



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

ATTENTION CSA 16 SHANDON WATER CUSTOMERS!
**PLEASE ATTEND A COMMUNITY MEETING ON A
PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASE**

The County Public Works Department, Utilities Division, will be holding a Community Water Meeting to discuss a proposed water rate increase for County Service Area 16. The rate increase is needed to cover operations and maintenance costs of your water system.

When: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019 at 7:00 PM

***Where: Shandon High School - LIBRARY
101 S 1st Street, Shandon, CA***

***For additional information
www.slocounty.ca.gov/pw/csa16***

Rate Increase Information

OPTION 1

	Current Bi-Monthly Rate	Increase to Current Rate	New Bi-Monthly Rate
Minimum Charge	\$71.67	\$61.54	\$133.21
Usage Charges			
0 to 10 CCF	\$0	\$1.56	\$1.56
11 to 16 CCF	\$4.30	\$1.56	\$5.86
> 16 CCF	\$5.74	\$1.56	\$7.30

OPTION 2

	Current Bi-Monthly Rate	Increase to Current Rate	New Bi-Monthly Rate
Minimum Charge	\$71.67	\$43.96	\$115.63
Usage Charges			
0 to 10 CCF	\$0	\$2.60	\$2.60
11 to 16 CCF	\$4.30	\$2.60	\$6.90
> 16 CCF	\$5.74	\$2.60	\$8.34

The average customer's water bill will increase by \$45 a month.

Option 1: Higher water users have less cost increase

Option 2: Lowest water users have less cost increase

Why is a rate increase needed?

1. There has not been a rate increase to pay for Shandon's CSA 16 system operations and maintenance since 1995
2. Costs have increased significantly due to inflation and the aging system, which is nearly 50 years old.
3. There is not enough budget to do more than basic operations. Preventative maintenance cannot be done with the current funds.
4. Operating the system currently costs more than is collected in water sales. It must get to a balanced budget.

What will a rate increase pay for?

1. Better routine operations and maintenance: allow staff more time to work in Shandon keeping the system running well.
2. Complete preventative maintenance: complete scheduled services to equipment to help them run longer (similar to changing the oil or air filter in your car).
3. Budget funds for emergency repairs, such as a leak or broken valve.
4. Pay for State Water obligations of current project loan and increased delivery costs

How much will typical water uses cost with the increased rates?

Gallon of safe drinking water delivered to your faucet	\$ 0.02
Toilet flush	\$ 0.03
5 minute shower (1.5 gallon/minute showerhead)	\$ 0.15
Clothes washer load (top loader)	\$ 0.67
Clothes washer load (front loader)	\$ 0.37
Water 1,500 sq foot lawn one time	\$ 3.50