



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

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AGENDA TITLE: Set Public Hearing for December 18, 2013, to Consider Adopting Resolution Setting Pre-Approved Engineering News Record Adjustment Index for Usage-Based and Flat Water Rates for Residential, Commercial and Industrial Customers

MEETING DATE: November 6, 2013

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Set public hearing for December 18, 2013, to consider adopting resolution setting pre-approved Engineering News Record adjustment index for usage-based and flat water rates for residential, commercial and industrial customers.

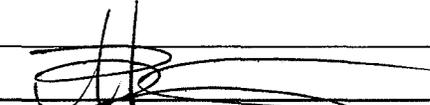
BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The City Council has made numerous water rate decisions over the past few years, as summarized below. The recommended action at the December 18, 2013, City Council meeting will be to conduct a public hearing and to approve a rate increase of 2.5 percent effective February 15, 2014, as presented in Exhibit A. The ENR-based adjustment for the period October 2012 through October 2013 is 3.3 percent. A summary of the programmed rate adjustments and the implemented rate adjustments for the past five years is provided in the table in Exhibit B. The purpose of this table is to demonstrate past rate increases have frequently been below the approved adjustments.

On May 20, 2009, Council waived the Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment of water rates based upon a lack of new information supporting neither an increase nor a decrease. On January 6, 2010, Council received advisory usage-based water rates for the purpose of research and customer billing comparisons. On July 21, 2010, Council approved a change to the date for implementing the annual rate adjustment to January 1 for each of the five years (maximum timeframe allowed by Proposition 218) following January 1, 2011. This change was recommended so that rate changes occur at the lowest usage time of the year. Council also changed the water rate adjustment index from the CPI to the Engineering News Record (ENR), effective January 1, 2012, because this index better reflects the combined inflationary effects of personnel, materials and energy costs on the total operations of the utility, as was done for the Wastewater Rates on July 15, 2010.

Council approved a professional services agreement with The Reed Group on August 6, 2008, for the preparation of a water utility financial model. Staff continues to update and use this model to forecast the performance of the utility through FY 2018/19 while incorporating substantial capital investments, including the water meter program, infrastructure replacement program, property owner meter payments and PCE/TCE remediation costs. The recommended rates presented in Exhibit A were developed using this tool.

It is staff's recommendation that the water rate increase be 2.5 percent. For a resident still on the flat rate, the monthly charge for a three-bedroom home will increase from \$43.04 to \$44.12. A metered resident using 1,500 cubic feet of water per month will see an increase from \$39.88 to \$40.82.

APPROVED:


 Konradt Bartlam, City Manager

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FISCAL IMPACT: Increased revenues to the water utility are required to keep up with cost of service increases and new mandated costs.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Not applicable.



F. Wally Sandelin
Public Works Director

Prepared by Rebecca Areida-Yadav, Management Analyst
Attachments
cc: Steve Mann, Information Systems Manager
Larry Parlin, Deputy Public Works Director – Utilities

Exhibit A
City of Lodi -- Water Utility
Current and Proposed Water Rates

	Current	Jan. 2014
Flat Rates (\$/month)		
Percent Increase		2.5%
Single Family Residential Unit (\$/month)		
1 Bedroom	\$ 29.90	\$ 30.65
2 Bedroom	\$ 35.91	\$ 36.81
3 Bedroom	\$ 43.04	\$ 44.12
4 Bedroom	\$ 51.72	\$ 53.01
5 Bedroom	\$ 62.03	\$ 63.58
6 Bedroom	\$ 74.44	\$ 76.30
7 Bedroom	\$ 89.31	\$ 91.54
Multi-Family Residential Unit (\$/month)		
1 Bedroom	\$ 25.67	\$ 26.31
2 Bedroom	\$ 30.79	\$ 31.56
3 Bedroom	\$ 36.94	\$ 37.86
Metered Water Rates		
Service Charge (\$/month)		
<i>Single Family Residential</i>		
Up to 3/4" Meter	\$ 23.78	\$ 24.37
1" Meter	\$ 38.60	\$ 39.57
1 1/2" Meter	\$ 75.42	\$ 77.31
2" Meter	\$ 119.79	\$ 122.78
<i>Multi-Family and Non-Residential</i>		
5/8" Meter	\$ 23.78	\$ 24.37
3/4" Meter	\$ 23.78	\$ 24.37
1" Meter	\$ 38.60	\$ 39.57
1 1/2" Meter	\$ 60.24	\$ 61.75
2" Meter	\$ 75.27	\$ 77.15
3" Meter	\$ 105.38	\$ 108.01
4" Meter	\$ 135.51	\$ 138.90
6" Meter	\$ 195.68	\$ 200.57
8" Meter	\$ 255.91	\$ 262.31
10" Meter	\$ 316.10	\$ 324.00
Water Usage Rates (\$/CCF)		
<i>Single Family Residential</i>		
Tier 1 - 0 to 10 CCF/month	\$ 0.92	\$ 0.94
Tier 2 - 11 to 50 CCF/month	\$ 1.38	\$ 1.41
Tier 3 - Over 50 CCF/month	\$ 1.82	\$ 1.87
<i>Multi-Family and Non-Residential</i>		
All Water Usage	\$ 0.92	\$ 0.94

