



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

- 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

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

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

Sewer = CPI*

*** CPI = is about 8.6%**

PW Recommendations

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

Water = 3%

Sewer = 3%

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

PW Recommendations

- 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?