

**Wheeler Crest Community Services District
129 Willow Road
Swall Meadows, CA 93514**



Date: November 28, 2016

**Re: PRICING POLICY UPDATES – NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
UPDATE ON USER MEETING HELD 11/18/2016**

To: All customers of the Hilltop Water System

This notice describes the proposed changes to the Hilltop Water Systems (HWS) annual assessments. These changes were recommended at the HWS users meeting on 11/18/2016. It also describes the recommendation of actions to be taken after the inspection of the Hilltop reservoir.

Annual Assessment Increase

It was recommended by HWS users in attendance at the meeting on 11/18/2016 to increase the annual assessment for connected laterals of \$500 (\$41.67 per month) to \$650 (\$54 per month). This would be a 30% increase. The Board of Directors (BOD) voted and approved this increase in addition to increasing the fee for unconnected laterals (for which there are currently none) from \$210 to \$400 annually. This increase is necessary to assist in paying off the existing loan for the new Hilltop Well (\$17,043 at the time of the meeting) and to begin building reserves for an aging water system.

A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at the firehouse (129 Willow Rd) to discuss and vote on this proposed resolution. If you cannot attend the meeting, you can voice your opinion in writing and it will be included in the vote count. The increase will be denied if a majority of households vote to not increase the annual assessments.

This increase will be effective immediately upon passage of the resolution.

Inspection of Hilltop Reservoir

It was agreed that the Hilltop Reservoir and the Artesian Well as its source for water is a valuable asset to the HWS and is worth preserving. It was also determined that the option of replacing the existing steel reservoir with a Poly-synthetic is needed in more detail before a decision could be made to refurbishing the existing reservoir. Since there were no contaminants or heavy metals found inside the existing reservoir, there is no urgency to take immediate action. Therefore, the BOD agreed to further investigate several alternatives to replace instead of refurbish. It was also agreed that a one-time special assessment would be required regardless of the alternative chosen.

Summary

Annual assessment increase proposed:

Connected service lateral \$500 annually to \$650 annually

Unconnected service later \$210 annually to \$400 annually

Hilltop Tank Inspection:

No action will be taken until further investigation on several alternatives to replace the existing steel tank is researched.

A full copy of the meeting minutes can be found at:

<http://wheelercrestcsd.org/hilltop-water-system.html>

If you have any questions about any of these changes, please contact any Board Member. There will be an open discussion at the Public Hearing to discuss any and all concerns.

Public Hearing

Scheduled for January 18, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Location at the Fire Station - 129 Willow Rd

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