



# H<sub>2</sub>O PIPELINE

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## NEW WATER WELL

One of the District's wells, drilled in 1950, has come to the end of its useful life and was taken out of service. It is necessary to install a replacement well. Groundwater is the primary source of water for the District. The secondary source is imported water which costs over double of groundwater. This well project has been contemplated over the past 15 years. Start to final construction will take over two years and cost approximately \$4.2 million. The District proposes locating this well near the well that was taken out of service. This new well project puts your water rates to work by funding improvements to your water system.

## NEW WATER RATES

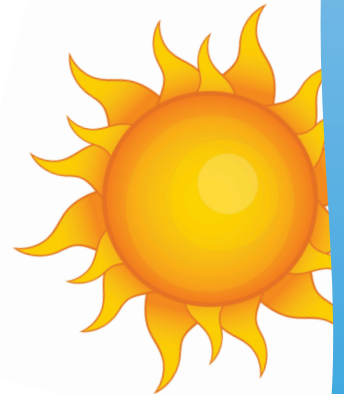
On May 23, 2023, the Board of Directors adopted the new water rates for fiscal year 2023/2024. These increases are the approved rates from the District Rate Hearing on May 16, 2023, based on the 2023 Water Rate Study.

### Water Usage Charge, per hcf = 748.8 gallons

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Previous Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
Upper	2.78	2.98
Lower	2.50	2.60

### Readiness To Serve Charge

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Previous Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
5/8"	47.66	52.78
3/4"	47.66	52.78
1"	79.40	86.51
1-1/2"	158.76	170.85
2"	254.00	272.05
3"	555.57	592.51
4"	1,000.02	1,064.78
6"	2,222.18	2,194.85
Fire Hydrant Meter	555.57	592.51



## DID YOU KNOW...

The District has six reservoirs within La Habra Heights that hold water totaling 9.56 million gallons throughout the water system. 9.56 million gallons represents around 29 football fields one foot deep in water. Reservoirs serve various purposes for the community. Most importantly is fire protection, providing water availability when firefighting is necessary. Next, having water readily available when turning on your faucet. Also, the Insurance Services Office (ISO) rates our system using various parameters and one of those is how much water is stored in District reservoirs. As you can see, there are many benefits of providing customers with water storage in reservoirs.

## EMPLOYEES CELEBRATE 20 YEARS SERVICE



Michelle Perez marks 20 years of service with the District. She started employment as a temporary employee in August 2002 as Data Entry Operator then hired as a regular employee in March 2003. In August 2005 Ms. Perez was promoted to Management Assistant/Accountant. In 2006, she earned an Associate of Science in General Studies from Rio Salado College and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. Additionally, Ms. Perez achieved a Master of Science in Accountancy in November 2014. She has gathered much knowledge about the District and water industry during her years of service to the District.

Ms. Perez enjoys traveling and spending time with her family. She is married to Jaime and they have one son, Michael.

In addition, Dale Snooks began employment with the District in July 2003 as a Utility Worker I. Mr. Snooks attended Rancho Santiago College and achieved his State of California Department of Public Health Water Distribution Grade I certification. He, too, has gathered much knowledge about the District and water industry during his years of service to the District.



He has two children, Casey and Kelly.

### **Mission of the District**

*To provide high quality potable water service at a reasonable cost to the public residing within the District boundaries.*



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