



WATER NEWS

LOWER BASIN WATER TREATMENT PLANT

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Water Rate Increase Public Meeting

Board of Trustees meeting Tuesday, Apr. 10, 6 PM, Eagle Town Hall

Eagle, CO – The Town of Eagle invites the community to join the Board of Trustees meeting on Apr. 10 to participate in the public input session, to learn more about pending changes to water accounts this summer and the next steps for the new Lower Basin Water Treatment Plant project. The board is expected to make its final vote on the residential water rate increase.

“We encourage the community to join us with the opportunity to give us input about proposed rates, conservation and treatment plant plan.” said Town Manager, Brandy Reitter. “We’ll be presenting the proposed water rate increase package agreed upon at the Mar. 27 meeting. This information affects all water account holders and we want to continue transparency and an opportunity to participate and get informed.”

At the March 27th board meeting, a proposed residential water rate increase package was decided upon. The proposed package includes: a tiered payment structure based on water usage, a \$12.50 variable surcharge for all account holders, a 3 percent annual increase in water rates starting in 2020 and the new rates will likely be applied to the July billing cycle. The package also re-evaluating water conservation and reserves to be more in line with industry standards. This rate increase is necessary to pay for the town’s water infrastructure including the proposed water treatment plant, projected to cost \$26.7 million.

Summary:		Implement \$12.50 average surcharge. Adopt rate structure changes from SGM Rate Study Report. No rate/base fee increases 2018 or 2019, besides rate structure changes. Rate increases 3% starting 2020.
2018	Rate Increase	None
	Base Fee Increase	None
	Avg. Surcharge	\$12.50
	Rate Structure Changes	Tier 1: \$1.50 in-town / \$2.25 out Conservation oriented rates (Add Tier 4, move back the cutoff for Tier 3). Rates as shown in Table 2 and Table 3.
2019	Rate Increase	None
	Base Fee Increase	None
	Avg. Surcharge	\$12.50
	Rate Structure Changes	Tier 1: \$3.00 in-town / \$4.50 out



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2020	Rate Increase	3.00%
	Base Fee Increase	3.00%
	Avg. Surcharge	\$12.50
	Rate Structure	No change
2021	Rate Increase	3.00%
	Base Fee Increase	3.00%
	Avg. Surcharge	\$12.50
	Rate Structure	No change
2022 and on	Rate Increase	3.00%
	Base Fee Increase	3.00%
	Avg. Surcharge	\$12.50
	Rate Structure	No change

About the Lower Basin Water Treatment Plant

The Town of Eagle is moving forward with plans to construct a second water treatment facility located east of the existing wastewater treatment plant at the confluence of Brush Creek and the Eagle River. Investing in water infrastructure includes capital improvement costs, plant operations, the cost of distribution of water and planning for future water needs.

The proposed plant has been in consideration since 2007, with an initial plant design completed in 2012. The time is right for a new plant with Brush Creek water rights being exhausted, the current water demand, anticipated need for redundancy in the system and to support Eagle's future. The new treatment plant will serve the Town for 20 years and beyond. The plant is designed to allow for future expansion if needed.

For more information regarding the Lower Water Basin Treatment Plant, like the Town of Eagle on Facebook, sign up for Eagle Today, or visit townofeagle.org/waterplant.

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