



**LAKE FOREST ESTATES
CLEAN WATER DISTRICT**

November 30, 2023

Dear Lake Forest Estates Clean Water District Community Members,

As we close out 2023, there are a few highlights we'd like to revisit.

2023 began finalizing the ARPA grant of \$433,776.25 for the installation of meters, new flush hydrants and additional shut-off valves.

When work began in February, we discovered the need to replace the water lines in certain places and quite a bit of material that wasn't foreseen until we could get in the ground.

The water district paid an additional \$31,462.22 bringing the total upgrade to \$465,238.47.

A big thank you to Ste. Genevieve County Commissioners, CE Contracting and of course Tom Duro and John Picou, you two are the best!

In May, the District office began metering the water, working out the kinks, changed out a couple meters, alerted some of our customers of water leaks within their homes and yards and by the end of September, we have a handle on this huge undertaking.

Some changes for 2024...

The "Rates and Fees" for administrative costs will stay the same for 2023-2024, this is posted on the Lake Forest website.

The base rate for your water has already been paid by you for the first quarter of 2024, each residence will only be billed for actual water usage. The District began metering your usage on October 1st and will do so through December 2023. Your invoice for the fourth quarter will be sent the first week of January, with a due date January 30th, 2024.

If you follow our monthly board meeting minutes, you will see that the \$15.95 monthly base rate for water will stay the same for 2024, but in addition, to meet budget requirements you will be charged \$.85 per 1,000 gallons of water used (always rounding up). For example, if you use 2,200 gallons of water in December, your charge will be $$.85 \times 3 = \2.55 . At this time we would also like you to know that if you need to pay monthly instead of quarterly, the office can always relay the amount due if you email or call needing the total.

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In order to satisfy the contract with the USDA for the wastewater project due to begin in 2024, the District must work our way up to charging \$82.00 per month, per residence. Right now, each residence is paying \$45.33 per month. Beginning January 1, 2024 each residence will be charged \$63.83 a month and beginning January 2025 the increase will be up to the base rate for wastewater of \$82.00 per month.

Lastly, we received an upgrade to our software for the District. This includes our ability to text and email alerts such as emergency water shutoffs, boil orders, when the invoices are mailed/emailed and any immediate changes with the upcoming wastewater projects (such as roads closed). If you would like to have messages text or emailed to you, please email the office at lfecwd.office@gmail.com with your name, number and to text or email or both.

It's been a great 2023 and we hope your 2024 is even better,

Lake Forest Estates Clean Water District
Board of Directors