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# **RATE HEARING**

- **Draft Budget FY 2023-2024**
  - **Proposed Rates FY 2023-2024**
  - **Rate Hearing Notices**
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**DRAFT BUDGET  
FY 2023-2024**



## Budget Notes for 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget

Budget Committee met on 5-17-2023, 5/23/2023

### Proposed Budget Highlights

1. The sewer capital budget includes WRRF sewer plant expansion upgrade costs (\$15.0M), other miscellaneous items amounting to (\$390.K). The water capital budget includes (\$75K) Mountain Well Exploration, (\$60K) Land Acquisition Costs, (\$100K) for the Chief Joseph Main Ext. and PRV, (\$50K) Backup Generator Hill & Cascade Booster, (\$96K) for Cascade Mountain Village Improvements and miscellaneous items amounting to (\$793K). See the capital budget table for the list of miscellaneous items.
2. Operating revenues are based on the proposed 15% rate increase for water and sewer rates. The budget will be amended for any subsequent change to the rates.
3. There are four new employees in the budget. A full year for a new general manager and administrative assistant. Two new sewer operators for the full year. The new positions represent approximately \$600,000 in salary and benefit costs in the 2023-2024 budget. In both the water and sewer departments there is a small amount for part-time help. Current staff salaries are proposed to be adjusted by 10% to meet current market conditions.
4. Health insurance rates have an increase of 7.12% from fiscal 2022-2023. The employee health reimbursement account is proposed to be increased from \$2,500 to \$4,500. The health reimbursement amount has not been adjusted since 2005 when the deductibles and out of pocket expenses were less than half what the current plan provides. The amount paid to employees who opt out of the District health plan is proposed to be increased from \$350 a month to \$400.



## **BIG SKY COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT No. 363**

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5. Inflation rate assumed at 5%-8% for 2023-2024 budget line items. Line items were adjusted according to prior year experience and future expectations of staff.
6. Mill rates will be based on actual loan payments. Four of the existing general obligation bond loans will be paid off on 7-1-2023. The remaining water loan will be paid off 7-1-2027 and is the only remaining general obligation loan. The final mill rates will be before the board at the August 2023 meeting. The estimated mill rate for the last general obligation loan is 9.14 mills. Last fiscal year the final mill rate for all five water and sewer loans was 35.95 mills.
7. Plant investment fees are based on the prior year experience and future expectation for construction.
8. The budget shows an operating deficit for 2023-2024. The sewer operating budget deficit is expected to be \$237,437 and the water operating budget is expected to be \$421,172. The overall budget including the non-operating revenues projects Net Income of \$2,706,853.

**PRELIMINARY OPERATING BUDGET  
BIG SKY COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT NO. 363  
2023/2024 Proposed Annual Budget**

July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

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The undersigned, Dick Fast, hereby certifies that I am the Secretary of the Big Sky County Water District No. 363 and that the foregoing budget was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the District at a regular meeting on June 21, 2022

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Dick Fast, Secretary

**BIG SKY COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT NO. 363  
2023/2024 BUDGET**

**A**

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

**SEWER OPERATIONS**

OPERATING REVENUE	2,797,500
NON-OPERATING REVENUE	4,135,435
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>6,932,935</b>
1/2 GENERAL & ADMIN EX	774,609
SEWER OPERATING EX	2,260,327
NON-OPERATING EXPENSES	1,399,793
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>4,434,730</b>
NET REVENUES	2,498,205
LESS PRIN PMT-SRF LOANS	(543,007)
LESS CAPITAL PAYMENTS	(15,390,000)
NON-CASH DEPRECIATION	725,000
<b>NET TO SWR RESERVES</b>	<b>(12,709,802)</b>

Proposed Monthly User Rates		
Dept	2023-2024	Commercial
Sewer SFE	33.96	33.96
Water SFE	24.82	24.82
Sewer Meter	35.78(B)-8.72(V) *	35.78(B)-9.14(V)
Water Meter	22.29(B)-Tierd(V) *	22.29(B)-Tierd(V)
<b>Water Tiers</b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>Water</b>
0-20,000/0-30,000	3.78	3.78
20K - 40K/30K -60K	5.66	5.66
40K - 60K/60K - 80K	7.94	7.94
* >60K/ >80k	11.11	11.11
* <b>IRRIGATION</b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>Water</b>
0-20,000	5.66	5.66
20K - 40K	7.94	7.94
>40K	11.11	11.11

V=Variable Charge Per 1000 gallons used.

Unimproved Lots	
Sewer	380
Water	295
Vacant Lot Charge	28.53

Meters	
Metered Accts	3,341

**WATER OPERATIONS**

OPERATING REVENUE	1,960,500
NON-OPERATING REVENUE	507,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>2,467,500</b>
1/2 GENERAL & ADMIN EX	774,609
OPERATING EXPENSES	1,607,063
NON-OPERATING EXPENSES	27,180
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,408,852</b>
NET REVENUES	58,648
LESS PRIN PMT-SRF LOANS	(298,000)
LESS CAPITAL PAYMENTS	(803,000)
NON-CASH DEPRECIATION	485,000
<b>NET TO WTR RESERVES</b>	<b>(557,352)</b>
NET TO RESERVES	<b>(13,267,154)</b>

**B CAPITAL BUDGET 2023 - 2024**

<b>SEWER OPERATIONS - Capital Items</b>	<b>Est Cost</b>
Chief Joseph East Side Sewer Main Replacement	\$ 175,000
Manhole Monitoring Devices	-
Additional Booster Station Engineering	-
FOG Design Engineering	-
New Plant Project	15,000,000
New Sewer Truck	65,000
Computers	0
Sewer Mains	100,000
Sewer Collection System Modeling	50,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 15,390,000</b>

<b>Sources Funding for the Sewer Capital Projects and Items</b>	<b>Amounts</b>
FSB Loan	\$ 18,500,000
Plant Investment Charges Through 6/30/2023	\$ 1,797,327
Sewer Asset Replacement Fund	5,626,753
Projected Asset Replacement Additon 23-24	725,000
Sewer Restricted Operating Reserves	271,212
Plant Investment Charges 2023-2024	400,000
	0
Sewer Capital Projects and listed Items	(15,390,000)
<b>Balance Remaining to Sewer Capital Items</b>	<b>\$ 11,530,291</b>

<b>WATER OPERATIONS - Capital Items</b>	<b>Est Cost</b>
Chief Joseph Water Main Ext with new PRV	\$ 100,000
Back up Generator Hill & Cascade Booster Stations	50,000
Mueler Leak Detection	80,000
Land for New Water Tank	60,000
Additional Funds Well Project	65,000
New PRV - Mountain/Meadow Water Line	120,000
Stillwater Services with Pits	62,000
Production Well Meters: Cascade 6, Meadow 1 & 3, Sweetgrass Booster, & Mountain 2	70,000
	0
Mountain Well Exploration	75,000
Fire Hydrant Replacements (5)	25,000
Cascade Mtn Village Improvements	96,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 803,000</b>

<b>Sources Funding for the Water Capital Projects and Items</b>	<b>Amounts</b>
System Investment Charges 6-30-2023	\$ 234,397
Water Asset Replacement Fund	\$ 1,232,895
Projected Asset Replacement Additon 2023-2024	485,000
Water Restricted Operating Reserves	201,902
System Investment Charges 2023-2024	150,000
	0
Water Capital Projects and listed Items	(803,000)
<b>Balance Remaining to Water Capital Items</b>	<b>\$ 1,351,195</b>

