

Usage Block (Gallons)	Current Rate (\$/kgal)	PROPOSED 2016 Rate (\$/kgal)	Meter Size (Inches)	Current SFE* Factor	PROPOSED SFE* Factor 2016	Current Base Rate (\$/mo.)+	PROPOSED 2016 Base Rate (\$/mo.)
Residential and Commercial Rates			0.75	1.00	1.00	8.80	40.00
3,000 and under	4.99	incl'd in base	1.00	1.90	1.78	9.00	71.00
3,001-6,000	4.99	6.00	1.50	4.40	4.00	10.00	160.00
6,001-12,000	5.99	9.00	2.00	8.10	7.11	10.80	284.00
12,001-24,000	6.99	11.00	3.00	19.00	16.00	18.50	640.00
24,001 and more	7.99	12.25	4.00	35.00	28.44	23.70	1,138.00
Bulk Water Rates							
3,000 and under	4.99	13.33					
3,001-6,000	4.99	15.33					
6,001-12,000	5.99	17.33					
12,001-24,000	6.99	19.33					
24,001 and more	7.99	21.33					

poses of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions including a land use attorney and also potential litigation. Town Clerk Cynthia Sirochman said no announcements were made after the meeting, which adjourned around 9 p.m.

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Tables above and left: At the Jan. 4 Monument Board of Trustees meeting, the trustees considered a new water rates increase proposal. These tables show the proposed increases in base rates and volumetric rates for residential and commercial customers in Monument west of I-25. "We have to be an individual utility that is self-sustaining, but it is not right now; it is hemorrhaging money because of the failure to raise rates over last 15 years," Town Manager Chris Lowe said. *Charts courtesy of Town of Monument board packet and website information.*

*SFE is "single-family home equivalent"

+https://www.municode.com/library/co/monument/codes/code_of_ordinances

2016 proposed base and volumetric rates would then increase 8 percent per year through 2021. Tap fees are not addressed in this proposal but are to be discussed soon.

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2013 adjustment was just a tiny band aid." In addition to trustee comments, Monument business owners and a representative from the Home Builders Association weighed in too.

Lowe said the current proposed base rates are where Monument would already be now if the town had been steadily increasing water rates 3 percent each year since 1996 to keep up with operating costs. He said, "It is not that complicated. It just hasn't been done here correctly." The board discussed the proposal for an hour and a half and then decided to again continue the discussion to the next regularly scheduled board meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Marijuana ordinance narrowed down

The trustees unanimously approved an ordinance adopting regulations regarding the growing or processing of marijuana plants for personal use and/or as a patient or caregiver. When Monument's original marijuana ordinances were approved January 2013, there was consensus that they might have to be modified as time went on. See www.ocn.me/v13n2.htm#bot0107.

Shirk told the trustees that organized criminal groups

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