



Metro Water District
invites you to
two opportunities to discuss
our water future



Monday, Sept. 22, 2014
6:00 p.m.

Information Meeting
About Your Water Provider



Monday, Sept. 29, 2014
6:00 p.m.

Public Hearing for the
Water Resources Utilization Fee

Both meetings at
Metro Water District
6265 N. La Cañada Drive
Board Conference Room

For more information, call us at 575-8100 or
email us at info@metrowater.com

Proposed Rate Adjustment (Would become effective Nov. 1, 2014)
Water Resources Utilization Fee 40¢ per 1,000 gallons (currently 20¢)
Water Availability Rate <i>No Change</i>
Water Consumption Charges <i>No Change</i>

Information Meeting—

The September 22nd Information Meeting is an opportunity for you to learn more about Metro Water District including water resources efforts such as the CAP Recharge, Recovery, and Delivery System Project. Come ask your questions about your water provider in a less formal setting.

Public Hearing—

Metro's Board is required to hold a hearing and receive public comments regarding any proposed rate adjustment. The September 29th public hearing is about the recommended change to the Water Resources Utilization Fee. **If you are unable to attend, you may still give comments via the phone, letter, or email.**

Proposed Rate Adjustment—

No change is proposed to the water availability rate or the water consumption charges for this rate cycle.

The only adjustment recommended is a 20¢ increase to the Water Resources Utilization Fee. This would make the fee 40¢ per 1,000 gallons.

Water Resources Utilization Fee—

It is a designated fee for increasing our use of CAP water and recycled water. Utilizing more renewable supplies minimizes our dependence on groundwater.

The revenue generated from the Water Resources Utilization Fee is set aside for water resources projects and can only be spent upon direction by the Board of Directors.

CAP Recharge, Recovery, and Delivery System—

A major water resources project is Metro's CAP Recharge, Recovery, and Delivery System. It will recover CAP water that has been recharged at the District's Avra Valley Recharge Project (near the Marana Airport) and then deliver the water through a 13 mile transmission line to be blended with groundwater at the Herb Johnson Reservoir.

This Project helps Metro put to use a renewable water supply (CAP water) to mitigate the annual two feet decline in groundwater levels that has occurred over the last two decades.

Funding the Project—

With the Water Resources Utilization Fee, Metro can self-finance the Project's design work, land acquisitions, and

secure easements and crossings for the pipeline. This can be accomplished with the proposed 20¢ increase to the Fee this year and possibly three 10¢ increases in the near future.

Paying for the initial work for the Project would avoid adding debt, saving money in the long run for District customers. Metro will also then be in a better financial position when the actual construction of the Project begins in 2020.

Other Water Resource Projects—

The Water Resources Utilization Fee will also fund other efforts to increase the use of renewable supplies for all service areas.

For Metro-Southwest, the District is working to acquire an allocation of Non-Indian Agriculture CAP water. The CAP water would be recharged and recovered, conveyed through Tucson Water's system, and delivered to Metro Southwest.

Also, the District plans to deliver a portion of its recycled water to a local agricultural irrigation district to obtain valuable long-term storage credits.

In addition, the Fee ensures the District is able to address other future water resources challenges.

No Other Rate Adjustment—

No other increases are recommended this rate cycle. This is possible because of District-wide belt tightening and staff closely managing the budget. Metro Water will continue to look at how to better balance fixed costs with fixed revenue in future rate cycles.