

Pecan Valley RWD

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Re: Water Rate Increase

Dear Pecan Valley RWD residents,

The Board of Directors for Pecan Valley Rural Water District, RWD #5 Comanche County, voted on June 14th to set new rates for all residents and businesses within the District.

The primary factors considered in making this decision were:

- 1. The City of Lawton has just raised our rates by 15%.
- 2. The RWD has NO reserve to meet any emergency needs. The District had continued to bill at the rates set for PVW 5 years ago and all costs have risen substantially since then.
- 3. Both State and Federal governments are requiring a graduated scale of water rates. (illustrated on page 2)
- 4. The ORWA, Oklahoma Rural Water Association, conducted a Rate Analysis factoring in our income and expenses and several other criteria.

We have also learned that we were supposed to have been charging a "flat rate" for the irrigation meters as well. Instead of following the guidance from the Rate Analysis to charge the same flat rate as is charged for the first meter, the board opted to charge \$12/month for the irrigation meter.

The new Water Rate will be calculated as follows.

Flat Rate for having a meter: \$33.56/month plus scale for water used Flat Rate for Irrigation meter: \$12/month plus scale for water used

Water Rate Scale PER 1,000 gallons used: From 0-4,999 is \$6.00 PER 1,000 gallons From 5,000-9,999 is \$6.25 PER 1,000 gallons From 10,000-19,999 is \$6.50 PER 1,000 gallons Above 20,000 gallons is \$6.75 PER 1,000 gallons To clarify how this works, the first 4,999 gallons costs everyone \$6.00/1,000 gallons used calculated at \$.006/gallon. If you go over 5,000 gallons, the amount used from there to 9,999 gallons will be charged at \$6.25/1,000 gallons, etc.. This is illustrated in the table below.

These numbers do not reflect the other costs that the City of Lawton adds on each acct such as Waurika Pumping Fee which we just pass through. So, total bills will be slightly higher than these numbers.

Gallons Used		Price PER 1,000 gallons		Water Bill at this Volume
	Flat	Rate	=	33.56
1,000	at	6.00	=	39.56
2,000	at	6.00	=	45.56
3,000	at	6.00	=	51.56
4,000	at	6.00	=	57.56
5,000	at	6.25	=	63.81
6,000	at	6.25	=	70.06
7,000	at	6.25	=	76.31
8,000	at	6.25	=	82.56
9,000	at	6.25	=	88.81
10,000	at	6.50	=	95.31
11,000	at	6.50	=	101.81
12,000	at	6.50	=	108.31
13,000	at	6.50	=	114.81
14,000	at	6.50	=	121.31
15,000	at	6.50	=	127.81
16,000	at	6.50	=	134.31
17,000	at	6.50	=	140.81
18,000	at	6.50	=	147.31
19,000	at	6.50	=	153.81
20,000	at	6.75	=	160.56
30,000	at	6.75	=	228.06
40,000	at	6.75	=	295.56
50,000	at	6.75	=	363.06

Questions may be directed to our office at <u>pecanvalleyrwd@gmail.com</u>.

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