

News Release

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Public Hearing to Vote on Proposed Rate Increases

South Lake Tahoe (May 7, 2019) – South Tahoe Public Utility District is holding a Public Hearing on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Board Room at 1275 Meadow Crest Drive to vote on proposed rate increases. Most of South Lake Tahoe's water and sewer system was built in the 1950s and 1960s and needs to be upgraded, repaired or replaced.

The District is considering raising water and sewer rates to provide revenue to replace undersized pipes, install new fire hydrants, and upgrade pumping and storage facilities to ensure adequate water for firefighting.

A five-year series of potential changes to water and sewer rates were developed to improve the water, sewer and recycled water systems, and lower long-term costs. A rate increase of up to 5% per year is being considered for sewer and up to 6% per year for water. For a typical residential customer, this would result in an approximate increase of \$7.00 per quarter for sewer and \$11.00-\$13.00 per quarter for water.

During the Public Hearing next Thursday, the Board will listen to public comments and will adopt rates and the next fiscal year budget. For more information, visit <u>www.stpud.us/improvements</u>.

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