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**BIG SKY WATER & SEWER #363  
2023 - 2024 BUDGET**

June 16, 2023

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<b>REVENUES</b>							
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>							
3020 · Sewer Wastewater User Charges	2,355,000	2,166,098	2,363,016	2,775,000	100.34%	117.83%	117.43%
3025 · Water User Charges	1,760,000	1,469,533	1,603,126	1,800,000	91.09%	102.27%	112.28%
3030 · Late Payment Fees	1,000	0	0	1,000	0.00%	100.00%	-
3035 · Sewer Connection/Insp Fees	15,000	4,550	4,964	12,000	33.09%	80.00%	241.76%
3040 · Water Connection/Insp Fees	15,000	3,700	4,036	12,000	26.91%	80.00%	297.30%
3042 · Water Meters Issued	110,000	37,508	40,918	45,000	37.20%	40.91%	109.98%
3045 · Sewer Miscellaneous Income	35,000	33,345	36,376	10,000	103.93%	28.57%	27.49%
3046 · Water Misc. Inc/ Yellowstone Club Inc	152,250	82,693	90,210	103,000	59.25%	67.65%	114.18%
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>4,443,250</b>	<b>3,797,427</b>	<b>4,142,647</b>	<b>4,758,000</b>	<b>93.23%</b>	<b>107.08%</b>	<b>114.85%</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>							
<b>OFFICE - GEN &amp; ADM EXPENSES</b>							
<b>DIRECTORS</b>							
5001 · Meeting Expenses	1,925	604	658	1,925	34.20%	100.00%	292.37%
5002 · Directors Reimbursable Ex. *	6,720	8,200	8,946	6,720	133.12%	100.00%	75.12%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,645</b>	<b>8,804</b>	<b>9,604</b>	<b>8,645</b>	<b>111.10%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>90.01%</b>
* Per MCA 7-13-2273 - \$80 per month per director.							
<b>ADMIN PERSONNEL</b>							
5010 · Salaries	456,430	323,099	352,471	653,572	77.22%	143.10%	185.43%
5015 · Workers' Compensation Ins	3,059	1,932	2,108	2,931	68.90%	95.81%	139.06%
5020 · Employer P/R Medicare/457 Match	35,738	25,777	28,120	49,850	78.68%	139.48%	177.27%
5025 · Public Emp Ret Sys - Employer	42,475	31,910	34,811	60,748	81.96%	143.02%	174.51%
5030 · Employee Health Ins	77,857	74,138	80,877	132,660	103.88%	170.39%	164.03%
5031 · Long-Term, Short-Term Insurance	10,114	7,072	7,715	11,564	76.28%	114.33%	149.89%
5035 · Employee Education Ex	8,000	2,312	2,522	8,000	31.52%	100.00%	317.23%
5040 · Lucheons, Meetings, Etc.	1,500	1,992	2,173	1,500	144.90%	100.00%	69.02%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>635,173</b>	<b>468,231</b>	<b>510,797</b>	<b>920,825</b>	<b>80.42%</b>	<b>144.97%</b>	<b>180.27%</b>
<b>OFFICE</b>							
5130 · Utilities - New Off-AmGas/N.W.E	6,000	6,412	6,995	6,250	116.58%	104.17%	89.35%
5135 · Janitorial	3,000	3,390	3,698	4,000	123.33%	133.33%	108.16%
5136 · Carpet Service - Am Linen	725	432	471	725	65.01%	100.00%	153.83%
5141 · Off Supplies/Copier Etc.	5,700	3,905	4,260	4,250	74.74%	74.56%	99.77%
5142 · Office Furn & Equipment	900	1,717	1,873	1,200	208.12%	133.33%	64.07%
5143 · Computer Software/Hdware	6,250	9,281	10,125	6,250	161.99%	100.00%	61.73%
5144 · Web Design/CC Web Payments	5,000	12,922	14,097	5,000	281.93%	100.00%	35.47%
5145 · Telephone	7,200	6,057	6,608	7,200	91.77%	100.00%	108.96%
5150 · Printing	250	0	0	250	0.00%	100.00%	-
5155 · Postage - Shipping	2,100	1,502	1,638	2,100	78.02%	100.00%	128.17%
5160 · Advertising	600	150	164	600	27.27%	100.00%	366.67%
5165 · Insurance- PPE Both Water & Sewer	156,400	146,784	160,128	191,423	102.38%	122.39%	119.54%
5175 · Dues & Subscriptions	3,200	2,098	2,289	3,200	71.52%	100.00%	139.82%
5185 · Election Expenses	250	0	0	1,000	0.00%	400.00%	-
5190 · Stmt Mailing-Postage, Forms etc	13,500	12,225	13,337	14,250	98.79%	105.56%	106.85%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>211,075</b>	<b>206,875</b>	<b>225,682</b>	<b>247,698</b>	<b>106.92%</b>	<b>117.35%</b>	<b>109.76%</b>
<b>VEHICLE</b>							
5210 · Vehicle Gas & Oil	3,250	3,443	3,756	4,100	115.56%	126.15%	109.17%
5215 · Vehicle Repair & Maint	1,800	2,245	2,450	3,500	136.09%	194.44%	142.88%
5220 · Vehicle Insurance	3,815	2,310	2,520	4,200	66.06%	110.09%	166.67%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,865</b>	<b>7,998</b>	<b>8,725</b>	<b>11,800</b>	<b>98.42%</b>	<b>133.11%</b>	<b>135.24%</b>



