

## **CUSTOMER BILLING UPDATE**

### **January 2012**

**Dear Water District customer,** you may have noticed an increased bill in January. Below is a short explanation:

The monthly water service availability charge increased January 1, 2012 from \$12.84 to \$13.20 per month. The commodity rate of \$4.47 per thousand gallons of water did not increase and remains the same. The water service availability charge includes the base and fixed costs for the District to provide water service to its customers.

Included on your January water bill is a State of Missouri Water Primacy Fee (usually \$2.76 for most customers). This State fee is charged annually and will not be on your bill again until January 2013. This is collected from the customer and forwarded directly to the State of Missouri, Department of Natural Resources. The fee is sent to the State to help fund Missouri's Drinking Water Program.

The sewer charges and rates remain the same and have not increased. The monthly service availability charge is \$37.82 per month for the first 1,000 gallons of usage (residential winter average) and \$4.03 per thousand gallons of use for all use after the first 1,000 gallons.

Also, Included on your sewer bill is State of Missouri Sewer Fee (usually \$0.70 for most customers). This State Fee is charged annually and will not be on your bill again until January 2013. This is collected from the customer and forwarded directly to the State of Missouri, Department of Natural Resources. The fee is sent to the State to help fund Missouri's Water Pollution Control Program.

Thank you for your understanding.