

# HILLCREST WATER DISTRICT

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Dear Customers:

Due to cost increases, the Hillcrest Water District has adopted a rate increase for water rates. These rate increases were approved on April 20, 2011 and are in effect as of April 1, 2011. The rate increases will be shown on your next bills to be sent out the first quarter of FY 2012. This means that your bill dated July 2011 will reflect the new rates.

Some of the major changes to the new rate are as follows:

- The base charge for water will increase from \$60.00 to \$65.00 per quarter. This rate includes 1,000 cubic feet

### **The new water rates are as follows:**

<b>Base Charge per quarter</b>	<b>\$65.00</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> step (1,001-3000 CF)</b>	<b>\$ 3.65/100 CF</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> step (Over 3001 CF)</b>	<b>\$ 7.84/100 CF</b>

We are telling you ahead of time so that, should you wish to, you may change your habits and/or consumption of water.

Our rate increases are increasingly being driven by changes in regulations. We have permit requirements that are promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA (Federal Government)) and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP (State Government)).

Some of the major changes we have seen on the water side is the decreased limits for Arsenic and Uranium treatment. With the installation of treatment systems for these contaminants, the District has spent approximately \$425,000.00 to address this issue within the District.

The District will also need to paint the storage tank within the next 2-3 years.

Please feel free to contact our office should you have any questions regarding these rate changes. We can provide you with a detailed impact analysis of these changes.

Hillcrest Water Board of Water Commissioners