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<b>PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>							
5310 · Legal Fees Associated Costs	10,000	13,112	14,304	10,000	143.04%	100.00%	69.91%
5311 · Legal Fees Attorney	200,000	377,706	412,043	200,000	206.02%	100.00%	48.54%
5315 · Computer/Telephone Maintenance	33,540	31,812	34,704	25,000	103.47%	74.54%	72.04%
5325 · Audit Ex	10,500	8,500	8,500	10,500	80.95%	100.00%	123.53%
5330 · GIS Mapping Ex	2,000	0	0	5,000	0.00%	250.00%	-
5332 · Other Consulting Fees	100,000	50,474	55,063	100,000	55.06%	100.00%	181.61%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>356,040</b>	<b>481,604</b>	<b>524,613</b>	<b>350,500</b>	<b>147.35%</b>	<b>98.44%</b>	<b>66.81%</b>
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>							
5415 · Bank Service Charges	150	218	238	250	158.76%	166.67%	104.98%
5420 · State Annual Audit Filing Fee	2,500	1,700	1,855	2,500	74.18%	100.00%	134.80%
5430 · Miscellaneous	2,000	1,783	1,945	2,000	97.23%	100.00%	102.85%
5445 · Office Bldg - Repair & Maint	3,500	5,626	6,138	5,000	175.36%	142.86%	81.47%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,150</b>	<b>9,327</b>	<b>10,175</b>	<b>9,750</b>	<b>124.84%</b>	<b>119.63%</b>	<b>95.82%</b>
5495 · Annual Pension Expense	1	0	0	1	0.00%	100.00%	-
<b>TOTAL OFFICE GENERAL &amp; ADM. EX</b>	<b>1,227,949</b>	<b>1,182,839</b>	<b>1,289,597</b>	<b>1,549,219</b>	<b>105.02%</b>	<b>126.16%</b>	<b>120.13%</b>
<b>D SEWER - GEN &amp; ADM EXPENSES</b>							
<b>PERSONNEL</b>							
6010 · Salaries	326,022	227,640	248,335	454,124	76.17%	139.30%	182.87%
6015 · Wages - Labor - Part Time	0	0	0	15,000	-	0.00%	-
6020 · Workers' Compensation Ins Ex	5,880	3,725	4,064	16,571	69.12%	281.82%	407.75%
6025 · Employer P/R Medicare/457 Match	25,278	17,481	19,070	34,073	75.44%	134.79%	178.67%
6030 · Public Emp Ret Sys Ex	30,067	21,620	23,586	41,549	78.44%	138.19%	176.16%
6031 · Long-Term, Short Term Insurance	4,688	1,842	2,010	5,905	42.88%	125.98%	293.82%
6035 · Employee Health Ins Ex	76,672	71,768	78,293	138,584	102.11%	180.75%	177.01%
6040 · Employee Education Ex	5,000	2,390	2,607	5,000	52.14%	100.00%	191.80%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>473,607</b>	<b>346,468</b>	<b>377,965</b>	<b>710,807</b>	<b>79.81%</b>	<b>150.08%</b>	<b>188.06%</b>
<b>GENERAL</b>							
6110 · Dues & Subscription Ex	800	790	862	800	107.78%	100.00%	92.78%
6115 · Telephone	5,800	4,496	4,905	5,800	84.56%	100.00%	118.25%
6130 · Office Supplies & Equip	1,000	595	649	1,000	64.86%	100.00%	154.18%
6132 · Publications-Swr	400	0	0	400	0.00%	100.00%	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>5,881</b>	<b>6,415</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>80.19%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>124.70%</b>
<b>TOTAL SEWER GENERAL &amp; ADM. EX</b>	<b>481,607</b>	<b>352,348</b>	<b>384,380</b>	<b>718,807</b>	<b>79.81%</b>	<b>149.25%</b>	<b>187.00%</b>
<b>E SEWER PLANT OPERATIONS</b>							
<b>VEHICLE</b>							
8110 · Fuel / Vehicles & Equip	12,500	8,968	9,784	10,000	78.27%	80.00%	102.21%
8115 · Vehicles - Repair/Maint	8,000	16,091	17,554	12,000	219.43%	150.00%	68.36%
8120 · Vehicle & Equip Insurance	6,865	4,158	4,536	7,170	66.07%	104.44%	158.07%
8125 · Fuel Backup Generators	100	0	0	100	0.00%	100.00%	-
8130 · Fuel - Backhoe & Equip	1,200	3,150	3,436	2,200	286.33%	183.33%	64.03%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28,665</b>	<b>32,367</b>	<b>35,310</b>	<b>31,470</b>	<b>123.18%</b>	<b>109.79%</b>	<b>89.13%</b>

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<b><u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u></b>							
8209 · Treatment Plant-Propane	22,500	45,277	49,393	34,000	219.53%	151.11%	68.84%
8210 · Filter Building - Propane Heat	16,000	28,381	30,961	32,000	193.51%	200.00%	103.36%
8211 · Maintenance Bldg - Propane Heat	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
8212 · Maint.Bld Blwrs-Recirc NWE	24,000	18,056	19,697	24,000	82.07%	100.00%	121.85%
8213 · Treatment Plant-NWE	75,000	98,614	107,578	75,000	143.44%	100.00%	69.72%
8214 · YMC Pump Stations NWE	90,000	98,300	107,236	110,000	119.15%	122.22%	102.58%
8215 · Filter Bld - NWE	42,000	31,935	34,838	42,000	82.95%	100.00%	120.56%
8230 · Chemicals-SBR	2,000	0	0	500	0.00%	25.00%	-
8231 · Chemicals Chlorine Gas Filter Bld	51,000	24,544	26,775	35,000	52.50%	68.63%	130.72%
8235 · Chlorine Maintenance	1,000	157	172	1,000	17.16%	100.00%	582.60%
8240 · Chemicals-Aqua Hawk	47,000	20,995	22,904	21,000	48.73%	44.68%	91.69%
8245 · Chemicals Misc	1	0	0	250	0.00%	25000.00%	-
8246 · Chemicals: YC/SPR Pond Chlorination	9,500	10,070	10,985	9,500	115.63%	100.00%	86.48%
8250 · Chemical-Other	20,000	0	0	500	0.00%	2.50%	-
8255 · SBR Lab Sampling Supplies	750	0	0	750	0.00%	100.00%	-
8256 · WW Testing Pipeline Baseline	800	0	0	800	0.00%	100.00%	-
8257 · Lab Fees Wastewater Monitoring/GLWQD	60,000	57,345	62,558	65,000	104.26%	108.33%	103.90%
8260 · Lab Testing Equipment	2,000	4,869	5,311	4,000	265.57%	200.00%	75.31%
8265 · Compost Supplies	4,500	2,854	3,113	4,500	69.19%	100.00%	144.53%
8270 · Safety Equipment	1,500	1,498	1,634	1,500	108.93%	100.00%	91.80%
8275 · Operating Supplies	750	1,169	1,275	750	170.03%	100.00%	58.81%
8280 · MDEQ Discharge Permit Fees	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>470,301</b>	<b>444,063</b>	<b>484,432</b>	<b>462,050</b>	<b>103.00%</b>	<b>98.25%</b>	<b>95.38%</b>
<b><u>REPAIRS &amp; MAINTENANCE</u></b>							
8310 · Welding & Welding Supplies Sewer	500	31	34	500	6.76%	100.00%	1478.97%
8311 · Sewer Repairs/Maintenance	50,000	77,608	84,664	65,000	169.33%	130.00%	76.77%
8312 · Recirc Building Maintenance	4,000	0	0	4,000	0.00%	100.00%	-
8313 · Treatment Plant Repair/Maint.	15,000	28,776	31,393	15,000	209.28%	100.00%	47.78%
8315 · Filter Building Repair/Maint	10,000	23,359	25,483	20,000	254.83%	200.00%	78.48%
8316 · YC Pump Station/FM Maintenance	20,000	11,686	12,749	10,000	63.74%	50.00%	78.44%
8320 · Pond Maintenance/Inspection	3,500	32	35	6,000	1.01%	171.43%	17001.55%
8322 · Pond Blowers/Pond Maintenance	7,500	16,531	18,034	12,000	240.46%	160.00%	66.54%
8325 · Irrigation Maintenance	15,000	26,841	29,282	30,000	195.21%	200.00%	102.45%
8330 · Trash Pickup	4,000	3,945	4,304	5,500	107.59%	137.50%	127.80%
8332 · Weed Control/Grounds Maint	3,500	0	0	3,500	0.00%	100.00%	-
8335 · Tools & Tool Maintenance	3,500	5,484	5,983	4,500	170.93%	128.57%	75.22%
8340 · Equipment Rental-Other	500	0	0	500	0.00%	100.00%	-
8345 · Cleaning - Sewer Lines	26,500	28,629	31,231	30,000	117.85%	113.21%	96.06%
8350 · Video Taping - Sewer Lines	500	0	0	15,000	0.00%	3000.00%	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>164,000</b>	<b>222,924</b>	<b>243,190</b>	<b>221,500</b>	<b>48.29%</b>	<b>135.06%</b>	<b>91.08%</b>
<b><u>PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</u></b>							
8354 · Safety Training	500	0	0	500	0.00%	100.00%	-
8355 · Engineering	25,000	118,182	128,926	100,000	515.70%	400.00%	77.56%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,500</b>	<b>118,182</b>	<b>128,926</b>	<b>100,500</b>	<b>505.59%</b>	<b>394.12%</b>	<b>77.95%</b>
<b><u>MISCELLANEOUS</u></b>							
8410 · Sewer Miscellaneous Ex.	750	27	30	750	3.98%	100.00%	2512.79%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>3.98%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>2512.79%</b>
<b><u>ASSET DEPRECIATION</u></b>							
8595 · Depreciation - Sewer Assets	725,000	664,587	725,004	725,000	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>725,000</b>	<b>664,587</b>	<b>725,004</b>	<b>725,000</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

