

## New Water Rate Structure for RDCO Customers

The Regional Board has approved a new rate structure for four of the six RDCO water utilities (Killiney Beach, Star Place/Dietrich, Westshore, Upper Fintry, Shalal Road and Valley of the Sun). \*\*

In addition, a new consumption-based water levy will be in effect starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 for all residential water customers of the RDCO systems. This rate is 35 cents per cubic meter for all water used in excess of 235 cubic meters of water during a three month billing period. This level was determined based on data collected since water meters were installed for customers of each water utility. The average is 20 cubic meters per month for water used inside the home (60 cu. meters/quarter) and leaves 175 cubic meters for outdoor use during a billing quarter. The 175 cubic meter figure is based on the June through September RDCO outdoor irrigation restrictions which allow twice a week outdoor watering for six hours a day. The majority of water customers on RDCO systems are under that 175 cubic meter level.

The following new 2012 rates take into consideration the uniqueness of each water utility (age, infrastructure, etc.) and future capital reserve and replacement needs. This approach to asset management is required along with water demand management plans in order to be considered for possible future grants that would be used to reduce borrowing and offset financial impacts on each systems reserve funds.

| Service Area                                       | Fee Type         | Annual Water Fees |            |            |            |            |
|--|------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|  |                  | 2012              | 2013*      | 2014*      | 2015*      | 2016*      |
| Dietrich<br>(Star Place)                           | User             | \$1,300.00        | \$1,326.00 | \$1,352.52 | \$1,380.00 | \$1,407.16 |
|  | Asset<br>Renewal | \$232.00          | \$532.00   | \$682.00   | \$732.00   | \$757.00   |
| Falcon Ridge**                                     | User             | \$454.00          | \$454.00   | \$454.00   | \$454.00   | \$454.00   |
|  | Asset<br>Renewal | \$200.00          | \$200.00   | \$200.00   | \$200.00   | \$200.00   |
| Killiney Beach                                     | User             | \$400.00          | \$408.00   | \$416.16   | \$424.48   | \$432.00   |
|  | Asset<br>Renewal | \$282.00          | \$482.00   | \$582.00   | \$632.00   | \$657.00   |
| Westshore Estates                                  | User             | \$400.00          | \$408.00   | \$416.16   | \$424.48   | \$432.00   |
|  | Asset<br>Renewal | \$232.00          | \$432.00   | \$532.00   | \$557.00   | \$582.00   |
| Sunset Ranch**<br>( < 0.25ha)                      | User             | \$256.00          | \$256.00   | \$256.00   | \$256.00   | \$256.00   |
|  | Asset<br>Renewal | \$0.00            | \$0.00     | \$0.00     | \$0.00     | \$0.00     |
| Sunset Ranch**<br>( > 0.25ha)                      | Investment       | 1,800.00          | \$1,800.00 | \$1,800.00 | \$1,800.00 | \$1,800.00 |
| Sunset Ranch<br>(Club House)                       | User             | \$800.00          | \$816.00   | \$832.32   | \$850.00   | \$866.00   |
| Upper Fintry, Shalal<br>Road,<br>Valley of the Sun | User             | \$400.00          | \$408.00   | \$416.16   | \$424.48   | \$432.00   |
|  | Asset<br>Renewal | \$200.00          | \$200.00   | \$200.00   | \$200.00   | \$200.00   |

\*Possible future rates to ensure capital asset reserve funding gap is reduced – future rates are subject to change and annual Regional Board approval.

\*\*Temporary 2012 residential rates for Falcon Ridge and Sunset Ranch – Final rates will be set and restructured following Area Director consultation with customers.

- Flat fees shall apply to all parcels where water service has been connected to the water system and the water has been turned on. For new connections flat fees shall commence on the day which water service inspection is made or as determined by the Building Inspector.
- Consumption fees shall apply to all residential customers where consumption exceeds 235m<sup>3</sup> in corresponding quarterly billing period.
- Asset Renewal fees shall apply to all parcels, vacant or otherwise, and shall commence immediately upon registration of a property.
- The 2012 fees are effective April 1, 2012. Fee increases in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 shall be effective January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Billing will coincide with any other utility charges being levied by the Regional District on a quarterly or semi-annual basis.
- Fees shall be due and payable thirty (30) days after the billing date.
- Any Fees that remain unpaid on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December of each year shall be deemed taxes in arrears and shall be forthwith entered on the real property tax roll by the collector.