



NOTICE OF ORWD RATE/FEE INCREASE HEARING

The Otter Rock Water District's annual Budget Hearing and a Rate/Fee Increase Hearing will be held on June 28, 2022 at 6 pm via ZOOM.

The ORWD Budget Committee has recommended several fee and rate increases for the upcoming Fiscal Year of 2022-2023, as allowed under ORWD Resolution 2017-01.

Many of the District's operating costs have increased since our transition to using Hiland Water Inc. for running our water system. The District is currently looking for less costly alternatives for some of the work previously done by our superintendent position, but that is not an option for all of the required work.

The recommended increases are as follows:

An increased rate of an additional \$25 per month for those Residential units that are licensed by Lincoln County as Vacation Rentals.

An increase in the fees for disconnects and reconnects for repair of owner's shut-off valves and for delinquent account turn off / turn on, from \$50 to \$75 for each callout. Other (Seasonal) On or Off service charges set at \$600.00 per service.

Late Fees:

In the not too distant future, the District will be applying for at least a partial loan to pay for the much needed system rebuild. The ability of the District to qualify for any loan will be dependent, in part, on our revenue stream which is what covers our operating expenses. In the past several years our overdue and delinquent accounts have increased both in number and the amount owed. We need to show we can do better. It is the District's goal only to become financially solvent on a consistent monthly basis. To encourage this, the budget committee is recommending instituting late fees. Our hope is they will be few and far between. The District is also looking at ways to make it easier for customers to submit their payments by taking advantage of electronic alternatives to making payments by mailed checks.

The budget committee has recommended a late fee of \$10 when payments are more than 30 day late and an additional late fee of \$20 when a payment is more than 60 days. These fees will be in addition to the turn-off / turn-on fees if a customer doesn't pay after a disconnect notice is sent.

See the next page for the Proposed Rates & Fees for 2022-2023

Respectfully,
Your Otter Rock Water District Board and Budget Committee

OTTER ROCK WATER DISTRICT
Proposed - (changes in bold)
 2022-2023 CURRENT RATES, FEES, AND CHARGES

1. All single family residential service accounts are a flat rate \$50.00 per month (3/4 inch minimum service); no overage charges are currently applied when the single family dwelling has its own service.

2. Water Meter rate is \$4.00 per 1000 gallon for overages over base. Overage charges above base apply to all accounts except single family residential above. Base Gallons by meter size for calculation of metered overage charges are as follows:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Base Gal</u>
¾ inch	6,500
1 inch	10,500
1 ½ inch	18,500
2 inch	33,000

3. All single family residential service accounts.

- \$50.00 per month plus **\$25.00 for each Vacation Rental residence as documented and licensed by Lincoln County ordinances** (3/4 inch minimum service).

4. All multi-unit residential [regardless of whether it is a residential long term rental or commercial tourist accommodation] shall be metered. Rates:

- \$50.00 per month per unit (3/4 inch service to 2 inch service)

5. All commercial users shall be metered. Rates:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Base Gal</u>	<u>Minimum charge</u>
¾ inch	6,500	\$57.50
1 inch	10,500	\$65.00
1½ inch	18,500	\$95.00
2 inch	33,000	\$90.00 Single commercial bldg; Multi-unit commercial, \$50.00 per month per unit

6. Government Facility shall be metered. Rates:

- ¾ inch 6,500 \$50.00
- 2 inch 33,000 \$50.00
- additional per bath/shower \$10.00

7. Turn on and Turn Off charges for non-payment, replacement/repair of shut off valves and lines: subsidized at **\$75.00** turn on / **\$75.00** turn off. All other On or Off service charges set at **\$600.00** per service.

8. New water service application/connection fee: \$750.00 (plus cost of line installation and water meter) Reference: Public Hearing / Resolution 2018-07 - July 24, 2018

Service charge for application to existing service: \$25.00.

9. Application Fee for billing tenant \$30.00

10. System Development Charge (SDC) Ordinance 2018-05

- \$12,426 will be charged per lot for all new construction requiring the issuance of a building permit. (SDC amount is good through 12/31/2023. The SDC is adjusted annually on January 1 of each year based on the CCI.)