



King County Water District 90

Winter 2016

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First and Third
Tuesdays at the
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COMMISSIONER AMIRA RE-ELECTED!

The District is very fortunate to have Sam Amira continue as our Commissioner. He brings a high level of knowledge, experience, and skills that are not duplicated by District staff and that are an incredible asset to our customers. His dedication to the District, customers, and community is extraordinary.

Sam Amira replaced Norm Green who retired in 2008. Sam became a Water Commissioner to be able to serve our community and be an active resident in our District.

Sam's knowledge of financial accounting, inventory management, and budgeting management skills from Boeing, along with his affiliation with the National Property Management Association (NPMA) managing all types of assets, brings a wealth of expertise to the District. Additionally, Sam served as a Logistic Specialist while in the Army Reserves. He retired in January 2008 as a Master Sergeant in the Army Reserves after 37 years.



One of the most challenging and rewarding undertakings as a Commissioner has been in understanding, reviewing, and revising the Comprehensive Plan for the District. The Comp Plan is a twenty-year planning document required by the State Department of Health that details District operations, infrastructure needs and planned funding. The goal of the Comp Plan is to be able to deliver clean drinking water at an affordable cost for all customers for many years to come.

Commissioner Amira believes setting accurate, consistent, and clear policies for the District is the key to managing Water District operations. The District is currently working on the installation of a new GIS system and he is actively involved with District staff to ensure all aspects, and assets of the project go smoothly. He anticipates optimistic changes in the next few years, while working with staff in expanding the capabilities of the new GIS system to increase District efficiencies.

2016 RATE INCREASE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Commissioners approved a 2% rate increase effective with bills sent after January 1, 2016. The new rates will increase the base rate from \$50.50 to \$51.00 every other month. Every KCWD90 customer is charged a base rate based on the size of the meter. Over 90% of District customers have a 5/8" meter with a new base rate of \$51.00.

In addition to the base charge, water usage (consumption) is billed on a Tier System. With the 2% rate increase, each Tier will increase by \$0.10. Consumption charges are billed in one hundred cubic feet (1 ccf) units, each unit is equal to 748 gallons. The first five units are considered "free" as they are included with the base rate. The 2016 Tier rates are provided to you in the Consumption Rate Schedule chart to the right.

There is no increase in the Summer Surcharge of \$0.75 per ccf's (The Surcharge was added in 2013 to match the Summer Surcharge from Seattle Public Utilities) for all ccf's after the first five (5) which are included in the base rate. The summer surcharge applies to all bills in June, July, August, and September of each year.

Consumption Rate Schedule

Tiers in ccf's	Old Rate	New Rate	Summer Rate
0-5	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6-15	\$ 2.90	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.75
16-25	\$ 3.35	\$ 3.45	\$ 4.20
26+	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.10	\$ 4.85

After extensive review of the District's budget and financial situation, the Board believes this is the lowest and most equitable rate increase required to maintain the District's financial position in a prudent manner. The last time the rates were increased was two years ago, January 2014.

The rates for all categories of users have increased, and the full rate sheet is available at the District Office or on our website, <http://www.kcwd90.com>. Click on Billing Procedures to link to the Billing Procedures and Rates page.

CHANGE TO DISTRICT SHUT OFF SCHEDULE

Effective January 2016, KCWD90 customers will not receive a "Disconnect Notice" letter for non-payment. Currently, a customer receives four (4) notifications from the District prior to shut off: 1) Current Bill, 2) Late Notice, 3) **Disconnect Notice**, and 4) Telephone Call Shut-off Notice. If payment is not received after the fourth notice, the customer's water is shut off.

The District's new Policy has eliminated the Disconnect Notice. Therefore, starting January 2016, customers will receive a Current Bill, Late Notice, and a Telephone Call Shut-off Notice. The telephone call will notify the customer of the shut-off date and the amount due. Please Note: To receive this important phone call, it is the responsibility of the customer to verify the District has a current phone number on file.

By changing to this process, customers will have the ability to eliminate old balances prior to the new charges showing on their current water bill. The following chart displays the new schedule.

Billing Schedule	Days From Bill
(1) Current Bill	0 day
(2) Late Notice	1 st day of following month
(3) Disconnect Notice	Eliminated
(4) Telephone Call Shut-off Notice	46-50 days
Shut-off	55-60 days

·Due to workday calendar, the number of days is approximate.