

The Buckeye City Council created the Water and Wastewater Rate Committee (WRC) to provide an independent, community-based review of the city's proposed rate adjustments. The committee was formed to ensure transparency, fairness and public input throughout the rate-setting process. Members were selected to represent a diverse range of residents, businesses and community interests.

The WRC was made up of residents representing all six council districts and an at-large member representing a member of the development community who has been building in Buckeye for over 20 years.

There were 7 voting members and 2 alternates who regularly met with staff from July through October 2025. They dissected every facet of the Water Resources Department, its budget, and dug into Asset Management since it's a priority and a significant cost driver.

COMMITTEE'S ROLE

The committee's role was to review the city's financial data, infrastructure needs and long-term water and wastewater system plans. They worked closely with city staff to understand the costs of providing service and the impacts of different rate scenarios. After several months of meetings and analysis, the committee voted on their rate recommendation, helping to shape the proposed rate adjustments in a way that balances community affordability with system sustainability.

The committee recommended a gradual rate adjustment over several years. This approach provides predictability for residents while giving the utility the revenue it needs to maintain and improve critical infrastructure.

RATE APPROVAL

The Buckeye City Council sets the rates that every customer pays based on industry standards and the specific needs of the enterprise.

