

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



Date: February 1, 2017

**Re: NOTICE OF ANNUAL FEE INCREASE
\$150 BILLING FOR ANNUAL FEE FOR 2017**

To: All customers of the Hilltop Water System

The Board of Directors passed and adopted Resolution 1701 which includes an increase from \$500 to \$650 annually for all connected laterals within the Hilltop Water System (HWS). This change was recommended by members in attendance at the HWS users meeting on 11/18/2016. The increase will go into effect immediately. I.e. for the current service year of 2017.

One-Time Payment of \$150

- There will be a one-time payment of \$150 since the service year of 2017 was already included in your tax bill at the old rate of \$500.
- Please include the deposit slip in the return envelope provided with your payment.
- If not paid within 90 days, there will be a basic penalty of 10 percent, plus an additional penalty of 1 percent per month until the payment is received.

What will the increase be used for?

- To assist in the payment of the what is left of the existing loan that paid for ½ of the new Hilltop well, cistern and hydrostatic pump. The current balance is \$18,304 as of 1/16/2017.
- To assist in building up the Hilltop general fund. The current balance is \$1,069 as of 1/16/2017.
- To assist in building reserves to pay for the replacement or repair of the existing “artesian” Hilltop reservoir. The State mandated inspection (every 5 years) was completed in the summer of 2016. Estimated cost of repair is \$20,000 - \$28,000. A project is currently underway to look at alternatives for replacing instead of repairing the existing reservoir.

How will I pay the annual fee in the future?

- All future billings will be on your property tax bill as they have been in the past except at the new rate of \$650.

What does the increase NOT do?

- The increase does not eliminate the possibility of an additional special assessments for major repairs or to fund any other existing major projects or outages.

Is the increase permanent or temporary?

- The increase is permanent or at least until the foreseeable future.
- Any changes to the annual fee require another resolution passed by the Board of Directors and all District and State notification procedures would apply.

How can I keep current on information or get a copy of the complete resolution 1701?

- Information can be found at the Districts' website at:
www.wheelercrestcsd.org.
- Resolution 1701 can be found on the "Hilltop Water District" page on the website.

What if I have additional questions?

- You can always contact any board member. A complete list of names and phone numbers can be found on the Districts' website.
- The website also has an option to send us an email via the "contact us" page.
- Or you can always send us an email directly at *info.wccsd@gmail.com*.

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