

STRAIGHT FROM THE TAP

Update for our Valued Customers

As you may remember from the last newsletter, our Board of Commissioners (along with our engineering firm) has been reviewing options on how to move forward with Water District infrastructure updates to continue providing quality water services to our community. Our engineering firm conducted a feasibility study on the different scenarios covering a 20-year time span. We would like to share the results with you.

The first scenario is to use our own production facilities (wells) and chlorinate our own water. We currently have chlorination facilities but would require a manganese treatment plant be built for filtering the manganese.

The second scenario is to continue to purchase chlorinated water from Highline Water District. Purchasing water from another source rather than producing our own water will leave us in less control of our water rates passed on to you as our customer.

The third scenario is to blend our water in order to cut down on the amount of water that we would need to purchase from Highline Water District.

All of these scenarios require a significant investment in our infrastructure which will require more aggressive rate increases than you have experienced in the past.

The feasibility study spread out over a 20 year time span came out as follows:

1. Building our own Manganese Treatment Facility and discontinuing the purchase of water from Highline Water District \$8,633,943 million.
2. Continuing to purchase water from Highline Water District and complete the needed improvements to ensure adequate fire flow throughout the District \$14,824,358 million.
3. Blending the two sources of water to reduce the amount purchased from Highline Water District \$15,259,111 million.

These are preliminary numbers from our engineer and could change if the scope of work changes.

Water District #54 Commissioners have decided to pursue building our own treatment plant and are currently looking for grants and federal earmark monies that will not require the entire cost be passed on to the district customers. Low-interest loans will be our last funding resource to pursue.

Along with building our own treatment facility, a decision needs to be made on what to do with the upper reservoir. The 250-gallon reservoir at the intersection of 11th and 219th Street was built in 1969 and is currently in need of some interior repair and seismic stabilization. It is more costly to seismically stabilize the old reservoir and do repairs to the interior than it is to tear it down and build another ground level tank. We will be pursuing funding for this project.

We here at Water District #54 are very excited about these potential upcoming improvements and look forward to serving our customers the best water possible at an affordable price.

If you have further questions, please contact us.

2024-2025 Rates				
Service Type	Criteria	Rate/ Month	Increase for 2024	New rate/ Month
Res	3/4" & less	\$19.40	\$2.00	\$21.40
Res	1"	\$20.40	\$2.00	\$22.40
Mult Fam	Per unit same as Res	\$19.40	\$2.00	\$21.40
Non Res	3/4" & less	\$51.53	\$5.15	\$56.68
	1"	\$54.85	\$5.49	\$60.34
	1 1/2"	\$87.43	\$8.74	\$96.17
	2"	\$154.08	\$15.41	\$169.49
Time of Year	Months	Current Rate/100 cf	New Rate for 2024	
Winter	11/1 to 4/30	\$4.00	\$4.50	
Summer	5/1 to 10/31	\$4.90	\$5.15	

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11th Avenue Water Main Replacement

King County Water District #54 has designed a replacement water main for 11th Avenue South (and 10th Place South) between 220th Street and 224th .

The new main will be an 8” ductile iron pipe and will replace an aging 6 “ steel pipe.

This project was slated to begin in the Fall of 2023 and was to be paid for by District reserves, but due to the Boil Water advisory and the possibility of having to build a new treatment facility this has temporarily been put on hold until we can secure funding for the treatment plant. If we are able to secure complete funding of the treatment plant project, the 11th Avenue Main Replacement Project will be moved back up the list and put on the schedule. We are still waiting on the Federal Legislature to review their requests for funding.

So, at this point, construction time has yet to be determined.

