King County Water District 90

Winter 2022

Newsletter

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First and Third Tuesdays at the District Office

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2022 RATE INCREASE ANNOUNCEMENT

Just like at your home, the District is experiencing the impacts of inflation and supply chain issues. We have seen significant increases in labor, construction, insurance, technology costs, and loan fees. The net effect of all of these changes is an increase in Operating Expenses of $350,000 for 2022.

In addition to Operating Costs, 20 cents of every dollar collected from your rates is deposited into the District's Capital Fund to replace or repair aging infrastructure. In the past, the District depended on new development to help offset the costs of replacing water mains and other capital assets. Since the great recession, growth in the District has slowed, requiring more funding to come from rates than from new customers. The District's goal is to increase this transfer to 25 cents of every dollar in the next few years.

Rates will increase starting with the January 2022 bills. Residential base rates will increase by $4.40 to $66.90 and the usage tiers will increase to $4.00 (6-15 Ccf's), $4.55 (16-25 Ccf's) & $5.35 (26+ Ccf's) per Ccf. A Ccf is 100 cubic feet of water or 748 gallons. For a customer using 10 Ccf's, the total bill will be about $53.50 every month or $106.90 for a two-month period or 1.4 cents per gallon.

There is also an increase of $0.25 per Ccf to the Summer Surcharge. The new Summer Surcharge is $1.25 per Ccf. This year the summer surcharge will be applied to every Ccf used during the summer months. 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	$ -	$ -	$ 1.25
6-15	$ 3.75	$ 4.00	$ 5.25
16-25	$ 4.25	$ 4.55	$ 5.80
26+	$ 5.00	$ 5.35	$ 6.60

The rates for all categories of users have increased. The 2022 Schedule of Charges is available at the District office or on our website www.kcwd90.com.

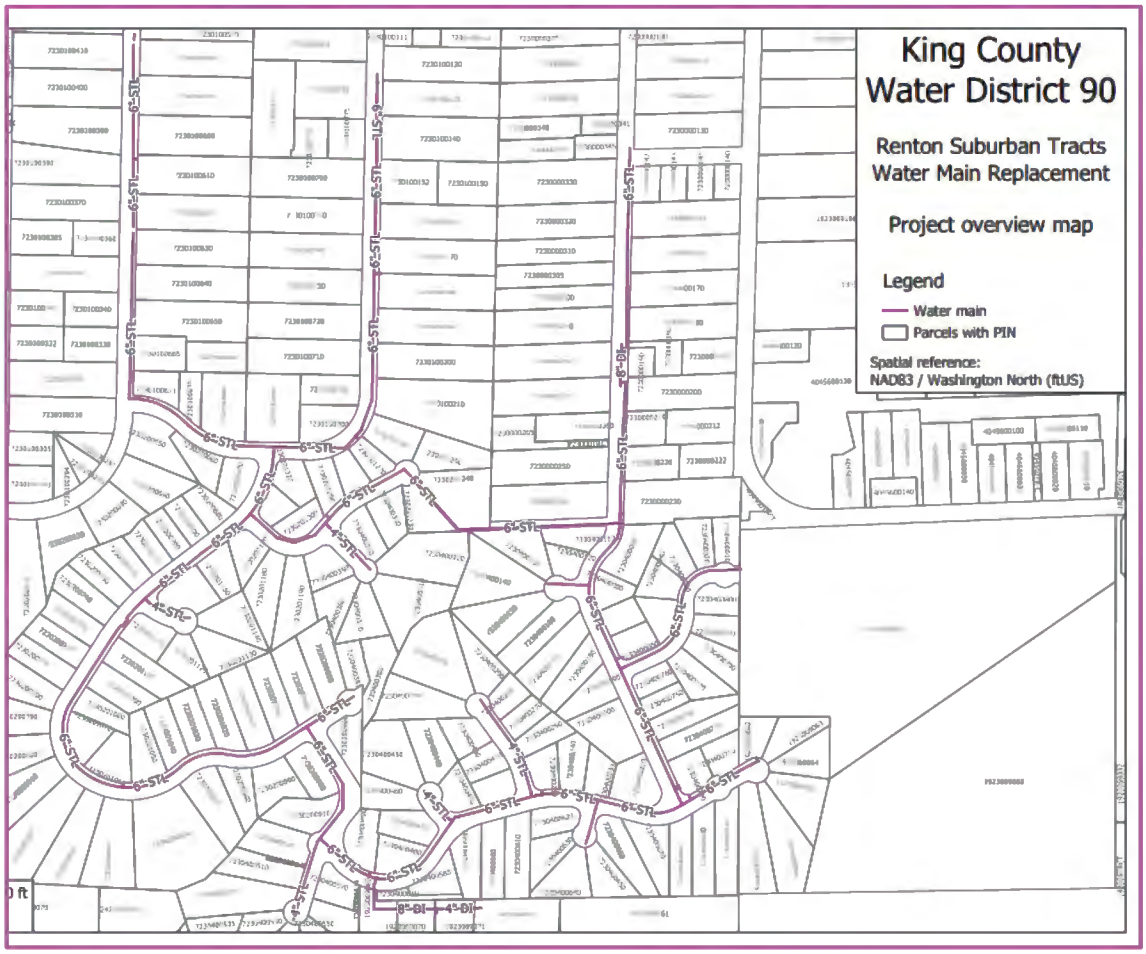
Annual Report on Senior Citizen & Permanently Disabled Discount Rate

Last year, KCWD90 had **61** customers participate in our "Low Income Rate for Senior Citizens or Permanently Disabled" Discount Program. The total cost to the District for the 10th year of this program (July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021) was **$12,979.** Customers who qualify for the discount program pay a base rate of $26.25 rather than the full base rate of $66.90. Consumption charges and the Summer Surcharge after the first 5 Ccf's are charged in addition to the base rate.

