

# Gore Hill County Water District

## Newsletter September 2022



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### Annual Meeting & ARTICLE 6. WATER RATES

Article 6.1 Water rates are subject to change by the Board based on annual review of District expenses and voted on at the annual meeting. Resolution GHCWD 2023-001 which covers the fiscal year 2023 budget will be reviewed at the district annual public meeting was held on **September 13th, 2022 At 7:00 P.M** at the office 4503 62nd Ave SW, Great Falls, MT. 59404 (406) 761-6528. There were three resolutions being addressed at this meeting;

**Rate increase; 2023 Budget; Fee Schedule.**

### Project Update

The new wells project was originally advertised requesting bids for the drilling of two new wells replacing the existing water supply wells, relocating the gas chlorination systems adjacent to the treatment buildings, installing an automatic transfer switch on the existing backup generator, installing a radio telemetry system and dialer for the water system, installing two pressure sensing points in the distribution system, lining the interior of the concrete tanks with an elastomeric urethane coating and installing polyphosphate chemical feed equipment in both treatment plants. Our project is out for bids- 2 new wells, lining cisterns and the polyphosphate system. Bids opened up on August 18, 2022. There was no pre-bid meeting.

The American Rescue Plan Act 2021 funding both through Cascade County and the State of Montana; Cascade County has pledged \$277,250.

**Please be aware also** – the district does not have the water right to bring on more taps/customers other than the original 266 which were part of the original design. We do not have the water for existing lots to be subdivided and receive a tap!

### System Leak

Our operators have been going out in the middle of the night with special equipment to listen for water leaks. A

large leak was found on 53 Ave SW. We will have the amount of water savings in the next month.

The district is looking forward to more consistent water service with the repairs that North Western Energy has done to the power supply issues.

Gore Hill Water District uses variable speed pumps to distribute water to our customers. When we have power outages, our pumps go down and the system loses pressure. Please be aware our pumps work off 3 phase commercial power. This means you might have power returned to your home, but we will not have all 3 legs of power to run our pumps.

### Low Income Home Water Assistance Program

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) provides funds to assist low-income households with water and wastewater bills. More information on these programs can be found on our website <https://www.gorehillcountywaterdistrict.org/> under the Customer Service drop down menu.

### Water Restriction

Please review the policy posted on our website:

[Water Restrictions | Gore Hill County Water District](#)

### Board Meetings

Meetings are the Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month.