

WESTHAVEN COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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WCSD NEWS

JUNE 2007

TO: Westhaven CSD Customers

FROM: Westhaven CSD Board of Directors:

Courtney Blake - *President*
Pete Nichols - *Safety Officer*
Greg Smith - *Finance Officer*
Bill Verick - *Vice President*
Vacant seat

Westhaven CSD Staff:

Annette Leshar - *Secretary / Bookkeeper*
Richard Swisher - *Manager / Operator*
Jamie Vincent - *Operator*

Dear Westhaven Neighbors and Friends,

This newsletter accompanies our Annual Water Quality Report and provides an opportunity for us to share other information about WCSD activities over the past year.

Changes on the Board of Directors Upcoming Election

In July 2006 Board President Barbara Cline resigned in mid term and was replaced by Bill Verick. Later that same month the Board and the whole world lost Tim McKay. Tim's seat remains vacant.

There will be four seats up for the November 2007 election; three four-year terms and one two-year term. Any resident of the District who is registered to vote in the District may serve on the Board. You need not be a District customer.

Important Dates for the Election:

July 16 Forms for declaring candidacy available at the County Office of Elections 445-7678
August 10 Last day to file completed papers with the Office of Elections
August 15 Last day for a non-incumbent to file only if an incumbent does not file

2007-2008 Operating Budget and Water Rates

The District's operating budget for the upcoming fiscal year is scheduled for approval in a public hearing at the June 20 Board meeting. The budget is written to provide for the estimated costs of operating the water system, including reserve funds for short-term emergencies as well as long-term water system infrastructure replacement. As was the case last year, this next year's budget reflects increasing operating costs but no increase in payments to reserves.

At the May 16 meeting the Board reviewed a draft budget that included a 6.6% increase in average monthly water bills and approved the proposed rate structure linked to the budget, as follows:

Base Rate	Increases from	\$35.22 to \$37.27 per month, billed in advance.
Commodity Rates	Range from	\$6.84 per 1,000 gallons to \$9.92 per 1,000 gallons in four steps.
Estimated Average Bill	Increases from	\$58.13 to \$61.97

Some examples of how bills could increase:

1,000 gallons / month (gpm)	from \$40.97 to \$44.11	6,000 gpm	from \$74.88 to \$85.07
3,000 gpm	from \$53.33 to \$58.82	12,000 gpm	from \$130.04 to \$143.99

California State law provides water service customers the right to protest water rate increases. If more than 50% of the District's rate payers submit written protest, the increases cannot be implemented. Please plan to attend the June 20 board meeting and participate in the public hearing.

WESTHAVEN FIRE HALL – 446 6TH AVENUE – 7:30 PM