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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Apache Junction Water District Budget Approved with Slight Rate Increase**

APACHE JUNCTION – The Apache Junction Water District (AJWD) is committed to providing safe and reliable drinking water to our customers. With this commitment comes the responsibility to ensure that infrastructure improvements are made, and that the water system remains financially sustainable.

This year major improvements to the water system will include:

- Utility Billing Software
- Drill new water production well
- Design additional pumps at Booster Station II
- Install non-potable water line between Apache Junction Water District and Superstition Mountains Community Facilities District No. 1

Under the budget approved June 21, 2022 by the Water District Board, the rates for customers within the city limits will increase approximately 2.2 percent, which translates to a bill increase of approximately \$1.50 a month for the average customer using less than 7,500 gallons per

month. Rates for customers living in the county will increase approximately 4.8 percent, which translates to a bill increase of approximately \$3.83 a month for the average customer using less than 7,500 gallons per month.

The increase is part of the annual budget and rate setting process, which includes reviewing operating expenses and equipment replacement costs, leading to the rate adjustment. The rate schedule is available online at [www.ajwaterdistrict.org](http://www.ajwaterdistrict.org), or upon request. The new rates will go into effect October 1.

The Apache Junction Water District makes every effort to minimize rate adjustments. We care about the potential impact this may have on our customers. The approach we have taken is reasonable, sensible, and responsible.

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