

HILLCREST WATER DISTRICT

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Dear Customers:

Due to cost increases, the Hillcrest Water District has adopted a rate increase for water rates. These rate increases were approved on November 23, 2015 and are in effect as of January 1, 2016. The rate increases will be shown on your next bills to be sent out the third quarter of FY 2016. This means that your bill dated April, 2016 will reflect the new rates.

Some of the major changes to the new rate are as follows:

- The base charge for water will increase from \$65.00 to \$75.00 per quarter. This rate includes 500 cubic feet

The new water rates are as follows:

Base Charge per quarter (0-500 CF)	\$75.00
1st step (501 – 3000 CF)	\$4.50/100 CF
2nd step (Over 3001 CF)	\$8.25/100 CF

We are telling you ahead of time so that, should you wish to, you may change your habits and/or consumption of water.

Our rate increases are increasingly being driven by changes in regulations, electrical costs and operation of the system. We have permit requirements that are promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA (Federal Government)) and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP (State Government)).

Some of the major changes that were made was the installation of treatment system for contaminants and the up keep of the water treatment plant, this has increased expenses on replacing media for these contaminants as well as staffing requirements.

The District now will be painting the storage tank and the cost of this will be \$548,000.00 and funds need to be raised to make the bond payments on the borrowing of these funds.

Please feel free to contact our office should you have any questions regarding these rate changes.

Hillcrest Water Board of Water Commissioners