8650 · Special Projects

**TOTAL**

**F TOTAL SEWER PLANT OPERATIONS EX**

**TOTAL SEWER OPERATION EXPENSES**

**WATER - GEN & ADM EXPENSES**

**OPERATIONS PERSONNEL**

7010 · Salaries  
7015 · Wages  
7020 · Part Time Labor  
7025 · Worker's Comp Ins  
7030 · Employer P/R Medicare/457 Match  
7031 · Long Term, Short Term Insurance  
7035 · Public Emp Ret Sys Exp  
7040 · Employee Health Ins Exp  
7045 · Employee Educ. Exp

**TOTAL**

**OPERATIONS GENERAL**

7110 · Dues & Subscriptions Exp  
7115 · Telephone  
7130 · Publications - Wtr  
7135 · Office Supplies & Equip  
7140 · P Wtr Sup Fees-MV SDW02384-01

**TOTAL**

**G TOTAL WATER GENERAL & ADM. EX**

**H WATER PLANT OPERATIONS**

**VEHICLES**

9110 · Fuel - Vehicles  
9115 · Auto Repair & Maint  
9120 · Vehicle Insurance Ex.  
9125 · Fuel Booster St-Gen/Equip  
9130 · Fuel - Backhoe & Equipment

**TOTAL**

**WATER SYSTEM OPERATING EXPENSES**

9211 · Utilities - NWE & Other  
9215 · Chemicals  
9220 · Lab Fees - Water Samples  
9230 · Lab Testing Equip  
9235 · Equip Purchases  
9245 · Safety Equipment Ex  
9247 · Garbage Pickup  
9253 · Water Meter Repairs/Testing

**TOTAL**

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8650 · Special Projects	250	20,000	21,818	250	8727.27%	100.00%	1.15%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>21,818</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>8727.27%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>1.15%</b>
<b>F TOTAL SEWER PLANT OPERATIONS EX</b>	<b>1,414,466</b>	<b>1,502,151</b>	<b>1,638,710</b>	<b>1,541,520</b>	<b>115.85%</b>	<b>108.98%</b>	<b>94.07%</b>
<b>TOTAL SEWER OPERATION EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,896,073</b>	<b>1,854,499</b>	<b>2,023,090</b>	<b>2,260,327</b>	<b>106.70%</b>	<b>119.21%</b>	<b>111.73%</b>
<b>WATER - GEN &amp; ADM EXPENSES</b>							
<b>OPERATIONS PERSONNEL</b>							
7010 · Salaries	353,504	317,673	346,552	395,856	98.03%	111.98%	114.23%
7015 · Wages	25,000	0	0	15,000	0.00%	60.00%	-
7020 · Part Time Labor	5,000	0	0	5,000	0.00%	100.00%	-
7025 · Worker's Comp Ins	6,457	5,484	5,982	14,807	92.65%	229.32%	247.51%
7030 · Employer P/R Medicare/457 Match	27,499	25,292	27,592	29,848	100.34%	108.54%	108.18%
7031 · Long Term, Short Term Insurance	4,736	4,659	5,082	4,736	107.31%	100.00%	93.19%
7035 · Public Emp Ret Sys Exp	32,682	30,246	32,996	36,373	100.96%	111.29%	110.23%
7040 · Employee Health Ins Exp	75,366	69,091	75,372	104,289	100.01%	138.38%	138.37%
7045 · Employee Educ. Exp	8,000	3,227	3,521	8,000	44.01%	100.00%	227.23%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>538,244</b>	<b>455,672</b>	<b>497,097</b>	<b>613,908</b>	<b>92.36%</b>	<b>114.06%</b>	<b>123.50%</b>
<b>OPERATIONS GENERAL</b>							
7110 · Dues & Subscriptions Exp	2,200	2,210	2,411	2,200	109.59%	100.00%	91.25%
7115 · Telephone	8,700	6,556	7,152	8,700	82.20%	100.00%	121.65%
7130 · Publications - Wtr	300	0	0	300	0.00%	100.00%	-
7135 · Office Supplies & Equip	1,500	0	0	1,500	0.00%	100.00%	-
7140 · P Wtr Sup Fees-MV SDW02384-01	4,700	4,876	4,876	4,700	103.74%	100.00%	96.39%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,400</b>	<b>13,642</b>	<b>14,439</b>	<b>17,400</b>	<b>82.98%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>120.51%</b>
<b>G TOTAL WATER GENERAL &amp; ADM. EX</b>	<b>555,644</b>	<b>469,314</b>	<b>511,535</b>	<b>631,308</b>	<b>92.06%</b>	<b>113.62%</b>	<b>123.41%</b>
<b>H WATER PLANT OPERATIONS</b>							
<b>VEHICLES</b>							
9110 · Fuel - Vehicles	15,000	15,305	16,697	18,000	111.31%	120.00%	107.81%
9115 · Auto Repair & Maint	8,500	11,726	12,791	12,000	150.49%	141.18%	93.81%
9120 · Vehicle Insurance Ex.	5,112	4,686	5,112	9,555	100.00%	186.91%	186.91%
9125 · Fuel Booster St-Gen/Equip	3,000	1,207	1,316	3,000	43.88%	100.00%	227.88%
9130 · Fuel - Backhoe & Equipment	1,000	12	13	1,000	1.32%	100.00%	7600.88%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32,612</b>	<b>32,936</b>	<b>35,930</b>	<b>43,555</b>	<b>110.17%</b>	<b>133.56%</b>	<b>121.22%</b>
<b>WATER SYSTEM OPERATING EXPENSES</b>							
9211 · Utilities - NWE & Other	171,000	144,023	157,116	165,000	91.88%	96.49%	105.02%
9215 · Chemicals	750	499	544	750	72.51%	100.00%	137.91%
9220 · Lab Fees - Water Samples	3,500	7,711	8,412	7,000	240.33%	200.00%	83.22%
9230 · Lab Testing Equip	750	0	0	750	0.00%	100.00%	-
9235 · Equip Purchases	750	79	86	750	11.43%	100.00%	875.24%
9245 · Safety Equipment Ex	1,500	816	890	1,500	59.34%	100.00%	168.52%
9247 · Garbage Pickup	4,000	4,213	4,596	5,500	114.90%	137.50%	119.67%
9253 · Water Meter Repairs/Testing	250	0	0	250	0.00%	100.00%	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>182,500</b>	<b>157,339</b>	<b>171,643</b>	<b>181,500</b>	<b>94.05%</b>	<b>99.45%</b>	<b>105.74%</b>

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**REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE**

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9301 · Repairs - Distribution System	130,000	88,883	96,963	130,000	74.59%	100.00%	134.07%
9302 · Repairs - Wells	15,000	20,382	22,235	22,000	148.23%	146.67%	98.94%
9303 · Repairs - Booster Stations	10,000	1,486	1,621	10,000	16.21%	100.00%	616.76%
9304 · Repairs - Water Tanks	2,500	3,898	4,252	2,500	170.09%	100.00%	58.79%
9305 · Repairs - Telemetry	2,000	3,002	3,275	2,000	163.75%	100.00%	61.07%
9306 · Repairs - SPR	250	0	0	250	0.00%	100.00%	-
9316 · Maint Bldg-Repairs & Maint	2,250	3,719	4,057	3,250	180.33%	144.44%	80.10%
9324 · Generator Semi Annual Check-Up	7,000	4,817	5,255	7,000	75.08%	100.00%	133.20%
9325 · Hydrants & Hydrant Maint	750	25,773	28,116	750	3748.86%	100.00%	2.67%
9330 · Tools & Tool Maint	5,500	8,545	9,322	5,500	169.49%	100.00%	59.00%
9335 · Equipment Rental	1,000	0	0	1,000	0.00%	100.00%	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>176,250</b>	<b>160,507</b>	<b>175,098</b>	<b>184,250</b>	<b>99.35%</b>	<b>104.54%</b>	<b>105.23%</b>

