

# Water/Sewer Rates

The District will be using the recommendations of our rate study performed in 2014 to set the rates for 2017. The rate study took many factors into account, and it was determined that we won't need to raise the sewer rates through 2019. In fact, the sewer rates have stayed the same the last few years and will drop in 2017 by \$0.50 to \$50.00 per month. The many water system capital improvement needs will require an approximate 5% revenue increase for 2017, and 4% for 2018 and 2019. The actual rate to the customer will generally be lower than these percentages. So, for example, if you use on average five hundred cubic feet (5 ccf) of water per month:

- **2016:** \$41.75 per month (\$30.00 base plus \$2.35/ccf x 5ccf).
- **2017:** \$43.50 per month (\$31.00 base plus \$2.50/ccf x 5ccf).
- Increase of \$1.75 per month or \$21.00 per year.

If you are also a BHWSO sewer customer, we will be reducing the sewer rate down to \$50.00/month flat rate.

So, using the same example of 5 ccf/month water consumption:

- Average monthly rate increase for water & sewer combined would be \$1.25/month or \$15 per year.
- Equivalent to a 1.36% rate increase.

The District strives to maintain and improve our infrastructure while minimizing the financial impact to our customers.

For more information about the rates and the capital improvements, go to our website at [bhwsd.org](http://bhwsd.org).



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## Auto-Pay

Did you know that you can have your payment electronically debited from a Visa, MasterCard, Discover or a checking or savings account? To sign up with a credit/debit card, go to [www.bhwsd.org](http://www.bhwsd.org) to register. To sign up with a checking or savings account, contact our office to request an authorization form.

## CONTACT US:

If you have any questions about your water or sewer service, please feel free to contact us. We are here to serve you.

## Commissioner Meetings

Commissioner meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month and the public is always welcome to voice comments or concerns.

Meetings are held at 5:15 pm in the upstairs meeting room, 1121 West Side Highway, Kelso, Washington

For more information, or accessibility concerns please contact the office at 636-3860.

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## 2016 Projects

Various Projects completed in 2016:

- \* Alpha Drive Emergency Sewer Main Replacement: 606 feet of failing 8" PVC sewer main replaced with 8" HDPE pipe and new manholes.
- \* Conducted an Inflow and Infiltration study through camera inspection of sewer mains in hard to reach areas. The results will determine future locations for sewer main replacements or repairs.
- \* Aloha Drive and Palm Drive Water Main Replacements: 610 feet of failing 2-inch galvanized iron pipe water main replaced with 4-inch ductile iron water main to restore water flow and hydrants added for fire protection.
- \* As part of a cooperative project with the City of Longview, the Hillside Pump Station is currently in the design stages for replacement with construction expected to begin in 2017. The project will replace the original pump station that was constructed in 1946 with a new building, pumps, and controls to provide greater reliability and longevity in pumping water to the upper zones of our system.
- \* Lexington Reservoir: Extensive geotechnical evaluations and land surveying were performed to evaluate the stability of this reservoir which was not operating properly for full utilization. We were able to fill the tank to its higher design level which will improve its operation and the water quality.
- \* We had five reservoirs cleaned, repaired a faulty altitude valve, installed an aeration mixer to a reservoir to improve disinfection byproducts results, repaired a number of hydrants, and flushed water mains throughout the water system, in addition to countless water and sewer service line repairs, meter replacements, and pump station repairs.

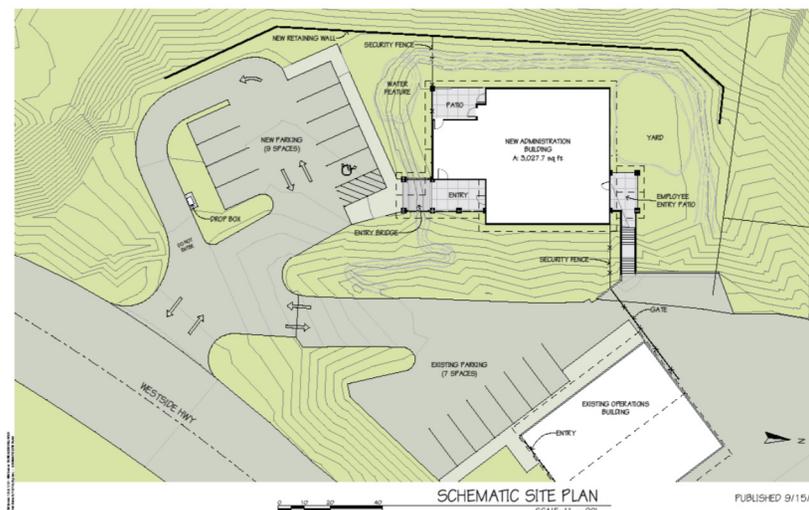
### Aloha and Palm Drive Water Main Replacement



## Future Projects

Various Projects for 2017/18:

- \* Complete design and construct Hillside Pump Station replacement. Main water pump station supply to our system and customers.
- \* Beacon Hill Reservoir: This elevated water storage tank was inspected by structural engineers and will have some improvements performed in 2017 to extend the useful life of the tank.
- \* Continue various water main replacements, especially those constructed of galvanized iron pipe.
- \* Replace pressure reducing valves at various locations.
- \* Reservoir cleaning, repairs, and circulation improvements.
- \* Sewer main inspection and replacement.
- \* New BHWSD Office: The existing office built in 1975 is now almost 42 years old but was designed for a much smaller staff, equipment, and customer base when the District was sewer-only. After acquiring the PUD water system in 2008, the staff and equipment have doubled and were squeezed into the existing space. Also, the customer base we are serving has nearly tripled from about 2,500 in 1975 to 7,000 today. Standards for public meetings and building codes have changed a lot and the existing building is very limited on meeting these requirements. We are currently in the design stages for a new office that improves accessibility, better serves our customers, and enhances operational efficiency. Construction is expected to begin in 2017.



New Office Preliminary Site Plan