00	\$55.50	\$68.50	\$57.00	\$125.50
20	\$13.00	\$60.00	\$73.00	\$62.00	\$135.00
30	\$13.00	\$105.00	\$118.00	\$112.00	\$230.00
40	\$13.00	\$150.00	\$163.00	\$162.00	\$325.00
50	\$13.00	\$195.00	\$208.00	\$212.00	\$420.00

EXAMPLES OF BI-MONTHLY COMMERCIAL RATES FOR ADDITIONAL EWS CHARGES*

10	\$26.00	\$24.00	\$50.00	\$24.00	\$74.00
25	\$26.00	\$82.50	\$108.50	\$87.00	\$195.50
50	\$26.00	\$195.00	\$221.00	\$212.00	\$433.00
75	\$43.33	\$307.50	\$350.83	\$337.00	\$687.83
100	\$43.33	\$420.00	\$463.33	\$462.00	\$925.33
200	\$86.67	\$870.00	\$956.67	\$962.00	\$1,918.67
300	\$86.67	\$1,320.00	\$1,406.67	\$1,462.00	\$2,868.67
600	\$138.67	\$2,670.00	\$2,808.67	\$2,962.00	\$5,770.67
900	\$138.67	\$4,020.00	\$4,158.67	\$4,462.00	\$8,620.67

*CALCULATION REQUIRED FOR COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS:

Identify your meter size and the corresponding Fixed Meter Charges (aka the Water Base Charge in Column B); add this to the EWS Water Usage Charges in Column C.

Fixed Meter Charges are: 5/8" Meter or 3/4" Meter = \$26.00; 1" Meter = \$43.33; 1-1/2" Meter = \$86.67; 2" Meter or larger = \$138.67

Add your Total EWS Charges, from either Column D or Column F depending upon whether the treatment facility is operating or not, to your existing water and sewer utility bill.

Assuming you are using the same number of units of water, this will give you an estimate of your total new bill including the new EWS Charges.