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STPUD Board Considers New Rates

South Lake Tahoe (May 2, 2023) – The South Tahoe Public Utility District (District) Board of Directors is considering new water and sewer rates that would go into effect July 1, 2023.

The District is a public agency that supplies water for drinking and fire suppression, and provides sewage collection, treatment, and export to protect Lake Tahoe’s delicate ecosystem. Increases to the water and sewer rates are being proposed to repair and replace 50-90 year old water and sewer systems.

“The District’s complex water, sewer, and recycled water systems need ongoing maintenance, replacement and improvements,” said John Thiel, General Manager. “The proposed rate increases would continue to fund the water and sewer pipeline replacement program and help keep up with escalating power, chemical, and construction costs.”

For a typical residential customer, the proposed monthly increase would be \$4.56 for sewer and \$6.19 for water.

“If the new rates are approved, our combined water and sewer rates will be 30% lower than the regional average,” said Thiel. “By investing in our system today, we will lower long-term costs, help prevent expensive emergencies, protect the environment, and ensure long-term, quality service.”

The Board will vote on rates on Thursday, May 18 at 2:00pm at South Tahoe Public Utility District’s Board Room, located at 1275 Meadow Crest Drive, South Lake Tahoe. For more information on projects the proposed rates would fund and to see a breakdown of the proposed rates, visit stpud.us/customers/improvements.

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