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### Notice to all Lakeshore Estates Residents

Dear Lakeshore Estates Residents,

As you have probably heard, the RWD10 Board has finished a Water Rate review using 2 independent companies to accomplish this task, Joe McLiney with McLiney & Co., and KRWA's Source Water Specialist Douglas Helmke. Both are experienced in this field and both have presented models that will help RWD10 be able to continue to serve the community in providing clean water. One review was a 'straight-across-the-board' hike of almost \$20 for EVERYONE, which we did not feel was fair for those needing much less water than others may need. While the other provided a more realistic model that charges for the ACTUAL amount of water used. In saying that; some of you will see a rate increase according to the amount of water you use each month while others will see a reduction, again, according to the actual water used by each household.

RWD10 has felt that the 'flat' rate for everyone, no matter how much water is used, is extremely unfair to those who use so much less than 5,000 gallons. We have found that most communities pay by the 1,000-gallon usage model, making it a fairer rate for the consumer. This has been a true concern for the board and we felt it was time to make some changes in the unfair rate structure that had been set in place in past years.

Below you will find a couple of the models that we are strongly considering. This new pricing will take effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, this is when you will see the changes on your bill as it relates strictly to the amount of water you are using. You should also notice on your bill that the Line item for MAINTENANCE (\$6) has been removed. There will no longer be a separate charge for that as we feel the changes being made take care of everything without additional costs.

MODEL #1 – \$52.61 which includes 1,000 gallons. Each additional 1,000 gallons adds \$8.75 (2,000 gallons = \$61.36, 3,000 gals = \$70.11; 4,000 gals = \$78.76; 5,000 gals = \$87.61; 6,000 gals = \$96.36; 7,000 gals = 105.11 and so on...)

MODEL #6 - \$62.28 which includes 1,000 gallons. Each additional 1,000 gallons adds \$6.28 (2,000 gallons = \$68.56, 3,000 gals = \$74.84; 4,000 gals = \$81.12; 5,000 gals = \$87.40; 6,000 gals = \$93.68; 7,000 gals = \$99.96 and so on...)

MODEL # 7 - \$57.77 which includes 1,000 gallons. Each additional 1,000 gallons adds \$7.77 (2,000 gallons = \$65.54, 3,000 gals = \$73.31; 4,000 gals = \$81.08; 5,000 gals = \$88.85; 6,000 gals = \$96.62; 7,000 gals = \$104.39 and so on...)

One of the key factors in choosing the right Model is the number of residents in the community who use less than 3,000 gallons (approx. 48 do, with approximately 25-30 more residents using 3,000 – 5,000) while keeping in mind that those who use 5,000-10,000 (approx. 36 households) will obviously pay for more water. The Models at the 10,000 gallons amount to the following; Model 1= \$131.36, Model 6 = \$118.80, Model 7 = \$127.70. And of course more for more.

These rates are based on a percentage for a full 1,000-gallon base use so if you use 700, 800...it will be less. Or if you use in between; say 1,200 or 2,600, etc. The system will charge according to the percentage of actual use. All other models; 2, 3, 4, & 5 were not as 'friendly' as the three presented to you here.

Thanks to those who have come by and picked the one they liked, which ended up being the one the Board favors too! The final decision will be made at our next Board meeting, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Thank you!  
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