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

9311 · Leak Detection	550	0	0	550	0.00%	100.00%	-
9320 · Tank Inspection/Cleaning	3,650	0	0	3,650	0.00%	100.00%	-
9416 · Water Rights-Legal	5,500	200	218	5,500	3.97%	100.00%	2520.83%
9417 · Engineering	40,000	19,673	21,461	40,000	53.65%	100.00%	186.38%
9430 · Water Modeling	1,000	0	0	1,000	0.00%	100.00%	-
9435 · Water Meter Sensus Support	29,500	9,033	9,854	29,500	33.40%	100.00%	299.37%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80,200</b>	<b>28,906</b>	<b>31,534</b>	<b>80,200</b>	<b>39.32%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>254.33%</b>

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

9415 · Special Projects - Other	500	69,488	75,805	500	15161.02%	100.00%	0.66%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>69,488</b>	<b>75,805</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>15161.02%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>0.66%</b>

**MISCELLANEOUS**

9410 · Misc Expense - Water	750	541	590	750	78.68%	100.00%	127.10%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>78.68%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>127.10%</b>

**ASSET DEPRECIATION**

9595 · Depreciation - Water Assets	485,000	444,587	485,004	485,000	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>485,000</b>	<b>444,587</b>	<b>485,004</b>	<b>485,000</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

<b>I</b> <b>TOTAL WATER PLANT OPERATIONS_EX</b>	<b>957,812</b>	<b>894,303</b>	<b>975,604</b>	<b>975,755</b>	<b>101.86%</b>	<b>101.87%</b>	<b>100.02%</b>
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<b>J</b> <b>TOTAL WATER OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,513,456</b>	<b>1,363,617</b>	<b>1,487,139</b>	<b>1,607,063</b>	<b>98.26%</b>	<b>106.18%</b>	<b>108.06%</b>
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7745 · (Gain)/Loss-Dispostion - Assets	0	(1,215)	(1,325)				
7746 · (Gain)/Loss - Other	0	0	0				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1,215)</b>	<b>(1,325)</b>				

<b>K</b> <b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>4,637,479</b>	<b>4,399,740</b>	<b>4,798,501</b>	<b>5,416,609</b>	<b>103.47%</b>	<b>116.80%</b>	<b>112.88%</b>
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<b>L</b> <b>NON-OPERATING REVENUES</b>							
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**REVENUES - SEWER**

4010 · Resort Tax Bond Payment	2,852,719	2,852,719	3,112,057	2,995,335	109.09%	105.00%	96.25%
4012 · Resort Tax Other	60,000	0	0	560,000	0.00%	933.33%	-
4013 · Madison Co. Tax Receipts Sewer Bonds	434,400	317,813	346,705	0	79.81%	0.00%	0.00%
4014 · Gallatin Co. Tax Receipts Sewer Bonds	433,100	326,883	356,599	0	82.34%	0.00%	0.00%
4015 · Snow Making Pilot Project	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
4020 · Sewer Int Income RESTRICTED	20,000	169,007	184,371	150,000	921.86%	750.00%	81.36%

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4025 · Sewer Int Income-UNRESTRICTED	30,000	31,819	34,711	30,000	115.70%	100.00%	86.43%
4030 · Sewer Plant Investment Fees	400,000	258,155	281,624	400,000	70.41%	100.00%	142.03%
4031 · Spanish Peaks PIC Fees	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
4035 · Boyne Settlement Funds	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
4040 · Non-Oper Inc Sewer - Other	100	1,593,836	0	100	0.00%	100.00%	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,230,319</b>	<b>5,550,231</b>	<b>4,316,068</b>	<b>4,135,435</b>	<b>102.03%</b>	<b>97.76%</b>	<b>95.81%</b>
<b>REVENUES - WATER</b>							
4110 · Resort Tax Bond Payment	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
4112 · Resort Tax Other	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
4113 · Madison Co. Tax Receipts Water Bonds	220,000	158,942	173,392	143,000	78.81%	65.00%	82.47%
4114 · Gallatin Co. Tax Receipts Water Bonds	265,000	192,419	209,912	181,000	79.21%	68.30%	86.23%
4120 · Water Int Income RESTRICTED	4,000	34,298	37,416	30,000	935.40%	750.00%	80.18%
4125 · Water Int Income-UNRESTRICTED	1,200	789	861	1,000	71.71%	83.33%	116.20%
4130 · Water System Investment Fees	150,000	67,894	74,066	150,000	49.38%	100.00%	202.52%
4135 · Non-Oper Inc Water-Other	2,000	44,536	48,584	2,000	2429.22%	100.00%	4.12%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>642,200</b>	<b>498,878</b>	<b>544,231</b>	<b>507,000</b>	<b>84.74%</b>	<b>78.95%</b>	<b>93.16%</b>
<b>TOTAL NON-OPER. REVENUE</b>	<b>4,872,519</b>	<b>6,049,109</b>	<b>4,860,299</b>	<b>4,642,435</b>	<b>99.75%</b>	<b>95.28%</b>	<b>95.52%</b>
<b>DONATED CAPITAL ASSETS</b>							
4045 · Donated Capital Assets Sewer	75,000	267,940	267,940	75,000	357.25%	100.00%	-72.01%
4145 · Donated Capital Assets Water	75,000	0	0	75,000	0.00%	100.00%	-
<b>TOTAL DONATED CAPITAL ASSETS</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>267,940</b>	<b>267,940</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>178.63%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>-44.02%</b>
<i>New water &amp; sewer extensions from developers</i>							
<b>NON-OPERATING EXPENSES</b>							
<b>EXPENSES SEWER</b>							
4210 · SRF - Interest Expense	49,000	44,924	49,008	23,913	100.02%	48.80%	48.79%
4211 · FSB Int Exp	0	259,412	282,994	1,311,380	-	-	463.39%
4215 · Resort Tax - Other	60,000	0	0	60,000	0.00%	100.00%	-
4220 · Misc Non Operating Exp	4,500	0	0	4,500	0.00%	100.00%	-
4226 · Canyon Study Dist Contribution	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>113,500</b>	<b>304,336</b>	<b>332,002</b>	<b>1,399,793</b>	<b>292.51%</b>	<b>1233.30%</b>	<b>421.62%</b>
<b>EXPENSES - WATER</b>							
4310 · SRF Interest Expense	40,000	36,674	40,008	22,680	100.02%	56.70%	56.69%
4311 · DEQ - Wtr Quality Study	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
4312 · Misc Non Operating Exp	4,500	50,270	54,839	4,500	1218.65%	100.00%	8.21%
4313 · Water Metering Ex.	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44,500</b>	<b>86,944</b>	<b>94,847</b>	<b>27,180</b>	<b>213.14%</b>	<b>61.08%</b>	<b>28.66%</b>
<b>TOTAL NON-OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>158,000</b>	<b>391,279</b>	<b>426,850</b>	<b>1,426,973</b>	<b>270.16%</b>	<b>903.15%</b>	<b>334.30%</b>

