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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 30, 2018
TO: Board of Yakima County Commissioners
FROM: Donald Gatchalian, P.E., Environmental Services Director
SUBJECT: Annual Rate Adjustment – Utilities Division

Public Services has completed its annual rate analysis for each of the County's thirty-two (32) water and wastewater systems. Based on a comparison of each system's revenue against its operating expenses and required fund reserves, I am recommending increasing rates in three (3) systems in accordance with Sections 12.08.395 and 12.05.445 of the Yakima County Code. Systems include:

<u>System</u>	<u>Existing Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Rate Adjustment</u>	<u>Monthly Increase</u>
1. Buena Wastewater	\$43	3.5%	\$1.51
2. Mt Shadows Wastewater	\$70	3.5%	\$2.45
3. Gala Water	\$55	3.5%	\$1.93

The above increases of 3.5% are equal to the consumer price index for water and sewerage maintenance for the 2017 calendar year. Charges for all other systems would remain the same.

Proposed increases include water system ready to serve charges, consumption charges and fire protection service charges, and wastewater system service charges.

An additional rate adjustment is needed for the Buena Wastewater system due to increasing operational and maintenance costs. The annual CPI rate adjustment is not adequate to meet its needs. The project is identified as an Unfunded Project in the 2019 Utilities Capital Improvement Plan.

C: Carmen Hayter, Accounting Senior Manager
Joe Stump, P.E., Utilities Senior Manager

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