Exhibit B

Programmed and Implemented Rate Adjustments

Water

Year	Programmed	Implemented
2009	0	0
2010	0	0
2011	2	2
2012	2.53	2.2
2013	2.5	2.5
2014	3.3	2.5

Water rate adjustments were not capped, therefore, programmed adjustments equal the approved adjustments.



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CITY OF LODI
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LODI, CALIFORNIA 95241-1910

ADVERTISING INSTRUCTIONS

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION SETTING PRE-APPROVED ENGINEERING NEWS RECORD ADJUSTMENT INDEX FOR USAGE-BASED AND FLAT WATER RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS

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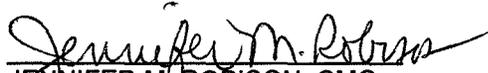
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SEND AFFIDAVIT AND BILL TO: RANDI JOHL-OLSON, CITY CLERK
LNS ACCT. #0510052
City of Lodi
P.O. Box 3006
Lodi, CA 95241-1910

DATED: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2013

ORDERED BY: RANDI JOHL-OLSON
CITY CLERK


JENNIFER M. ROBISON, CMC
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

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PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION SETTING PRE-APPROVED ENGINEERING NEWS RECORD ADJUSTMENT INDEX FOR USAGE-BASED AND FLAT WATER RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS

On Thursday, November 7, 2013, in the City of Lodi, San Joaquin County, California, a Notice of Public Hearing to consider adoption of resolution setting pre-approved Engineering News Record adjustment index for usage-based and flat water rates for residential, commercial, and industrial customers (attached and marked as Exhibit A) was posted at the following locations:

Lodi City Clerk's Office
Lodi City Hall Lobby
Lodi Carnegie Forum

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on November 7, 2013, at Lodi, California.

ORDERED BY:

**RANDI JOHL-OLSON
CITY CLERK**


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ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

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CITY OF LODI

Carnegie Forum
305 West Pine Street, Lodi

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Date: December 18, 2013

Time: 7:00 p.m.

For information regarding this notice please contact:

Randi Johl-Olson
City Clerk

Telephone: (209) 333-6702

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

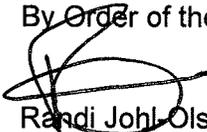
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Wednesday, December 18, 2013**, at the hour of 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the City Council will conduct a public hearing at the Carnegie Forum, 305 West Pine Street, Lodi, to consider the following matter:

- a) **Adoption of resolution setting pre-approved Engineering News Record adjustment index for usage-based and flat water rates for residential, commercial, and industrial customers (as identified on the attached Exhibit A).**

Information regarding this item may be obtained in the Public Works Department, 221 West Pine Street, Lodi, (209) 333-6706. All interested persons are invited to present their views and comments on this matter. Written statements may be filed with the City Clerk, City Hall, 221 W. Pine Street, 2nd Floor, Lodi, 95240, at any time prior to the hearing scheduled herein, and oral statements may be made at said hearing.

If you challenge the subject matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at, or prior to, the public hearing.

By Order of the Lodi City Council:


Randi Johl-Olson
City Clerk

Dated: November 6, 2013

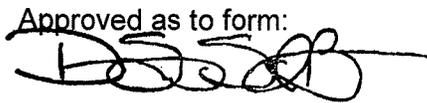
Approved as to form:

D. Stephen Schwabauer
City Attorney

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