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QUAIL VALLEY WATER DISTRICT **NEWS**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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WATER RATE INCREASE

With reluctance, the Board of Directors approved the maximum 10% rate increase for 2025 which will be reflected on water bills prepared in January.

This decision was not taken lightly but the Board must make difficult financial decisions to ensure adequate revenues for the District to continue to provide water service. As just about everyone is aware, inflation has caused costs to rise dramatically and District costs are no exception, in fact, inflation has probably hit us harder than most realize as a lot of the parts and materials we use for the repair and maintenance of the water system are made specifically for the water industry to meet stringent health and safety standards and of course, the manufacturers and suppliers charge more to cover their increased costs. In addition, as everyone has probably experienced, electricity costs have skyrocketed and ours are no exception. If you have paid your homeowners and auto insurance lately, you know that those costs have also risen. District liability and casualty insurance costs have gone from \$4,000 in 2020 to \$9,000 for 2024. Workers Comp insurance has seen similar increases.

All of this information isn't to garner sympathy but this is YOUR DISTRICT and we want you to know where your hard-earned money goes and why rates must continue to increase.

WINTERIZING REMINDER

With the recent cool days, it is apparent that winter is just around the corner. Please take this opportunity to check for exposed pipes and make sure the insulation is intact and adequate to prevent freezing. With the high cost and scarcity of water, even in winter, a leak can have serious consequences including damage to property and to the water system as well as damage to your checkbook!

Also, after a hard freeze, when everything thaws out in the morning sun, check for broken pipes, especially outside.



GOING OUT OF TOWN?

If you are going to be away from home during winter and the forecast is for freezing temperatures, be sure to keep your house heated at least warm enough to keep your pipes from freezing. Even with your water off, water remaining in the lines and in drain traps can freeze and break the fixtures. In case of a leak, it is also a good idea to turn off the water supply to the property to prevent major water damage from occurring. If you need assistance turning off your water, feel free to call the Office and staff will be glad to help.

**NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2024
AT 8:30 AM IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE.**

Check our website (www.qvwd.org) on or after November 13, 2024 for the meeting agenda.