



# NORTH KOOTENAI WATER DISTRICT

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## Introduction

North Kootenai Water District (“District”) is proposing to increase its water rates. The water rate increase is necessary to fund increasing fixed and variable operational costs, adequately fund depreciation, and promote water conservation at very high water consumption levels. The District last increased water rates in October 2001. The total base rate increase is **10.2%**, or approximately **2% per year** since the last rate increase. The following are the proposed rate increases:

Rate	2001 Monthly Rate	Proposed 2006 Monthly Rate	Notes
Debt Service	\$ 5.37	\$ 3.82	The Debt Service fee pays the semi-annual payments on the debt that was incurred to purchase the water system from Hayden Pines in 1998. The remaining principal owed on the debt is approximately \$1,700,000. The debt service fee has continually gone down each year as new connections are added to the system.
Access Fee	\$10.60	\$13.78	The access fee pays the fixed costs of operating the water district. Each customer pays this fee for access to the water system.
1 – 5000 Gallons	\$1.00/1000 Gallons	\$1.00/1000 Gallons	Approximately 70% of the water use price represents funds to recover accruing depreciation to the water supply system.
5001 – 15,000 Gallons	\$1.10/1000 Gallons	\$1.15/1000 Gallons	These funds are allocated to maintain and replace the system so that future debt will not be necessary to replace system components such as reservoirs, pipe, pumps, etc., as they wear out. The remaining 30% of the water use price pays the current variable costs of producing and delivering domestic and fire protection service where available.
15,001 – 30,000 Gallons	\$1.20/1000 Gallons	\$1.25/1000 Gallons	
Over 30,000 Gallons	N/A	\$1.90/1000 Gallons	

The District has added another water usage level for water use above 30,000 gallons per month. The purpose of this fourth level is to encourage water users to keep their water use below 30,000 gallons per month.

## Water Rate Hearing

The District Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on May 11, 2006 at 6:00 pm at the Hayden Lake City Hall, 9393 North Strahorn Road, Hayden Lake, Idaho. The purposes of the hearing are:

- 1) to inform water district constituents of the contemplated fee schedule and increases incorporated therein together with the reasons why the directors of the district believe that fee restructuring and increases are prudent and necessary to operate and maintain the water system over the long term at a desirable level of service and enhance conservation of our water resource; and,
- 2) to receive public comments pertaining to immediate and long term financing of the operations and infrastructure of the water district including a restructured and increased schedule of fees charged to customers for water services provided by the district; and,
- 3) to receive public comments regarding policies of the water district that affect compliance with new requirements of the Idaho Department of Water Resources in the area of groundwater management and conservation of our aquifer water resources.

## Water System Improvements

The District continues to make both infrastructure and operational improvements to their water systems in order to improve their safety and reliability. The District has recently completed or is working on the following projects:

### Twin Lakes Water System

- New SH-41 Transmission Line from Village Boulevard to Silver Street to improve fire flows and domestic service to the southern part of the water system. Scheduled for 2007
- New well upgrades and standby power generator to improve water source reliability. Scheduled for 2007
- A 200,000 gallon reservoir was added to the system in 2005 and it provides additional fire flow storage and peak day equalizing storage.

### Loch Haven Hills

- The District has made pump and telemetry improvements to Packsaddle Water Booster station to improve system function performance and reliability. Additionally, the District completed a major rehabilitation of the Packsaddle reservoir to improve water quality.
- A 315,000 gallon reservoir expansion will be completed to provide additional fire flow storage and peak day equalizing water storage. Scheduled for 2006

### Ohio Match Water System

- A new second water well to increase system reliability. Scheduled for 2006

### Rimrock Water System

- A land developer funded water transmission line and water booster station improvements will improve water pressure and fire flow to residents east of Rimrock Road and in the Point Hayden area. Scheduled for 2006
- Point Hayden waterline replacement. The District is working with the City of Hayden and Hayden Lake Recreational Water and Sewer District on a joint project to replace the roads, and portions of the water and sewer systems in Point Hayden. Tentatively 2007
- Lancaster Road Transmission Line will be relocated and upsized as a result of the Lakes Highway District road widening project. Scheduled for 2006
- A new waterline on Government Way north of Lancaster Road through the Louisiana Pacific property resulting in a looped water system improving fire flow and water quality.

## Recent Additions

The District is a public, not for profit, quasi-municipal organization whose mission is to safely and cost effectively provide water to residents of Kootenai County. Existing or new water systems frequently request to be merged into the District. Prior to merging with any system, the District conducts a financial and technical analysis of the water system to ensure that it will not negatively impact the District's existing customers. The District recently merged with the following systems:

-  Honeysuckle Hills Water System located on the south end of Hayden Lake. 260 existing customers.
-  Ranch Valley Water System located on SH-53 south of the District's Atlas Acres water system. 20 existing customers.
-  East Seasons Acres Water System located on SH-41 north of the District's Twin Lakes Water System. 24 existing customers.

## Water Conservation

The District is developing a Water Conservation Plan as required by the Idaho Department of Water Resources. The District has determined that its users, on average, consume less water than many other water users. However, the District would like all water users to try and do better and the District will continue to provide customers with educational materials to help you lower your water consumption needs. One of the largest water uses is in landscape irrigation. We also plan to work with other groups and companies in the area to provide information and tips that will help you improve the efficiency of your landscape watering.



**Shut Off Faucet While Brushing Your Teeth or Shaving—**  
*Running a faucet for two minutes can waste a gallon of water.*

***Each Step Saves a Little but Together They Can Save a Lot!***

**Sprinkle Lawns Before 10 AM or After 6 PM to Reduce Evaporation—**  
*Water that evaporates doesn't help the plants*



**Avoid Over Watering Your Lawn—**  
*Lawns need only 1-2" of water per week including rain*

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

Public meetings are held at the District office at 12:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month; please feel free to attend.

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## **Mission Statement**

*North Kootenai Water District is a well-organized, financially sound, and efficiently managed public utility district that has a solid reputation of providing safe, reliable, high quality domestic water to our customers at a reasonable and justifiable price. We endeavor to service the domestic water needs of northern Kootenai County in a manner that protects the interests of our constituents. We are a growing entity that structures it's decisions upon consideration of the current economic situation, future economic and service implications, and the opportunity to improve, through water service, the quality of life for our current constituents and those petitioning for our assistance.*