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**Clifton Water District  
Water Rate and Tap Fee Increases Effective January 1, 2016**

The Clifton Water District Board of Directors has approved an increase in Water Rates and New Tap Fees that will take effect with billing beginning January 1, 2016. The new Water Rate increases the Minimum Charge \$1.50 for 3,000 gallons of water. Additional water use above 3,000 gallons will increase \$0.10 per 1,000 gallons in each of the Usage Tiers.

Customers using the Base Minimum of 3,000 gallons or less, will see an increase of \$1.50 in their monthly bill from \$23.00 to \$24.50. A customer using an average of 7,000 gallons per month will see an increase of \$1.90 in their monthly bill from \$33.80 to \$35.70.

The water rate adjustment is projected to result in increased revenue of \$295,000. Revenue from water sales is used to pay all operating and maintenance costs including the ongoing and future rehabilitation/replacement of aging water system infrastructure and loan repayment of the newly constructed MF/UF Water Treatment Plant facility.

The District Board of Directors uses a model Cost-of-Service Analysis to evaluate the total cost of providing water service to the District Customers. The Board has continued to take the approach of implementing gradual and incremental water rate adjustments that respond to increased operational expenses and funding requirements necessary for infrastructure rehabilitation projects.

The District's single source of Operating Revenue comes from Water Rates received exclusively from Customers that receive water service from the District. In approving the Water Rate increase, the Board of Directors emphasized the **Clifton Water District is not supplemented with tax revenue and operates exclusively with income generated by Water Rates from existing users and Tap Fees from new users.** Additionally, 2016 will mark the 32<sup>nd</sup> year the District has not received funding from taxes.

Also effective January 1, 2016, the cost of a new water tap will increase \$500 from \$5,000 to \$5,500.

The Clifton Water District was formed on March 5, 1951 and began serving 321 taps in 1957, producing 28 million gallons of water annually. Today, the District serves 13,855 taps and produces over 1 billion gallons of water annually serving a population of approximately 37,000. The District operates and maintains advanced water treatment facilities, over 170 miles of distribution piping, pump stations, and six water storage facilities. The District is in the final completion of a \$16-million Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project that will utilize a state-of-the-art Micro/Ultra Filtration process that replaced an aging 1970's conventional sand filtration process.

**The monthly In-District Water Usage Fees that will take effect on January 1, 2016:**

Monthly Minimum for 3,000 gallons - \$22.00	(previously \$20.50)
Water Usage 3,001 to 10,000 gallons - \$2.80/1,000 gal	(previously \$2.70)
Water Usage 10,001 to 18,000 gallons - \$3.80/1,000 gal	(previously \$3.70)
Water Usage 18,000 + gallons - \$5.80/1,000 gal	(previously \$5.70)

The District assesses a \$2.50 /month System Investment Fee - (No Change).  
Out-of-District customers will continue to be charged 1.5 times the In-District Rates.

For additional information please contact Dale Tooker, District Manager, at (970) 434-7328.