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**SUMMARY - OPERATING AND NON-OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES**

OPERATING REVENUES	4,443,250	3,797,427	4,142,647	4,758,000	93.23%	107.08%	114.85%
OPERATING EXPENSES	(4,637,479)	(4,399,740)	(4,798,501)	(5,416,609)	103.47%	116.80%	112.88%
OPERATING RESERVES	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
NET OPERATING REV	(194,229)	(602,314)	(655,853)	(658,609)	337.67%	339.09%	100.42%

**NON-OPERATING SUMMARY**

NON-OPERATING REV	4,872,519	6,049,109	4,860,299	4,642,435	99.75%	95.28%	95.52%
NON-OPER EXPENSE	(158,000)	(391,279)	(426,850)	(1,426,973)	270.16%	903.15%	334.30%
NET NON-OPERATING REV	4,714,519	5,657,830	4,433,449	3,215,462	94.04%	68.20%	72.53%

**SUMMARY - TOTAL REVENUES AND EXPENSES**

TOTAL REVENUES	9,315,769	9,846,536	9,002,946	9,400,435	96.64%	100.91%	104.42%
TOTAL EXPENSES	(4,795,479)	(4,791,019)	(5,225,350)	(6,843,582)	108.96%	142.71%	130.97%
TOTAL NET REVENUES	4,520,290	5,055,517	3,777,595	2,556,853	83.57%	56.56%	67.68%
TOTAL CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	150,000	267,940	267,940	150,000	178.63%	100.00%	55.98%
NET INCOME	4,670,290	5,323,457	4,045,535	2,706,853	86.62%	57.96%	66.91%

**BIG SKY WATER & SEWER #363  
2023 - 2024 BUDGET**

June 16, 2023

BUDGET LAST YEAR 2022-2023 [ A ]	ACTUAL YEAR TO DATE Actual [ B ]	PROJECTED ACTUAL TO 6/30/2023 [ C ]	BUDGET 2023-2024 [ D ]	PROJECTED ACTUAL TO 22/23 Budget [ C ] ÷ [ A ]	23/24 BUDGET TO 22/23 BUDGET [ D ] ÷ [ A ]	23/24 BUDGET To 6/30/2023 Projected Actual [ D ] ÷ [ C ]
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**SUMMARY - GEN & ADM, SEWER, WATER, OPERATIONS**

<b>SEWER - OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>2,405,500</b>	<b>2,203,993</b>	<b>2,404,356</b>	<b>2,797,500</b>	<b>99.95%</b>	<b>116.30%</b>	<b>116.35%</b>
OFFICE GEN & ADM EX 1/2	(613,975)	(591,419)	(644,798)	(774,609)	105.02%	126.16%	120.13%
SEWER GEN & ADM EX	(481,607)	(352,348)	(384,380)	(718,807)	79.81%	149.25%	187.00%
SEWER PLANT OPER EX	(1,414,466)	(1,502,151)	(1,638,710)	(1,541,520)	115.85%	108.98%	94.07%
GAIN/(LOSS) ASSETS	0	1,215	1,325	0			
NET SEWER OPER REV	(104,548)	(240,710)	(262,207)	(237,437)	250.80%	-227.11%	90.55%
<b>WATER - OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>2,037,750</b>	<b>1,593,433</b>	<b>1,738,291</b>	<b>1,960,500</b>	<b>85.30%</b>	<b>96.21%</b>	<b>112.78%</b>
OFFICE GEN & ADM EX 1/2	(613,975)	(591,419)	(644,798)	(774,609)	105.02%	126.16%	120.13%
WATER GEN & ADM EX	(555,644)	(469,314)	(511,535)	(631,308)	92.06%	113.62%	123.41%
WATER PLANT OPER EX	(957,812)	(894,303)	(975,604)	(975,755)	101.86%	101.87%	100.02%
NET WATER OPER REV	(89,681)	(361,603)	(393,647)	(421,172)	-438.94%	-469.63%	106.99%

**PROPOSED RATES**  
**FY 2023-2024**



**BIG SKY COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT No. 363  
SUMMARY OF RATES, FEES & CHARGES**

Effective: July 1, 2023

**I. HOOKUP FEES**

<b>A. WASTEWATER CONNECTION INSPECTION CHARGES:</b>	
Type of Improvement	Inspection Charge <sup>[1]</sup>
• Remodeling or change in use that changes SFEs	\$50
• Single Family Residence	\$200
• Two (2) through Four (4) units of improvement	\$350
• Five (5) through ten (10) units of improvement; and each commercial building less than or equal to 10,000 square feet	\$500
• Eleven (11) or more units of improvement; and each commercial building greater than 10,000 square feet	\$1,250

<sup>[1]</sup> For wastewater permitted projects on Westland/TM land in Section 1 the inspection fee shall be 50% of the applicable inspection fee.

<b>B. WASTEWATER PLANT INVESTMENT CHARGE (PIC)</b>	
The PIC shall be five thousand four hundred ten dollars (\$5,410) per Single Family Equivalent (SFE) for new connections that have paid the sewer mill levy prior to December 31, 2020.	\$5,410 Per SFE <sup>[1][2]</sup>
The PIC shall be six thousand one hundred seventy dollars (\$6,170) per Single Family Equivalent (SFE) new property that have <u>NOT</u> paid the sewer mill levy prior to December 31, 2020.	\$6,170 Per SFE <sup>[1][2]</sup>

<sup>[1]</sup> Plant Investment Charge (PIC): For Boyne owned lots (i.e. Cascade, Mountain Village, etc.) as of July 25, 1997, are subject to an additional \$3,500 surcharge per SFE as itemized on permit.

<sup>[2]</sup> Westland /TM land in Section 1 of the Meadow Village, and Westfork Meadows are exempt from Wastewater PIC charges from prior agreements.

<b>C. WATER CONNECTION INSPECTION CHARGES:</b>	
Type of Improvement	Inspection Charge
• Remodeling or change in use that changes SFEs	\$50
• Single Family Residence	\$200
• Two (2) through Four (4) units of improvement	\$350
• Five (5) through ten (10) units of improvement; and each commercial building less than or equal to 10,000 square feet	\$500
• Eleven (11) or more units of improvement; and each commercial building greater than 10,000 square feet	\$1,250

<b>D. WATER SYSTEM INVESTMENT CHARGE (SIC)</b>		
The SIC shall be one thousand eight hundred twenty eight dollars (\$1,828) per Single Family Equivalent (SFE) for new domestic use connections that have paid the water mill levy prior to December 31, 2020.		\$1,828 Per SFE
The SIC shall be two thousand one hundred sixty dollars (\$2,160) per Single Family Equivalent (SFE) for new domestic use connections that have <u>NOT</u> paid the water mill levy prior to December 31, 2020.		\$2,160 Per SFE
The SIC for all new irrigation use connections serving non-single family residential connections shall be based on meter size. For meter sizes above 4" the SIC shall be determined on a case by case basis. The SIC charge for meter sizes shall be:	3/4" or less 1" 1 1/2" 2" 3" 4"	\$4,382 \$7,429 \$14,859 \$23,774 \$47,549 \$74,295

<b>E. Water Meter Equipment Charge</b>	
For new commercial, single residential, and multiple residential unit water connection permits where meters are required, the District sells meter horns, water meters, and remote read devices to the permit applicant as part of the connection permit fee. All water meters and appurtenant metering equipment shall be sold at the District's cost plus five (5%).	District Cost + 5%

**II. MONTHLY USER CHARGES**

<b>A. Wastewater User Charges</b>		2023-24	
Type of Rate			
• Base Rate Commercial		\$35.78 per month	(\$107.34/Qtr)
• Base Rate Residential		\$35.78 per month	(\$107.34/Qtr)
• Variable Rate <sup>[1]</sup> Commercial per 1,000 gallons of water use.		\$9.14	Per 1,000 Gals.
• Variable Rate <sup>[1]</sup> Residential per 1,000 gallons of water use.		\$8.72	Per 1,000 Gals.

