

BOLINAS COMMUNITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

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Notice To All Owners of Property Served By a BCPUD Water and/or Sewer Connection

Article XIII D, Section 6, of the California State Constitution requires that the Bolinas Community Public Utility District (“BCPUD”) notify you of any proposed increases in BCPUD fees/charges for the parcel number shown on the address label used for this mailing (or for the new parcel number if your property has been consolidated or merged within the past 10 months).

Enclosed with this notice is a copy of the *proposed* BCPUD budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year, which begins on July 1, 2021. **If the budget is adopted by the BCPUD Board of Directors at its July 21, 2021 regular meeting with no further changes, increases in the annual charge for water service and the annual charge for sewer service will be necessary.** The BCPUD is *not* proposing any increase to the quarterly metered water rate charges or the annual septic/drainage service charge.

The proposed *annual* increase in the service charge for water is \$43, which represents a three percent (3%) increase over the existing charge. As a result, the annual service charge for water service will increase from \$1,425 per year to \$1,468 per year.

The proposed *annual* increase in the service charge for sewer is \$42, which represents a three percent (3%) increase over the existing residential service charge. As a result, the annual service charge for residential sewer service will increase from \$1,411 per year to \$1,453 per year. The annual service charge for commercial sewer service will increase from \$1,436 - \$1,861 per year to \$1,478 - \$1,903 per year.

Please note that the amounts of these proposed increases are subject to change during the budget process.

The district has determined it is necessary to increase the annual water and sewer service charges in order to keep up with the annual cost of living increases charged by vendors and suppliers, to continue to provide high quality water and sewer service to our customers, to design, plan and install important capital improvement projects, and to repay the district’s debt. The BCPUD Board of Directors has adopted a detailed Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, a copy of which is available on our website (www.bcpud.org), which sets forth the specific capital improvement projects planned across the district’s enterprises for the upcoming fiscal year, as well as the four fiscal years thereafter, and explains the detailed process undertaken by the district to formulate the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan and identify the most critically needed capital improvement projects. The Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan is updated annually and posted on the BCPUD’s website as soon as it is available.

Reasons for the proposed increase in the annual water service charge: raw water collection, water treatment and water distribution system capital improvements, operations, maintenance and repair projects planned for implementation during the 2021-22 fiscal year, debt repayment obligations, as well as rising costs in nearly all areas of BCPUD operations, including equipment and supplies needed to operate, maintain and improve the raw water collection, water treatment and water distribution systems. Among other things, during the 2021-22 fiscal year the district plans to collect all or a portion of the funds needed to pay for the following capital projects: (1) the emergency addition of supplemental groundwater sources to augment the district's water supply; (2) the rehabilitation of our West Tank (one of the two drinking water storage tanks located on Mesa Road east of the Woodrat Water Treatment

Plant); (3) the replacement of discharge piping and associated valves at the water storage tank site; and (4) continued water quality improvements at the Woodrat 1 and 2 Reservoirs.

Reasons for the proposed increase in the annual sewer service charge: sewage collection, sewage treatment and spray disposal capital improvement, operations, maintenance and repair projects planned for implementation during the 2021-22 fiscal year, as well as rising costs in nearly all areas of BCPUD operations, including equipment and supplies needed to operate, maintain and improve the sewer collection, treatment and spray disposal systems. Among other things, during the 2021-22 fiscal year the district plans to collect an additional portion of the funds needed to pay for the replacement of the generator at the lift station and the remainder of the funds needed to pay for the replacement and upgrade of the irrigation spray disposal pump station at the sewage treatment ponds and associated treatment improvements.

BCPUD Account numbers **10109000, 10131000 through 10296010, and 10304030** will be subject to increased charges approved for both **water and sewer** service. Account numbers **10101000 through 10130020 (except 10109000)** and **10297000 through 30685010** will be subject to increased charges approved for **water** service only. Please check your account number on any recent water bill to determine which potential increases may affect your property.

There will be a public hearing on the proposed service charge increases at the June 16, 2021 regular meeting of the BCPUD Board of Directors. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m., at the District office, 270 Elm Road, Bolinas (if possible under then-applicable public health orders related to the Coronavirus pandemic), or via teleconference or Zoom. The public hearing on the proposed budget will be the third item of business, following the Manager's Report, and Community Expression. **Approval of the 2021-22 budget is tentatively scheduled for the July 21, 2021 regular meeting of the BCPUD Board of Directors,** following further public discussion at that meeting.

A copy of the draft budget is enclosed with this notice. It is also on the District's website at www.bcpud.org.

Article XIII D, Section 6, Subparagraph (2) of the California Constitution states: "If written protests against the proposed fee or charge are presented by a majority of owners of the identified parcels, the agency shall not impose the fee or charge." If you elect to protest the BCPUD's proposed increased charges, your written protest must be received by the BCPUD at the address at the top of this notice prior to the close of the June 16th hearing. You must submit your protest in writing, including a description of your assessor parcel and/or BCPUD account number, even if you plan to attend the June 16th hearing.