

# Ponderosa Community Services District

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To all Ponderosa property water users;

The Ponderosa CSD board of directors wants to make you aware of their plan to seek an increase in annual water service fees. One of the missions of the Ponderosa CSD is to provide water service to the residences and businesses of our community. Annual water fees are based on the cost of providing your Ponderosa cabin with safe and reliable water service. Unfortunately, the costs related to providing that service continue to rise. The board feels an increase to the current annual rate is necessary to meet the escalating costs of routine operating and maintenance expenses including the following key items:

- **The cost of necessary replacement of 50+ year old water main lines in Aspen Dr. and Tamarack Dr.** *These roads are in the first established tract of the Ponderosa community. Since they also serve as the primary entrance route to the Ponderosa community, they have borne the most traffic and the most weight of heavy equipment for the longest period of time. The transite water mains have a typical lifespan of 50 years; we have not only reached but have exceeded that 50 year mark and the lines are beginning to fail. We have had several breaks over the past few years with a significant amount of breakage, on Aspen Dr specifically, just in the past few months. Approximately 450 feet of the water mains on Tamarack were replaced during our system improvement project (completed in April 2014), and approximately 300 feet have been replaced during repairs on Aspen in the past 5 years. However, there is a total of 1500+ feet of water mains under these 2 roadways.*
- **The cost of replacing aging water tanks at the Holby well site.** *These 10,000 gallon and 20,000 gallon tanks are a critical part of our water system as they temporarily hold water for transfer to the larger Summit tank, which in turn feeds our distribution system. These tanks are at least 50 years old, have been patched repeatedly and need to be replaced.*

We encourage you to be a part of the water rate setting process. Please, contact the board with your ideas, questions and concerns. A notice for a public hearing will be forthcoming, the date and time to be determined. Further details and instructions for protest will be contained in the official hearing notice.

On behalf of the Board of Directors  
Respectfully,

  
J. Robertson/Board Secretary

We want to hear from you! Please send mail to

**Ponderosa CSD**

Attn: Board of Directors

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Or email to

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