

Water Works

News Update

Riverview Water District

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Water works for you and so do we!

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Riverview Water District has reduced water rates to all customers from \$2.09 to \$1.98 per unit. A frequently asked question is, how much water is a unit? One unit is 100 cubic feet or 748 gallons.

**Price of water
Reduced
.11 per unit**

In the past seven years, Riverview Water District has had only one increase in rates. This is the second decrease in rates during the same time period. In the last year of newsletters, Riverview has taken pride in reporting the many ways expenses have been cut while still maintaining and

increasing infrastructure costs. In two years, expenses have been cut \$165,000 to reduce rates to our customers. Additionally in the same two years, the Board members saved the district \$12,000 in volunteer services, and they also insured overdue maintenance was completed on all reservoirs. Riverview Water District received a Golden Watchdog Finalist Award for outstanding efforts as a fiscal conservative Water Board. The price of water was reduced \$.11 per unit. The new rates are reflected on your current bill. Fixed charges, system fee and pumping fee, were not changed.

Reduced Water Rates

Infrastructure Funded Without Going into Debt

The previous Board of Directors did not budget for capital improvement projects. Infrastructure needs that previously challenged the District were explored, including low interest loans or annexing that area from the district. These challenges have been resolved. Infrastructure needs are now being funded with the District's budget without going into debt. Through cost cutting efforts, we are ready to undertake a ½ million dollar replacement project of Sky Rim Reservoir. Sky Rim Reservoir is ready for construction.

The old tank will be dismantled and removed. A new 800,000 gallon tank will be installed at the site. Construction will start in the next few months and will take approximately 14 weeks. If you would like more details please contact the General Manager at Riverview Water District.



Sky Rim Reservoir to be replaced without going into debt.

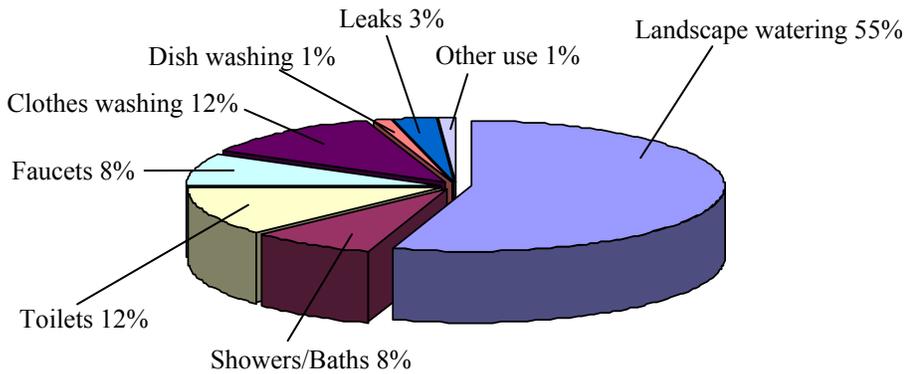
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Treatment Facility

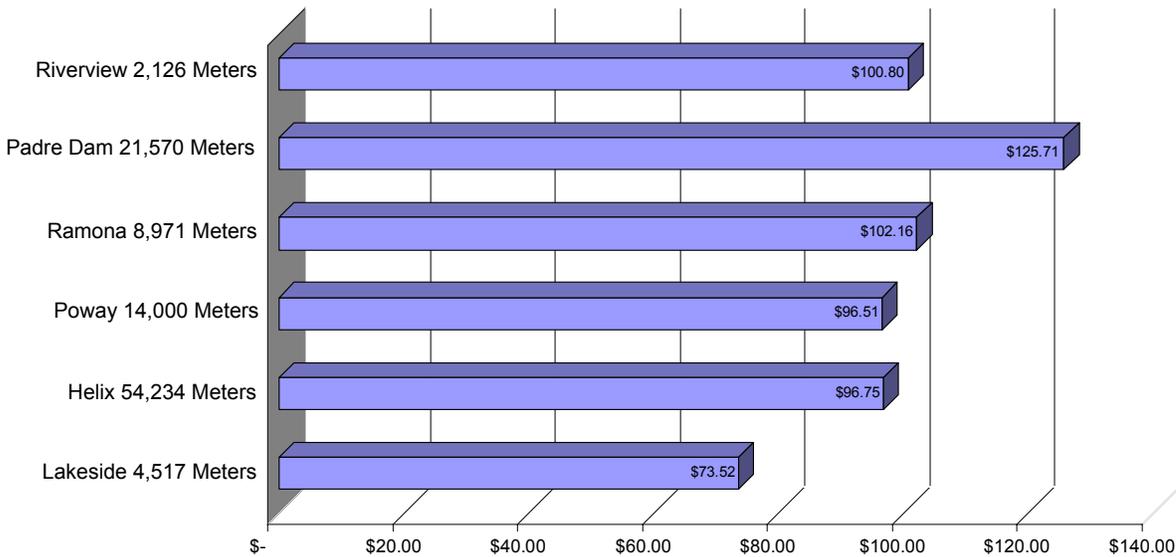
Riverview Water District has successfully negotiated a multi-million dollar cleanup settlement with the State Department of Health Services (DHS) regarding MTBE (Methyl Tertiary-Butyl Ether) contamination of our groundwater. A treatment facility at the wells of Riverview Water District will start construction soon. It will consist of four aeration towers to remove MTBE. Some expenses are being reimbursed by the State while others Riverview Water District must absorb. Plans and specifications are currently under review by the County Department of Environmental Health and by the state. After construction begins, it will be approximately 18 weeks before the wells are back online which will save on expensive imported water.

Typical Water Use in a Single Family Home



Average Bi-Monthly Water Bill

Based on Single-family residence using 40 units including all system charges as of 9/1/02.



At
Riverview Water District

187
Days Without An
Accident

Staff update at Riverview Water District

Congratulations to Jeanne Swaringen for her recent promotion to General Manager and to Matt Gourley for his recent promotion to Interim Field Manager. Due to Curt Hardy's resignation in March Jim Bumiller was appointed to the board on April 25, 2002. Many thanks go to Curt for his many years of service to the district. Dan Humphrey went from part time to full time and John Daniel is a new field staff employee.