



Cooke City, Park County, Water District
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April 21, 2026

Dear Customer,

After much discussion and an in-depth review of District finances, your Water Board has determined that an increase in water rates is necessary to cover ever increasing costs to maintain the system and meet regular/monthly obligations. Below is the **estimated** impact of our proposed rate change as it relates to all properties that are connected to the system:

All Customers:

Current Base Rate: \$39.39 (for up to 5000 gallons) with 5 add'l tiers for excess usage

New Base Rate: \$49.39 (for up to 3000 gallons) with 2 add'l tiers for excess usage

(Our records indicate that most residential users use less than 3000 gallons per month.)

The new rates would take affect with your July billing.

Excess Usage:

If you use more than 3000 gallons in any given month, you would be charged \$1.10 cents per 100 gallons for the additional water up to 20,000 gallons. After that, the cost would increase to \$1.50 per gallon.

Example:

Here is an example of what you could expect if you use more than the 3000 gallons attached to the new base rate:

If you used 4500 gallons, you would be charged \$49.39 for the base rate plus an additional \$16.50 (15 x \$1.10) for the additional 1500 gallons which would result in a total bill of \$65.89.

Meeting:

A public meeting will be held on May 19th, 2026 at 5:00pm in the Cooke City Chamber Meeting Room for the Board to receive your comments on the proposed rate increase. We value your input and look forward to meeting with you there.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Hartley, District Clerk

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