

**NOTICE OF
WATER RATE DECREASE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019**

The intent of this notice is to inform all customers of the Cherry Valley and Rochdale Water District (CVRWD) that the water rates will **decrease** effective with the July 1, 2019 bills.

The new rates are a result of the input received by the District residents that attended the commissioner meetings. To address the residents' concerns the Board of Water Commissioners contracted a Massachusetts based company with over twenty years of specializing in water rate studies for numerous cities, towns and districts. The intent of the study was to independently evaluate the CVRWD current schedule of rates and fees and to develop and recommend revisions. The objective of the study was to purpose a rate structure to adequately fund water utility operation and maintenance expenses and debt service. This rate study will not generate any money for a reserve account or future capital projects.

Summary of Findings and Recommendations:

The study concluded that the revised CVRWD water rates will generate sufficient revenue to fund the purchase of water from the City of Worcester, debt service, salaries, and expenses.

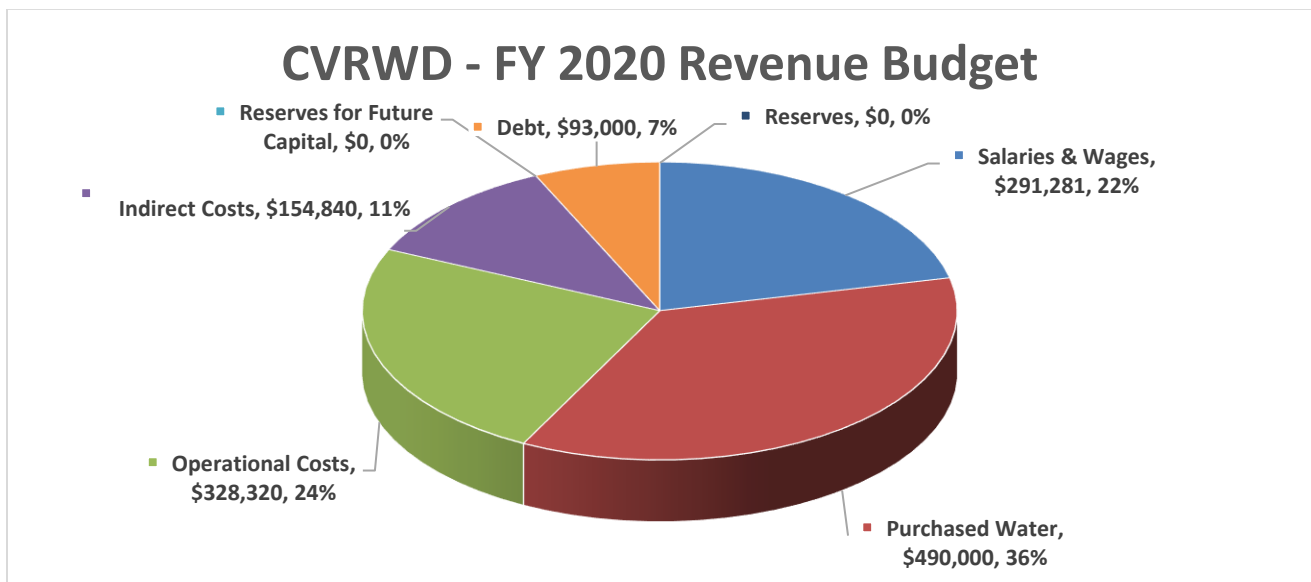
The study recommended that all consumers be charged a minimum charge and a separate charge for all water consumption. The minimum charge, as recommended by the American Water Works Association that no water consumption be allowed in the minimum charge and be designed to recover the costs associated with the daily operation of the water district, regardless of a customer's water usage, and includes meter reading, billing, meter service, and administrative expenses.

The study recommended that the District maintain a conservation based water rate. A conservation-based rate structure encourages efficient use of water by charging customers a higher rate as their water consumption increases. Conservation pricing allows utilities to recover the full cost of supplying water while encouraging more efficient water use on the part of customers so that the water supply and demand cycle can be more financially and environmentally sustainable.

The new water effective July 1, 2019:

The approved Minimum charge is \$25.00 and contains zero (0) consumption

STEP	Monthly Range Cubic Feet	Water Rate Per Cubic Feet
1 st Step:	1 – 1,000	\$.1164
2 nd Step:	1,001 – 1,500	\$.1508
3 rd Step:	1,501 – 2,000	\$.1732
4 th Step:	Over 2,000	\$.1984



Operational Cost – Pipes, Lab work, Field Supplies, Vehicle Maintenance, Electricity, etc.
Indirect Cost – Liability Insurance, General Insurance, Automobile Insurance, Retirement, etc.

Respectfully,

Board of Water Commissioners
Kevin M. Bergin, Chairman
Arthur E.J. Levesque, Commissioner
Robert H. Lemieux, Commissioner

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