

Calaveras Public Utility District

Proposed Rate Increase Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Upon rate adoption, are the proposed rates fixed for the next 5 years?

A: The proposed rates are maximum rates the Board may adopt. Depending on the District's income and expenses during the 5 year rate plan, the Board may elect to adopt a lower rate in each subsequent year of the plan following the first increase in 2018.

Q: Why has CPUD not gone after any grants?

A: The District has received grant funds related to Butte Fire recovery and tree mortality program. We have also received three energy efficiency grants for upgrades at several District facilities. We continue to work on grants and funding and presently have an application submitted through the State Revolving Fund (SRF) for construction of the SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system improvements at the WTP, an \$800,000.00 project. We continue to work on other funding opportunities that may become available.

Q: Has the District evaluated the condition of the 30+ year main line?

A: The District acknowledges the age of the main transmission line. Evaluations have found the condition adequate. The priority is to address the capital replacements as presented in the master plan which have a more substantial impact to address prior to the main line replacement.

Q: How will the water shortage surcharge affect customers in the case of a declared drought?

A: In the event the Governor declares a drought and mandates conservation, the CPUD Board of Directors must take action to implement the drought surcharge. The charge would only be implemented upon Board approval and notification to customers. The surcharge only applies to the usage charge (i.e. anything over the base rate).

Q: Has CPUD considered offering a lower rate for senior citizens and low income residents?

A: Programs to subsidize the rates of low/fixed income customer are not currently legal. Most income assistance programs are regulated by the State and there is legislation presently being worked on at the State level for this.

Q: Were other options to the amount of increase considered?

A: In 2015 the Board considered a rate increase and decided to postpone it and use District reserves, if needed, to allow for the community to recover from the Butte Fire. In 2017 the Board found it necessary and began the process.

Additional questions can be submitted to info@cpud.org