



# Lake County Public Works User Rates for FY'23

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**Public Works Mission:** Deliver exceptional, financially sustainable, reliable, drinking water and wastewater services in a safe manner, ensuring high quality service, public health and environmental stewardship.

# Rate Study

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- Rates charged each year are based on the approved information from the current Rate Study (2019)
- Rate Study requires County Board approval
- Rates are used to build the department's annual budget
- Rate Study is updated every 5yrs

# FY'23 Rate Increase

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- Rate increases scheduled for FY'23 are as follow:

**Water = (system increase = 9.5% + CPI\*)**

**Sewer = CPI\***

**\* CPI = is about 8.6%**

# PW Recommendations

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- **PW recommends adjusting the rates as follow:**

**Water = 3%**

**Sewer = 3%**

- **Committees and County Board approval is needed**

# PW Recommendations

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- Reason for rate adjustment
  - a) With the inflow of ARPA funding to the department, there is an opportunity to offset a portion of our CIP cost for FY'23
  - b) Unusual CPI
  
- Basis for 3%
  - a) Address increases in some commodities and contractual
  - b) Offset minor project cost and staffing



**Questions?**