

# DECEMBER 2012





# Commissioner's Corner

By Alan M. Corwin, District 2

## 2013 Budget and Rates

For 2013, the Board of Commissioners is very concerned with spreading the cost of service equitably among all customers, while ensuring that the PUD receives the revenue needed to provide an appropriate level of service to our

customers. The rates adopted for 2013 reflect a 4.98% increase for all customers. The increase has been applied to both the base rate and to all usage blocks evenly. Customers using 1,000 cubic feet of water can expect to see an increase of \$2.40 monthly.

In order to assure that the PUD receives revenues adequate to cover costs, the Commissioners have also adopted a Revenue Adjustment Mechanism that will adjust the monthly charges every six months to recover or rebate to customers deviations between projected and actual revenues due to sales variations. The Revenue Adjustment will be a separate line item on your bill and will be calculated every six months with the affect of that adjustment being applied over a 12 month period. In this way, we hope to minimize the rate impact on the PUD and on our customers. If you have any questions on the Revenue Adjustment Charge, please contact us, we'll be happy to explain in more detail.



## **Meet Your New PUD Commissioner**

Commissioner Linda Oosterman (District 1) was elected to complete the term of Commissioner Paul Pickett who resigned and to complete her own term of office through 2018. Commissioner Oosterman is a fourth generation Washingtonian and is looking forward to serving the citizens of Thurston County and the PUD's water customers. She has an undergraduate degree in Organization Management and a Master's degree in Systems Theory and Family Therapy (University of Wisconsin). She has worked as a manager of countywide Crisis Response Programs in both eastern and

western Washington and also served as a Director and as an instructor of the Human Services Program at Grays Harbor College. Throughout her life, community service has been a priority. She is a strong advocate for returning Veterans; she continues to hold a current Washington State License as a Mental Health Professional. Linda has traveled extensively throughout the United States and Europe. She supports science and engineering to advance our research and development of technology towards a solid approach to conservation and sustainable living.



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#### **Revised Rates**

### Effective 1/1/13

After Public Hearings held on September 11, 2012, September 24, 2012, and October 1, 2012 the Thurston PUD Commissioners voted to increase rates.

The new rates become effective on January 1, 2013. A summary of those rates appears below:

	Residential			Non-Residential			
<u>Base Rate</u>	Inside Thurston	Tanglewilde / Thompson Place	Outside Thurston	Inside Thurston	Tanglewilde / Thompson Place	Tanglewilde Parks & Rec	Outside Thurston
3/4"	\$ 23.76	\$ 25.21	\$ 27.76	\$ 27.32	\$ 28.77		\$ 31.32
1"	\$ 59.40	\$ 60.85	\$ 63.40	\$ 68.29	\$ 69.74		\$ 72.29
1 1/2"	-	-	-	\$136.58	\$138.03	\$45.55	\$140.58
2"	-	-	-	\$218.53	\$219.98		\$222.53
3"	-	-	-	\$409.74	\$411.19		\$413.74
Flat rate	\$ 62.99	\$ 62.99	\$ 66.99	-	-		-
<u>Consumption</u> <u>charges</u>							
Residential							
0-500	\$ 2.12	\$ 2.12	\$ 2.12	-	-		-
501-1500	\$ 3.25	\$ 3.25	\$ 3.25	-	-		-
1501-3000	\$ 4.49	\$ 4.49	\$ 4.49	-	-		-
3001+	\$ 5.10	\$ 5.10	\$ 5.10	-	-		-
Commercial							
Nov-Jun	-	-		\$ 3.25	\$ 3.25	\$1.07	\$ 3.25
Jul-Oct	-	-	-	\$ 5.10	\$ 5.10	\$1.68	\$ 5.10
Irrigation	-	-	-	\$ 5.10	\$ 5.10		\$ 5.10

#### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SURCHARGES**

Crescent Park and Terry Lane 5.00/month
Cornerstone Estates 16.30/month
Pederson Place 6.95/month

#### **ANCILLARY CHARGES**

New Account Service Charge 35.00 plus \$5.00 per non related tenant

Late Fee 5.00
Return check charge 30.00
Reconnect fee 45.00

After hours

In County 120.00
Out of County 165.00
Holiday/wkend 210.00
Meter tampering charge 200.00

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