Oceano Community Services District



Ordinance 2015-01&2017-01

ESTABLISHED WATER SERVICE CHARGES

- Enacted in the midst of a drought
- Customers continue to conserve water
- Existing rates insufficient to cover water costs

Pro Forma - Current Rates										
Oceano CSD	Rate Increase	Supply	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%			
		Base	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%			
Revenues and Expenses		Cost Inflation	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%			
Total Water Sales (CCF)	286,637	298,522	298,522	298,522	298,522	298,522	298,522			
	2018-19 Actual		2020-21 Budget	2021- 22 Projection	2022-23 Projection	2023-24 Projection	2024-25 Projection			
Water Sales - Supply	1,155,432	1,269,794	1 200 760	1 210 102	1,358,758	1 200 521	1,441,507			
Water Sales - Supply Water Sales - Base	984,006	1,022,206	1,280,760 1,049,240	1,319,183 1,080,717	1,336,736	1,399,521 1,146,533	1,180,929			
System Connection Fees	45,493	50,884	51,639	53,188	54,784	56,427	58,120			
Delinquent Fees	28,481	27,930	27,000	27,810	28,644	29,504	30,389			
New Account Setup Fees	2,700	3,240	3,240	3,337	3,437	3,540	3,647			
Courtesy Notices Fees	4,322	4,329	4,500	4,635	4,774	4,917	5,065			
Wheeling Fees	22,621	21,525	25,000	25,750	26,523	27,318	28,138			
Interest	2,370	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Grant Revenue	104,318	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Other Revenues	19,978	29,330	11,350	11,691	12,041	12,402	12,775			
Total - Revenues	2,369,720	2,429,238	2,452,729	2,526,311	2,602,100	2,680,163	2,760,568			
Water Supply - Lopez (Pass through)	472,914	462,693	493,997	493,997	493,997	493,997	493,997			
Water Supply - State (Pass through)	953,953	1,101,264	1,151,000	1,151,000	1,151,000	1,151,000	1,151,000			
Source of Supply- Expenses	1,426,867	1,563,957	1,644,997	1,644,997	1,644,997	1,644,997	1,644,997			
Salaries & Benefits	238,932	267,692	349,858	360,354	371,164	382,299	393,768			
Admin Allocation	378,606	517,907	555,363	572,024	589,185	606,860	625,066			
Services & Supplies	223,649	203,911	291,220	299,957	308,955	318,224	327,771			
Transfers	71,375	34,888	56,075	57,757	59,490	61,275	63,113			
O&M- Expenses	912,562	1,024,398	1,252,516	1,290,091	1,328,794	1,368,658	1,409,718			
CIP Projects - Fixed Assets	267,821	270,057	40,000	75,000	150,000	150,000	150,000			
Capital - Expenses	267,821	270,057	40,000	75,000	150,000	150,000	150,000			
Total - Expenses	2,607,250	2,858,412	2,937,513	3,010,088	3,123,791	3,163,655	3,204,715			
Revenues minus Expenses	(237,530)	(429, 174)	(484,784)	(483,778)	(521,691)	(483,492)	(444,147)			
Water Fund Ending Reserve Balance	1,390,488	961,314	476,530	(7,248)	(528,939)	(1,012,430)	(1,456,577)			
Minimum Reserve Balance (3 months expenses)	651,812	714,603	734,378	752,522	780,948	790,914	801,179			

WATER RATE INCREASE

What was NOT addressed in prior ordinances?

- ✓ The District's Long-Term Plan
 - System Infrastructure Repairs (CIP)
 - Staffing Needs
 - Financial Reserves

WATER RATE INCREASE

What is addressed in this Ordinance?

- ✓ The District's Long-Term Plan
 - Funding System Infrastructure Repairs (CIP)
 - Funding Increased Staffing 1.5 FTE
 - Minimum Financial Reserves

- Funding the Capital Improvement Program
 - ♦ \$186,000 annual need identified in 2010
 - Was not implemented
 - Capital projects funded from grants/reserves
 - 2019 CIP update identifies over \$4 million needed over next 10 years
 - \$150,000 annually will fund that need thru pay as you go and debt financing
 - Phased in over three years
 - ❖ \$4.22 monthly bill impact
 - ❖ \$122,000 annual depreciation expense





- Funding Increased Staffing Needs
 - ❖ 1 FTE Utility System Operator added in 2019
 - \$113,412 annual salary and benefits
 - ❖ .5 FTE Account Administrator added in 2019
 - \$30,393 annual salary and benefits
 - Converted Utility System Supervisor to Utility System Manager and a Utility System Operator to a Lead Operator in 2019
 - \$20,000 annual cost differential

Agency	Total Staff	Utility Staff	Total Staff per Capita	Utility Staff per Connection
Oceano CSD	8.5	4	.0011	.0018
CSD 1	10	6	.0014	.0022
CSD 2	21.5	14.5	.0017	.0033
CSD 3	21.6	7	.0027	.0027
CSD 4	49	16	.0086	.0040

- Funding Minimum Reserve Balance
 - Maintain above 3 months expenditures
 - No other reserves proposed

- 6 units of water in base rate eliminated
 - ❖ Difficult to legally defend under Prop 218 cost of service
 - Other agencies phasing out this feature
 - ❖Time for Oceano to do the same

- Multi-Family customer class created
 - ❖Apartments, mobile home parks, duplexes, etc. served by a master meter
 - Cost of service is generally less and justifies this class
 - Less demand on system for storage, infrastructure, maintenance, and peaking

- Moving to two-tiered rate structure
 - Currently 5 tiers
 - San Juan Capistrano court decision
 - Two tiers tied directly to the cost of Lopez and State Water
 - ❖ Tier 1 Lopez (0-6 units)
 - ❖ Tier 2 State (above 6 units)

- Increase being phased in over time
 - Three-year phase in
 - ❖ Year 1 13%
 - ❖ Year 2 10%
 - ❖ Year 3 10%

OCEANO CSD RESIDENTIAL WATER AFFORDABILITY

	Annual	% of MHI
Median Household Income	\$39,000	
Affordability Thresholds	\$585-\$1,560	1.5-4%
Average Water Cost (Proposed Increase)	\$832	2.1%

Addressing Affordability

- Proposition 218 Limitations
- Create Multi-family customer class
- Ease burden by phasing in increases
 - ✓ CIP
 - Rates
- Target savings from grants to low income
- State Program

BI-MONTHLY WATER RATE COMPARISON - (SFR) 15 UNITS



- What does community get?
 - Capital Improvement Program
 - Improved Health and Safety
 - Improved Fire Flow
 - Sufficient Staffing for Operations
 - Improved maintenance
 - Financially Sustainable System
 - Legally defensible rate structure
 - Equitable rates

PROCESS AND NEXT STEPS

- Proposition 218 & Timing
- ✓ Protest Hearing October 14, 2020
- Rates effective starting billing period in November