



Chemehuevi Indian Tribe

P.O. Box 1976, Havasu Lake, California 92363

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An open letter to Chemehuevi Water Department Customers:

This letter is to inform you that the Chemehuevi Tribal Council has determined that, in expectation of further growth of the community and costs created by inflation since the last review of water rates, there should be an increase in the rate structure.

The last review and setting of the water rate structure was in June of 2005. In the intervening years, a constant rate of inflation as calculated by the U. S. Department of Commerce, Consumer Price Index (CPI) has gradually reduced the purchasing power of the Water Department's budget. This increase is meant only to cover the actual rate of inflation to date and does not impose any further increases. These rate increases will go into effect on the January 2022 billing cycle.

Since individual homes and businesses consumption of water varies over time it difficult to state exactly what a monthly bill will be however, a basic method of calculation is possible. Using a current water bill for your residence or business, multiply the cost of the water only by 1.36% and you should have a reasonable new rate estimate for your water usage. Since all rates are based on consumption, the amount of the rate is proportional to the consumption. Sewer rates are fixed per month.

In the future, the Council will review the rate structure at intervals to be determined to consider if increases are appropriate for the fiscal conditions extant at that time. As always customers will be notified well in advance of rate changes.

Sincerely,

Sierra Pencille
Tribal Chairwoman
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