



# Winter Newsletter

**Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency**  
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## Board of Directors

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**Regular Board Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6 pm. The meeting is located at 1720 N. Cherokee Trail, Landers CA. 92285**

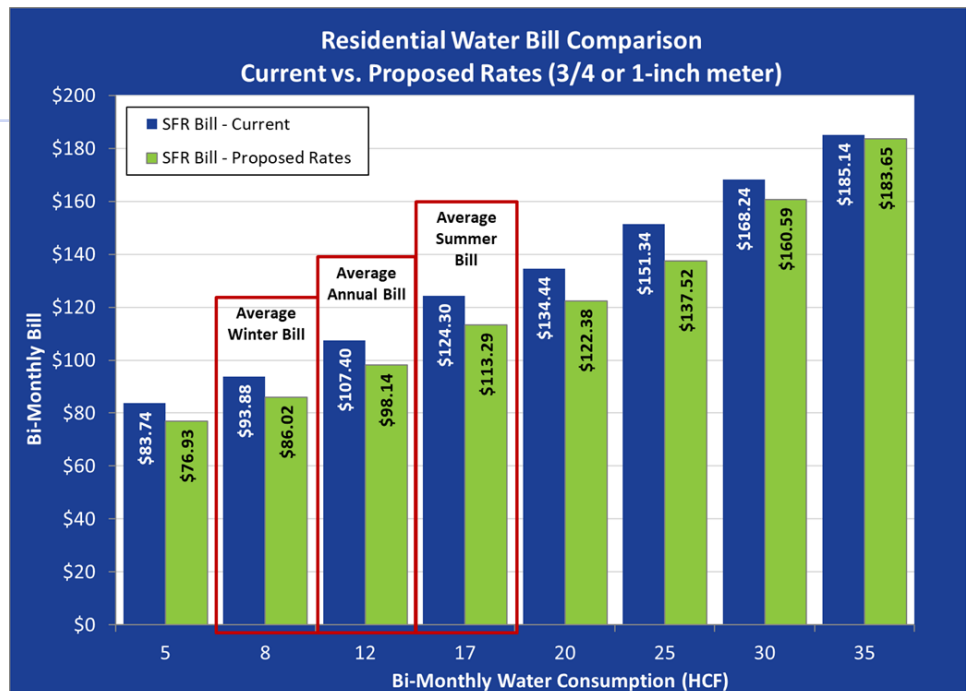
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## Agency Considers New Rate and Fee Structures for All Customers

**Notification of Public Hearing on 5-year Water Rate Change coming soon!**

**On January 12, 2021 following four Public Workshops the Board directed staff to proceed with implementation of a new rate and fee structure.**

**If adopted, over 80% of Agency residential customers will see a small reduction in their water rates and fees while those who consume more will pay more—see Table below.**



## New Water Meter Connection Fees

On January 12, 2021, following several Public Workshops, the Board adopted a new water meter connection fee for meter sizes 3/4-inch and larger.

The new fees were developed as part of a comprehensive Water Rate and Capacity Fee Study commissioned by the Board of Directors in April 2020. This Study provides the Agency with the following tools for financial planning:

- Long-range financial plan incorporating operations, maintenance and capital improvement costs
- Recommended cash reserve levels

The methodology used to calculate the new water meter capacity fee considers the following:

- Cost of existing assets in the ground and ready to serve
- Cost of planned assets to accommodate increased growth over time
- Estimated number of meter sales over a 20-year horizon

Meter Size	Equivalency Factor		Capacity Fee Per Meter Size
	Maximum Continuous Flow (gpm) 1	Equivalency to 1 inch meter	
3/4 inch	30	1.00	\$14,154
1 inch	50	1.00	\$14,154
1.5 inch	100	2.00	\$28,309
2 inch	160	3.20	\$45,294

### NOTICE OF VACANCY IN DIRECTORSHIP

- A vacancy now exists on the Board of Directors due to the resignation of Director Judy Corl-Lorono
- Applications are available at the Agency office for the vacancy and shall be accepted until Noon Thursday, February 18, 2021
- All eligible applicants will be interviewed by the Board and a final candidate will be selected at a Special Board Meeting tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Meet the Current Members of the Board of Directors

Biographies and contact information for all members of the Board can be found on our website at [www.bdvw.org/board-and-governance/board-of-directors/](http://www.bdvw.org/board-and-governance/board-of-directors/)