

Edom Water Supply Corporation

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Dear Member,

You and your household make up a community of over 480 members, all part of the Edom Water Supply Corporation (EWSC). The EWSC staff and board are continuously committed to providing and distributing fresh water to every household in the service area.

Our water system consists of four working wells, three storage tanks and over 50 miles of water pipe. Parts of our system are over 55 years old and beginning to show its age. According to a recent study by our consulting engineers, EWSC requires substantial upgrades. The EWSC Board of Directors, along with our consulting engineers, have developed a capital improvement plan to address these needed improvements. The plan consists of five construction phases and includes line size upgrades, one new well site and updates to one of our distribution plants.

In order to accomplish the required upgrades and meet the financial obligations incurred by them, EWSC Board of Directors have approved a \$5.00 increase <u>applying</u> <u>only to the base rate</u>.

This will be the first rate adjustment since April 2015 for the membership.

The current base rate of \$29.50 will increase to \$34.50 for each member and will be reflected in your billing starting April 2020. Subsequent years, starting in 2021, will also require additional increases but rest assured that the EWSC will make every effort to meet financial goals and contain costs while continuing to provide quality water to our community.

We anticipate the improvements to our system will begin this spring and have plans to continue until all five phases are completed. Our goal is to accomplish the improvements with minimal disruption to service and to hold the line on spending.

The EWSC staff and board of directors appreciates your membership and requests your patience as we begin this endeavor. We remind you that these upgrades, although required, are essential to not only continue quality service to the membership but also to ensure the longevity of the water system for many years to come.

Respectfully -

Mike Bradshaw, President Edom Water Supply Corporation