<sup>[1]</sup> (For single family homes the 2nd & 3rd quarter sewer charges based on winter average use for the period Oct. 1 - March 30 from the preceding year.)

<b>B. Water User Charges</b>		
<b>Type of Rate</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	
• Base Rate Commercial	\$22.29 per month (\$66.87/Qtr)	
• Base Rate Residential	\$22.29 per month (\$66.87/Qtr)	
• Base Rate Irrigation	\$22.29 per month (\$66.87/Qtr)	
• Base Rate Reuse (Current Volume Charge \$0.00)	\$22.29 per month (\$66.87/Qtr)	
• Variable Rate Wholesale Customers All Usage	\$4.36	Per 1,000 Gals.
• Variable Rate <sup>[1]</sup> Commercial per 1,000 gallons of water use.		
Tier 1: 0 to 30,000 Gallons	\$3.78	Per 1,000 Gals.
Tier 2: 30,000 to 60,000 Gallons	\$5.66	Per 1,000 Gals.
Tier 3: 60,000 to 80,000 Gallons	\$7.94	Per 1,000 Gals.
Tier 4: > than 80,000 Gallons	\$11.11	Per 1,000 Gals.
• Variable Rate <sup>[1]</sup> Residential per 1,000 gallons of water use.		
Tier 1: 0 to 20,000 Gallons	\$3.78	Per 1,000 Gals.
Tier 2: 20,000 to 40,000 Gallons	\$5.66	Per 1,000 Gals.
Tier 3: 40,000 to 60,000 Gallons	\$7.94	Per 1,000 Gals.
Tier 4: > than 60,000 Gallons	\$11.11	Per 1,000 Gals.
• Variable Rate <sup>[1]</sup> Irrigation per 1,000 gallons of water use.		
Tier 1: 0 Gallons	\$0.00	Per 1,000 Gals.
Tier 2: 0 to 20,000 Gallons	\$5.66	Per 1,000 Gals.
Tier 3: 20,000 to 40,000 Gallons	\$7.94	Per 1,000 Gals.
Tier 4: > than 40,000 Gallons	\$11.11	Per 1,000 Gals.
• Variable Rate <sup>[1]</sup> Reuse per 1,000 gallons of water use.		
Tier 1: 0 Gallons	\$0.00	Per 1,000 Gals.
Tier 2: 0 to 90,000 Gallons	\$1.00	Per 1,000 Gals.
Tier 3: 90,000 to 120,000 Gallons	\$1.00	Per 1,000 Gals.
Tier 4: > than 120,000 Gallons	\$1.00	Per 1,000 Gals.

<sup>[1]</sup> (Variable charges are calculated on actual use per quarter.)

<b>C. Flat Rate Water &amp; Sewer Rates</b>		
<b>Type of Rate</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	
• Sewer SFE Rate Charge	\$33.96 per month (\$101.88/Qtr)	
• Water SFE Rate Charge	\$24.82 per month (\$74.46/Qtr)	

<b>D. Vacant Lots</b>		
<b>Type of Rate</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	
• Sewer Availability	\$9.51 per month (\$28.53/Qtr)	
• Water Availability	\$9.51 per month (\$28.53/Qtr)	

**III. PLANT & SYSTEM INVESTMENT CHARGES<sup>[1]</sup>- SFEs PER 1,000 SQUARE FEET**

<b>A. Single Family Homes &amp; Single Condos</b>		
<b>Type of Rate</b>		<b>SFEs / 1,000 Sq. Ft.</b>
• Rate 1	< 2,000 Sq. Ft.	0.85
• Rate 2	2,001 to 3,000 Sq. Ft.	0.65
• Rate 3	3,001 to 4,000 Sq. Ft.	0.55
• Rate 4	> 4,000 Sq. Ft.	0.45

<sup>[1]</sup> Plant Investment Charge (PIC): For Boyne owned lots (i.e. Cascade, Mountain Village, etc) as of July 25, 1997, the PIC charge is \$8,910 per SFE (\$5,410 PIC and \$3,500 surcharge) as itemized on permit.

<b>B. Multiple Unit Condominiums</b>		
<b>Type of Rate</b>	<b>Condo Size</b>	<b>SFEs / 1,000 Sq. Ft.</b>
• Rate 1	< 1,000 Sq. Ft.	0.95
• Rate 2	1,001 to 2,000 Sq. Ft.	0.85
• Rate 3	2,001 to 2,300 Sq. Ft.	0.75
• Rate 4	> 2,300 Sq. Ft.	0.65

<b>C. Employee Housing Projects and Accessory Dwelling Units</b>		
<b>Type of Rate</b>	<b>Unit Size</b>	<b>SFEs / 1,000 Sq. Ft.</b>
• Rate 1	> 0 Sq. Ft.	1.20

Plant Investment Charges (PIC) calculation for all work force/employee housing projects as apartments or condominiums. All ADU's will also be calculated using this rate.

#### IV. BULK WATER RATES

A. Bulk Water User Charges	
Type of Rate	Charge
• Hydrant Use Permit Fee	\$50
• Bulk Water Rate- Fills < 1,000 Gallons	\$15
• Bulk Water Rate- Fills > 1,000 Gallons	\$15 per 1,000 gals

#### V. OTHER FEES

A. Delinquent Accounts	
Type of Rate	Charge
Delinquent accounts that are transferred to Gallatin or Madison County for collection through the tax role	\$100

B. Property Transfers	
Type of Rate	Charge
Title Company requests for current billing information for property transfers, or change of ownership.	\$50

C. Permit Reimbursements	
Type of Rate	Charge
Retained connection permit fees for projects not constructed	\$100

D. Reactivation Charge	
Type of Rate	Charge
Reactivate water service by turning curbstop back on after it has been shut off.	\$100

E. Fire Hydrant Flow Test	
Type of Rate	Charge
Fire hydrant flow test cost per hydrant test	\$150

F. Penalties	
Type of Fine	Charge

A. Billing & Permitting Fines	
Sewer and/or water connection inspection permit changes after issuance. The penalty for an unapproved increase that exceeds one (1) SFE shall be calculated by prorate.	\$500 Minimum
Late payments for sewer and water charges and accrued penalties that are not paid by February 15, May 15, August 15, and November 15 of each year.	1% per Month 12% per Annum

B. General Fines	
Minor Fines & Penalties For Violation.	\$500
Major Fines & Penalties For Violation. For violations relating to local or federal wastewater pretreatment standards implemented in the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 USC1251 through 1387	\$1,000

C. Sewer System Fines	
Pulling a sewer plug on a main line: plus the cost of sewer jetting	\$5,000
Exposing a sewer lateral without the District's knowledge or permission:	\$2,000
Exposing a sewer main without the District's knowledge or permission:	\$3,000

D. Water System Fines	
Exposing a water lateral without the District's knowledge or permission	\$3,000
Exposing a water main without the District's knowledge or permission	\$5,000
Operating a curb stop in a non-emergency situation without the District's knowledge or permission	\$2,000
Operating a main line valve without the District's knowledge or permission	\$5,000
Operating a fire hydrant without the District's knowledge or permission	\$5,000

# **RATE HEARING NOTICES**



# BIG SKY COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT No. 363

PO BOX 160670 - BIG SKY, MT 59716 - 406-995-2660 – EMAIL: [OFFICE@WSD363.COM](mailto:OFFICE@WSD363.COM)

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC RATE HEARING Tuesday, June 20, 2023, 8:00 AM

Date: May 30, 2023

To: All Big Sky County Water and Sewer District Customers and Owners

Re: Notice of Rate Hearing for Water and Sewer Rate Increases for 2023-2024

This letter is a notice that the District will conduct a public hearing on proposed water and sewer rates. The public hearing will be held at the District office at **561 Little Coyote Road** on **Tuesday, June 20, 8:00 AM**. The hearing will be held from 8:00 am to 9:00 am and will be conducted as an in-person meeting. The District will then go into their regular meeting at 9:00. The hearing is for new rates that will go into effect July 1, 2023, if they are adopted by the District Board of Directors subsequent to the rate hearing.

