



Kachina Village Improvement District **Master Plan and Rate Study Open House**

Kachina Village Improvement District (KVID) is currently in the process of reviewing the utility's rate structure. The utility's water and wastewater rates have not been adjusted for more than 10 years and KVID staff, under Board direction, have initiated the study to ensure KVID's long-term financial future and service delivery sustainability. KVID's Board expressed the desire to see any new rate structure continue to promote water conservation as well as making sure that the needs of Kachina Village residents were met. The study is being conducted by independent experts who are working with KVID staff to evaluate the past 5 years of operations as well as projecting expected operating and capital costs over the next 10 years.

The rate study is part of a multi-phase project to ensure the successful future of KVID. The rate study comes on the heels of a utility infrastructure condition assessment and master planning effort for both the water and sewer utilities. One key outcome of the master planning effort has been developing a Capital Improvement Program for KVID. The Capital Improvement Program identifies over \$5 million in needed investments in the utility to address aging infrastructure and provide needed redundancies to promote reliability for the utility over the next 20 years.

The Board of Directors and KVID staff are implementing a communication process to facilitate input from the residents and ratepayers. In that light, a Citizen's Advisory Committee has been created and they are reviewing the results of the master plan and will provide input on any proposed changes to the utility's rate structure.

We would also like the opportunity to share our findings with the community at large. KVID staff is organizing the first of several planned open houses to facilitate this discussion. The first open house will be held on:

Wednesday November 29th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

at the Highlands Fire District Station 23, located at 3350 S. Old Munds Highway

Feel free to come by learn more about KVID's efforts to plan for the utility's successful future. As always, if you have any questions feel free to contact our office. Have a great day everyone!

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