

# Oak Creek Water District

Serving West Sedona Quality Water Since 1953

July 24, 2020

## Arizona Corporation Commissioner: DWID & Rate Increase

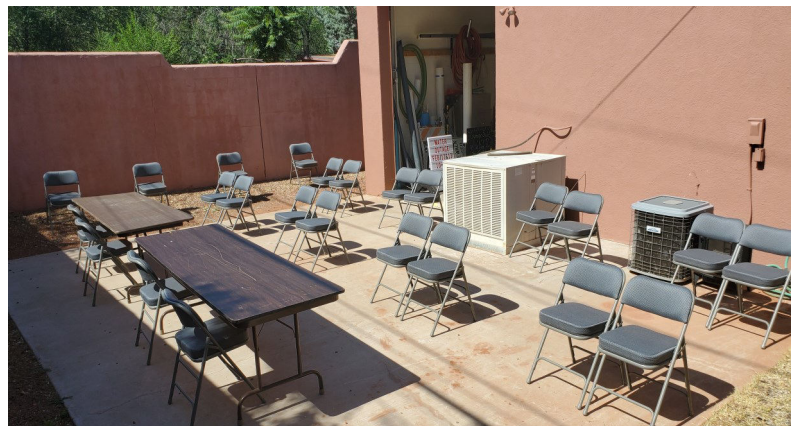
Oak Creek Water did a record request on the A.C.C. to determine what the hold up was with the 14% Rate Increase that was submitted on September 19, 2019. After confronting the A.C.C. staff on the findings, they stated they would expedite the Transfer of Assets if we would drop the rate increase application. Attached you will find the notice for a August 5th Open Meeting at the A.C.C. with an opportunity for comments telephonically. Combining the Public Meeting and Open Meeting in one will eliminate 4 months of time and expenses. This would remove us from under the A.C.C. in August instead of December. Seeing the benefits we agreed. The two main reasons for becoming a District was to qualify for more funding opportunities and to remove ourselves from the A.C.C. Once this process is complete Oak Creek Water will send a letter to the A.C.C. Commissioners addressing the findings in the record request.

Here are the steps necessary to set the rates as a District (Check Website for updates):

1. Hold a public comment hearing at the July 21, 2020 Board Meeting on proposed budget & rates. COMPLETED
2. Adopt a preliminary Budget & Rates ( Rates that were submitted to A.C.C. in September, 2019). COMPLETED
3. Notify the Public of a Hearing to Finalize the Budget: Red Rock News, Yavapai County Clerk & Website.
4. Hearing scheduled for 4:30pm on August 18, 2020 at 90 Oak Creek Blvd: Adopting 2021 Budget & set rates.
5. Rates would be effective with the September billing. Rates based on A.C.C. September, 2019 Submittal.

## Meeting Agendas:

If you are not receiving our monthly meeting reminder with the link to the agenda then go to our website at [www.oakcreekwater.org](http://www.oakcreekwater.org) and hit the "Sign Up For Alerts" button. You really need to do it "now". The best kind of customer is an educated customer. Our meetings are open air, with shade by 4:30pm with social distancing practiced. We will check temperatures and have masks available.



**USDA Grant/Loan:** We have started the process of completing the engineering agreement that USDA has provided. The Arsenic removal system, storage tanks rehabilitation and loan refinancing will be Phase 1. Phase 2 will be replacing community water mains, hydrants and valves. Goal is to have the Arsenic System completed within a year. Grant: \$5.66 Million Loan: 2.33 Million for 40 years at 1.375%