### WATER RATES

For standard potable water use, the rate structure includes volumetric rate tiers designed to incent conservation as well as better match tiers to basic water use. They include separate tiers for residential and condominium use, irrigation use, and commercial/other use as follows:

RESIDENTIAL TIERS	COMMERCIAL TIERS	IRRIGATION TIERS	REUSE
TIER 1: 0-20,000 GALS	TIER 1: 0-30,000 GALS	NO FLOW	NO FLOW
TIER 2: 20,000-40,000 GALS	TIER 2: 30,000-60,000 GALS	TIER 2: 0-20,000 GALS	TIER 2: 0-90,000 GALS
TIER 3: 40,000-60,000 GALS	TIER 3: 60,000-80,000 GALS	TIER 3: 20,000-40,000 GALS	TIER 3: 90,000-120,000 GALS
TIER 4: > 60,000 GALS	TIER 4: > 80,000 GALS	TIER 4: > 40,000 GALS	TIER 4: > 120,000 GALS

The following volume rates will be applied to water at the various tiers across all user classes on a per thousand-gallon basis for all usage within that tier as follows:

EXISTING TIERS	2022-23 CHARGE	2023-24 CHARGE
TIER 1	\$3.29	\$3.78
TIER 2	\$4.92	\$5.66
TIER 3	\$6.90	\$7.94
TIER 4	\$9.66	\$11.11
Reuse/Other Volumetric Charge (per 1,000 Gallons)	\$0.00	\$1.00

While not potable water, “Reuse water” from the wastewater treatment facility will be considered a service of the water utility. The base rate for all reuse accounts will be set consistent with the standard base rate for potable water. Meters will be read for these accounts with usage shown on quarterly billing, however, the volumetric rate charged for this service will be set at \$1.00 per thousand gallons for all usage.

**Water Base Charge.** In addition to the adjustment to the volumetric water rates, the quarterly fixed charge applied to all users will be increased by fifteen percent (15%). The current quarterly fixed charge of \$58.14 will be increased to \$66.87.



**Wholesale/Bulk Water.** The Wholesale rate will increase 15% to \$4.36 per thousand gallons. Bulk water drawn from the fire hydrant in front of the District office will increase from \$10.00 per thousand gallons to \$15.00 per thousand gallons.

**SEWER RATES**

**Sewer Base Charge.** In addition to the adjustment to the volumetric sewer rate, the quarterly fixed charge applied to all users will be increased by 15%. The current quarterly fixed charge of \$93.33 will be increased to \$107.34. The variable charge for residential/condominiums from \$7.58 to \$8.72, and commercial from \$7.95 to \$9.14.

EXISTING TIERS	2022-23 CHARGE	2023-24 CHARGE
Fixed Base Charge (per Quarter)	\$93.33	\$107.34
Residential/Condo Volumetric Charge (per 1,000 Gallons)	\$7.58	\$8.72
Commercial/Other Volumetric Charge (per 1,000 Gallons)	\$7.95	\$9.14

**Flat Rate Sewer Charge.** The current Sewer Single Family Equivalent (SFE) Flat Rate is \$88.59 per SFE the rate will increase by 15% to \$101.88.

**VACANT LOT CHARGES**

Both the quarterly water vacant lot charge and sewer vacant lot charges will also increase 15% from \$24.81 to \$28.53 per quarter.

**TAX STATEMENTS FOR 2023**

The District funded prior water and sewer projects with general obligation bonds. The debt service on those bonds was paid from taxes collected on your annual property tax statements. The taxes were Water Bond #306 and Sewer Bond #307. The Sewer Bond #307 will be paid off on July 1, 2023. As a result, there will be no more Sewer Bond #307 and a small mill levy in the range of 10 mills for the remaining water debt. In 2022 the District levied \$1,351,405 for both water and sewer debt service. In 2023 the District will levy \$324,033 for the remaining water debt service which is a \$1,027,373 reduction in taxes overall. The remaining water debt service will appear on your tax bill as Water Bond #306 which is scheduled to be paid off in 2027. The proposed increase in sewer and water user rates is budgeted to increase operating revenues by approximately \$460,000.

The debt incurred for the new Treatment Plant is funded by revenue bonds. As a result, the District will be paying the new debt service through user rates. The Big Sky Area Resort Tax District will be contributing a total of \$27,000,000 which will cover the annual debt service through 2029. Beginning 2030, District rates will need to cover the revenue bond payments.

**MORE INFORMATION**

For more information about the District, including rates and charges please visit our website at [www.bigskywatersewer.com](http://www.bigskywatersewer.com). Please submit any written comments to [billing@wsd363.com](mailto:billing@wsd363.com) with the subject line "Rate Hearing Comments" in it. Letters can be sent to PO Box 160670, Big Sky, MT 59716.

**TO:** Explore Big Sky  
**FROM:** Ron Edwards, General Manager  
**DATE:** 6-1-2023  
**SUBJECT:** Publish as "Legal Notice"  
**PUBLICATION DATES:** 6-15-2023

**PROOF OF PUBLICATION:** Required, please mail invoice and the “Affidavit of Publication” and copy of legal ad to the Big Sky County Water & Sewer District, PO Box 160670, Big Sky, MT 59716

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For more information, please call Terry Smith at 406-995-2660.

**TO:** Bozeman Chronicle  
**FROM:** Ron Edwards, General Manager  
**DATE:** 6-1-2023  
**SUBJECT:** Publish as "Legal Notice"  
**PUBLICATION DATES:** 6-6-2023 and 6-13-2023

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# **CORRESPONDENCE**

## Terry Smith

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**From:** Greg Adams <gadams@tdpiventures.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 14, 2023 10:29 AM  
**To:** Billing  
**Subject:** Rate Hearing Comments

To whom it may concern:

Thank you for notification with respect to proposed water/sewer rates in Big Sky.

We can appreciate the pressures to insure water and sewer services for the growing Big Sky Community.

At the same time, I'm not sure that it's fair to saddle existing property owners with costs necessary to keep up with growth. It's not clear by the provided breakdown what the root cause of these increases are, but it might be worth considering substantially increasing tap fees to help cover infrastructure enhancements moving forward since increased capacity (and related capital improvements) are due primarily to meeting capacity.

In the same vein, you may consider 'flattening' the rate structure so that larger demand users disproportionately pay more for water/sewer since they are prime drivers for capital improvements.

Your work at Big Sky is appreciated. Thank you for listening.

-Greg Adams  
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Big Sky, MT

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