

## WATER FEE INCREASE REPORT PURSUANT TO A.R.S. 9-511.01

### Water Resources Fees

The City of Buckeye acquired the Global Water Resources water customers located within the City municipal planning area effective July 15, 2015. This acquisition was completed after a Maricopa County Superior Court Judge entered the Final Judgment in Condemnation and the Final Order of Condemnation on June 9, 2015.

At the March 17, 2015 regular council meeting the Mayor and Council approved Resolution No. 14-15 establishing water and wastewater rates and charges; establishing an effective date; repealing conflicting resolutions.

On July 7, 2015 the Mayor and Council adopted Resolution No. 65-15 which provided notice to water customers in a service area previously served by Global Water Company of the transition to the City of Buckeye water rates, fees, and service charges and of the City's intention to increase water rates, fees and service. The City Schedule replaced the tariff, rates, and charges approved in Decision 74364 in the Valencia Water Company, Inc. – Town Division and Greater Buckeye Division.

The additions or increases proposed in this action do not affect any water base or commodity rates previously approved. The action today is to unify the miscellaneous fees outside of the water usage rate schedule. Examples of such fees include late fees, additional service request fees, hydrant meter fee, and low income donation. Residential customers in good standing should see no impact by this action.

These changes have been discussed at numerous Council workshops and meetings with staff and the financial consultant who evaluated both the acquisition and the water resources cost of service study.

Dated September 17, 2015