Do you qualify?

You must be 55 or permanently disabled and your gross income from all sources is under $25,000 if single and $35,000 for a family.
The Application for Reduction in Water Rates form can be found on our website at www.kcwd90.com under Applications. For more information, please call the District at (425) 255-9600.

In September of 2021, the District secured $5,000,000 of Revenue Bond funding, at 2% interest, to complete our next capital project. We are currently working on the survey, design, and planning for the **"Renton Suburban Tracts Water Main Replacement Project."** The project includes replacing three miles of leaking steel water main. A map of the project area is provided to the right.



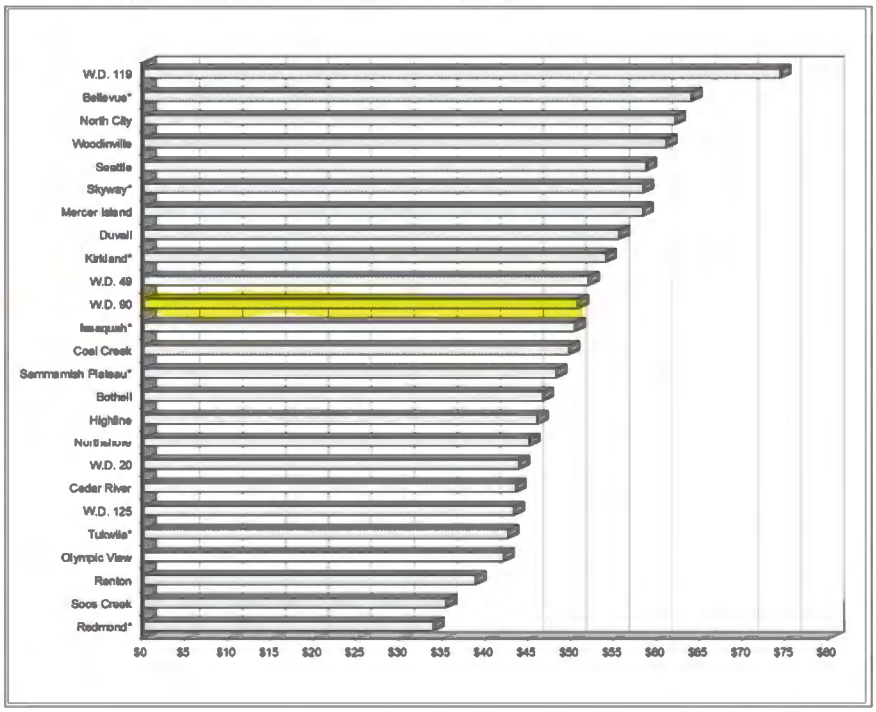
A pilot project for the first 1,200 feet of water main replacement (along 177th Ave SE) will begin early in 2022. The District will be using a new installation technique and HDPE (earthquake resistant) pipe, which we hope will save us money and will be more resilient in the long run. Based on the outcome of the pilot project, the remainder of the project will tentatively start in the summer of 2022.

Figure 1.2

Average Monthly Residential Bills at 2021 Rates and MEDIUM Consumption
(6 ccf/mo Winter and 9 ccf/mo Summer Consumption)

	Utility	Average Monthly Bill
1	W.D. 119	$74.09
2	Bellevue*	$63.73
3	North City	$61.83
4	Woodinville	$60.81
5	Seattle	$58.45
6	Skyway*	$58.11
7	Mercer Island	$58.07
8	Duvall	$55.31
9	Kirkland*	$53.76
10	W.D. 49	$51.77
11	W.D. 90	$50.64
12	Issaquah*	$50.12
13	Coal Creek	$49.46
14	Sammamish Plateau*	$48.00
15	Bothell	$46.43
16	Highline	$45.81
17	Northshore	$44.86
18	W.D. 20	$43.65
19	Cedar River	$43.29
20	W.D. 125	$43.08
21	Tukwila*	$42.38
22	Olympic View	$41.86
23	Renton	$38.61
24	Soos Creek	$35.17
25	Redmond*	$33.72
	Wholesale Average	**$49.67**

* Member of Cascade Water Alliance



Have you ever wondered how KCWD90's rates compare to surrounding Districts? Here is a comparison of 2021 rates. Seattle Public Utilities completes this study every year. The District's rates are near the middle of the 25 Districts and Cities reviewed. To see the complete report, search for "2021 Annual Survey of Wholesale Customers: Summary of Results" at seattle.gov.