



February 6, 2024

Re: Water & Sewer Rate Increase

Dear Mill Creek Water Reclamation District customer:

In the spring of 2023, the Mill Creek Water Reclamation District (MCWRD) Board of Trustees solicited proposals from qualified consulting firms for the purpose of preparing a rate study. ***Your MCWRD rates had remained unchanged for 12 years.*** Rates were last raised in January of 2012. The MCWRD received proposals from three firms and ultimately engaged Trilogy Consulting, LLC to perform the rate study for the MCWRD.

Trilogy Consulting compiled the necessary financial information, system infrastructure data and proposed capital improvement plans to evaluate the adequacy of the MCWRD rates to fund the costs of utility service to the customers. Trilogy Consulting worked closely with the MCWRD consultants and trustees and developed a rate structure to meet the future needs of the MCWRD. Trilogy Consulting formalized their recommendations in a report presented to the Board of Trustees in November of 2023. The Board of Trustees voted at the November 29, 2023 meeting to pass Ordinance 2023-06 amending the customer rates. The new rates for residential services are noted below:

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| <i>Combined Water & Sewer Rate:</i> | <i>\$10.43 per 1,000 gallons</i> |
| <i>Residential Meter Service Charge:</i> | <i>\$15.43 for meters up to 1”</i> |
| <i>Infrastructure fee:</i> | <i>\$14.44 per unit</i> |
| <i>Depreciation Reserve Fee:</i> | <i>\$10.07 per unit</i> |

For commercial rates based on meter size, fire protection charges and further details please visit the MCWRD website at MillCreekWRD.com for a copy of Ordinance 2023-06 and the complete Rate Study prepared by Trilogy Consulting.

Sincerely yours,

Mill Creek Water Reclamation District Trustees

Rate History & Timeline

In 2011 the MCWRD commissioned a rate study by an independent consultant.

In 2012 the MCWRD revised its rates pursuant to the rate study prepared by Kevin Richardson P.E.

In 2016 the MCWRD requested proposals for an updated rate study. Kevin Richardson P.E. prepared a preliminary rate study indicating the rates were sufficient. No rate increase was implemented.

In 2023 the MCWRD requested proposals for a new rate study. Trilogy Consulting, LLC was selected to perform the rate study at the March 2, 2023 meeting.

The MCWRD noticed and held public meetings on June 6, 2023, September 26, 2023, October 10, 2023 and November 28, 2023 to discuss rates, the 2024 budget and the rate ordinance.

The MCWRD voted on and passed Ordinance 2023-06 on November 28, 2023 amending the usage rates.

November 29, 2023 the MCWRD publicly noticed the revised rate ordinance 2023-06 pursuant to state requirements.

The new rates took effect on December 29, 2023.