

Gore Hill County Water District

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Project Update

Unfortunately, as feared, Well #2 is failing and therefore needs to be replaced. The current project budget is at approximately \$1,760,000. New Wells Drilling – Wadsworth Builders Company, Inc. \$1,227,870. Concrete Tank (cisterns) Rehab – Maguire Iron, Inc. \$219,200. Chemical Feed System – MJD Contracting \$67,000 as well as fees for Great West Engineering, bond counsel, audits etc... The District will receive \$277,250 from Cascade County ARPA money. The District did not receive any ARPA money from the state and therefore intends to take out a 30-year State Revolving Fund Loan at 2.5% interest for the balance of the project which is \$1,421,000. Resolution GHCWD 2023-004 will detail the District's intention to raise the current flat rate from \$34.70 to approximately \$60.00. This is a flat rate increase of approximately 73%. A public hearing will be duly advertised and held within the next month at which time all district customers are encouraged to attend. Look for the resolution notice.

Please be aware also – the District does not have the water right to bring on more taps/customers other than the original 266 which were part of the original design. We do not have the water for existing lots to be subdivided and receive a tap!

Board of Directors Election

Two board member positions are up for election in 2023. Three individuals have filed for these positions. An election will be conducted on May 2, 2023. Look for your ballot in the mail or it is possible with the proposed change in voting procedures, you may be required to vote in person. With 3 people having applied for the two positions – your vote matters.

Low Income Home Water Assistance Program

Low income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) provided funds to assist low-income households with water and wastewater bills. This program will be discontinued as of May 1, 2023 per notification from the state.

Selling Your Home

There have been an unprecedented number of homes sell within the water district. Please be aware that any unpaid water bills go with the property when it sells to the new owner if we are unable to collect from the previous owner. Montana Code Annotated provides this avenue. Most of the local title companies are particularly good about checking with the district before closing but it does not always happen. If you are selling your home, please be courteous and notify us.

Water Restrictions

Please review the policy posted on our website:

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Public Board Meetings

Your water board of directors meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in the office at 4503 62nd Ave SW at 7:00 p.m. These are always public meetings. Any and all concerns should be addressed with the board of directors. There are state and federal rules and regulations that are mandatory for your district board to follow. Please come to a meeting with any questions/concerns that you have.