

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING SEWER FEE INCREASE AND ADOPTION OF 2017 BUDGET

Cottonwood Improvement District will hold a public hearing on December 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at 8620 South Highland Drive, Sandy, Utah 84093 to consider whether to increase the monthly sewer service fee by \$5.00 per residential equivalent (an increase from \$15.00 per month to \$20.00 per month) to be effective March 1, 2017 and to consider adoption of the 2017 budget.

What happens to the wastewater when it leaves my property?

Cottonwood Improvement District owns and operates a system of sewer lines, lift stations and other facilities that collect wastewater from users within Cottonwood Improvement District's service area and deliver it to the Central Valley Water Reclamation Facility (CVWRF). The CVWRF is a regional wastewater treatment plant owned jointly by Cottonwood Improvement District and six other local entities. The seven member entities each pay a percentage of the costs to operate and maintain the CVWRF.

What are the reasons for a fee increase?

Rebuild aging wastewater treatment plant – The majority of the equipment and facilities at the CVWRF are over 30 years old and reaching the end of their useful life. In addition, the State of Utah Division of Water Quality (DEQ) has recently imposed new regulations on the CVWRF that lower the amount of phosphorus, nitrogen and other pollutants that can be discharged by CVWRF, and the current processes utilized by the CVWRF are not able to efficiently treat effluent to the new lower standards. The CVWRF board has studied different options to replace aging equipment and meet the new standards, and determined that the best long-term solution is to rebuild a majority of the CVWRF. The project is expected to begin in 2018.

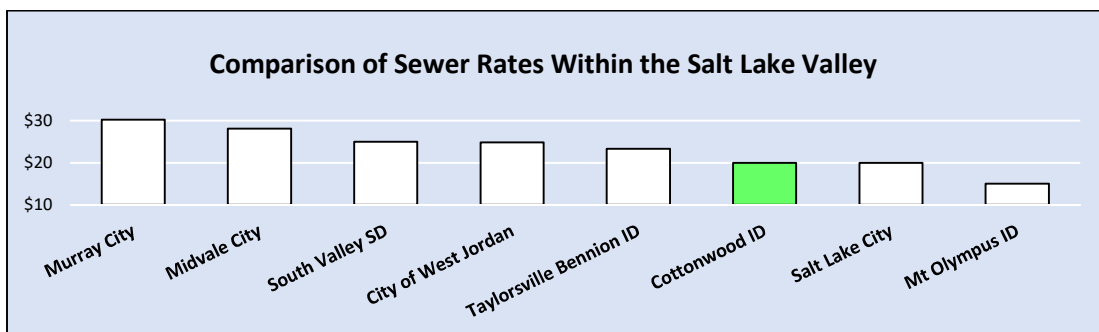
Repair and replace aging wastewater collection pipes - Cottonwood Improvement District routinely inspects, maintains and replaces pipes within its collection system, but a number of the larger pipes in Cottonwood Improvement District's system are over 50 years old and are either completely worn out or too small to handle the growth in population. Accordingly, Cottonwood Improvement District will need to complete a number of capital improvement projects on its collection system in the near future.

What are future anticipated rate increases?

Cottonwood Improvement District anticipates that additional rate increases totaling approximately \$5 will be required over the next four to five years.

How will Cottonwood Improvement District's rates compare to other sewer rates?

In 2015, the national average wastewater rate for a single family residence was \$452 per year (\$37.67 per month). With the proposed rate increase, Cottonwood Improvement District's rates will continue to be significantly below the national average, and comparable to rates charged by other entities along the Wasatch Front.



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