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WHAT DO WATER RATES FUND?

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REASONS FOR THE RATE INCREASES

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PUBLIC HEARING

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public hearing, the Board of Directors will consider the adoption of the proposed increases to the rates for water service fees as described below. If written protests against the proposed rates are not presented by a majority of the property owners of the identified parcels subject to the proposed rate increases, the Board of Directors will be authorized to adopt the rate increases.

PROPOSED RATE INCREASES

The District’s water service fees are billed on a monthly basis.

CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATES

	CURRENT	FY 16-17	FY 17-18
Monthly Base Rate	\$49.90	\$54.89	\$60.38
1-3,000 gallons - Usage	\$3.00	\$3.24	\$3.50
3,001-5,000 gallons - Usage	\$4.00	\$4.32	\$4.67
5,001-7,000 gallons - Usage	\$5.25	\$5.67	\$6.12
7,001-9,000 gallons - Usage	\$6.5	\$7.02	\$7.58
9,001-12,000 gallons - Usage	\$7.75	\$8.37	\$9.04
12,001-15,000 gallons - Usage	\$9.00	\$9.72	\$10.50
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