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DEAR PARK CENTER WATER DISTRICT CUSTOMER,

The District, like everyone else in this economy, has experienced multiple increases in operational costs over the past four years since our last rate increase. In 2019 BLM increased the cost of well water from \$0.43 per 1,000 gallons to \$1.37 per 1,000 gallons. BLM can reappraise the well every 5 years. We therefore must initiate a slight rate increase. Beginning with April usage, the minimum rate for the first 3,000 gallons will remain the same. The rate for 3,001-10,000 gallons will increase from \$7.00 per thousand gallons to \$7.50 per thousand gallons. The rate for 10,001 gallons and up will increase from \$8.00 per thousand gallons to \$8.50 per thousand gallons. Beginning January 1, 2022, the minimum rate for the first 3,000 gallons will be \$37.50, and rate for 3,001-10,000 gallons will increase from \$7.50 per thousand gallons to \$8.00 per thousand gallons. The rate for 10,001 gallons and up will increase from \$8.50 per thousand gallons to \$9.00 per thousand gallons. Beginning January 1, 2023, the minimum rate for the first 3,000 gallons will be \$38.00, and rate for 3,001-10,000 gallons will increase from \$8.00 per thousand gallons to \$8.50 per thousand gallons. The rate for 10,001 gallons and up will increase from \$9.00 per thousand gallons to \$9.50 per thousand gallons. Beginning January 1, 2024, the minimum rate for the first 3,000 gallons will be \$38.50, and the rate for 3,001-10,000 gallons will increase from \$8.50 per thousand gallons to \$9.00 per thousand gallons. The rate for 10,001 gallons and up will increase from \$9.50 per thousand gallons to \$10.00 per thousand gallons.

Your Board of Directors always hesitates to increase rates, especially in the unprecedented economic times we are currently experiencing. However, just as you and your families are experiencing increased costs in everything from gasoline to groceries, the District has also seen huge increases in chemicals, equipment, delivery costs, and well water purchase. We are at a point where we can no longer absorb these increases. The District is also setting aside revenue in a reserve fund to update the water treatment plant, replace aging infrastructure and secure future water rights and storage.

The rate increase will accrue with your April usage, which will be on your statement arriving the first part of May.

Sincerely,

Park Center Water District

Board of Directors

