

In 2022, the District applied to the Utah Division of Drinking Water (DDW) for financial assistance. At that time, no non-repayable grants were available. However, the DDW authorized a **loan of \$3,263,000 for 40 years at 0% interest** for the following projects:

- Develop two springs in the Upper Lone Pine area.
- Redevelop the West Side spring and an additional spring in the Upper Lone Pine area.
- Install a pipeline and pump station from the West side of Timber Lakes to move water from Westview Drive to the Ridgeline Drive tank.
- Replace Upper Lone Pine distribution and overflow pipeline.
- Install 6 new overflow meters to meet DDW and water right requirements (required by DDW to continue water service).
- Redevelop Lone Pine #2 Spring.
- Install 4 new magnetic flow meters to meet DDW and water right (required by DDW to continue water service).
- Install 100,000-gallon tank.
- Install seasonal chlorinators at Look out Mt. and Upper Lone Pine tanks.

In 2023, the Timber Lakes Water SSD Board hired Bowen & Collins Engineering (B&C) to complete a rate study addressing capital funding needs for through 2033. The rate study can be viewed and downloaded on the District’s website, timberwaterssd.com. The District, in consultation with B&C, reduced the potential bond (**zero percent interest loan**) to \$2,200,000 by prioritizing immediate needs and including only the following capital improvements:

- Replace Upper Lone Pine distribution and overflow pipeline.
- Install 6 new overflow meters to meet DDW and water right requirements.
- Install 4 new magnetic flow meters to meet DDW and water right requirements.
- Install seasonal chlorinators at Look out Mt. and Upper Lone Pine tanks.
- Redevelop Lone Pine #2 Spring.
- Develop one spring in Upper Lone Pine area.

Postponing Capital Improvements does not always save money. In 2002, we proposed to bond \$3.5 million to replace aging water lines. The property owners said, “NO”. We bonded in 2008 to replace the pipelines proposed in 2002 . The cost in 2008 was \$5.9 million dollars. It cost us \$2.4 million dollars to wait 6 years. If we bond (**zero percent interest loan**), the following chart details approximate rate changes to meet debt service for customers with all bonds attached to their accounts:

Monthly Charges	2024	2025	2026	2027
Average Monthly Connected Customer pre-bond	\$ 104.15	\$ 104.05	\$ 106.55	\$ 109.13
Average Monthly Connected Customer POST- BOND	\$ 106.03	\$ 104.92	\$ 108.28	\$ 111.15
Average Monthly Lot Owner pre-bond	\$ 74.80	\$ 73.53	\$ 75.11	\$ 76.75
Average Monthly Lot Owner POST - BOND	\$ 75.85	\$ 74.02	\$ 76.09	\$ 77.90

Customers who have pre-paid pre-existing bonds will be charged accordingly.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Timber Lakes Water Special Service District and Drinking Water Board

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Timber Lakes Water Special Service District Board of Trustees on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, starting at 6:00 p.m. at 25 N Main Street Heber City, Ut and via zoom. **Please contact the office for the link to the meeting.** Time will be allowed for public comment both for and against the following item:

Application to the State of Utah Drinking Water Board (the “Board”) for the purchase of approximately \$2,200,000 Timber Lakes Water Special Service District, non-voted water revenue bonds. The bonds would be **paid back with no interest** over a **period of approximately 40 years**. It is estimated that the impact to water rates will be an increase of approximately (see attached schedule). The funding is contemplated for the construction of improvements to the Timber Lakes Water Special Service District’s water system and all related improvements.

It is the policy of the Board to provide a 15-day period for public comment prior to the purchase of any non-voted revenue bonds. In this regard, the Board wishes to solicit the comments of the water users (either for or against the project). Interested individuals are encouraged to respond before February 20, 2024. Verbal comments may also be made during the hearing. Written comments should be addressed either to the Timber Lakes Water Special Service District (the “District”) or the Drinking Water Board:

Timber Lakes Water Special Service District
PO Box 579
Heber City, Utah 84032
or
Drinking Water Board
195 North 1950 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

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