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Public hearing planned for 2022 proposed budget and utility rates

Centennial Water & Sanitation District, the water and wastewater utility serving Highlands Ranch and Mirabelle (Solstice), is holding a public hearing December 14 at 6:30 p.m. on the proposed budget and utility rates for 2022. The public is invited to the meeting which will be held virtually via Zoom. A meeting agenda, including a Zoom link, will be posted on the District's website Friday, December 10 at centennialwater.org.

Since the District's formation 40 years ago, Centennial Water has always planned ahead when investing in the system that supplies clean, safe drinking water and reliable wastewater services every day. The proposed 2022 budget and rates continue this mission.

The proposed 2022 rates are scheduled to go into effect January 1, 2022. The impact of the increase on a typical single family customer annual bill is estimated to be \$52 or 5.1%. Water and wastewater rates for Centennial Water customers continue to be among the lowest in the Denver Metro area. A comparison of rates is available online at centennialwater.org. Rates recover the cost of operations and maintenance including cost for staff, treatment chemicals, utilities, ongoing repair and maintenance of facilities, capital reinvestment, water acquisition and debt service.

"Centennial Water's mission is to provide safe, sustainable, and reliable water and wastewater utility services to the people who rely on us every day," said Acting General Manager Stephanie Stanley. "Over the next 10 years, we are forecasting an estimated investment of \$250 million into our system to increase its resilience, reliability and sustainability to maintain superior quality and value to our customers."

The 2022 proposed rates includes drought rates for the first time. Beginning in 2022, drought rates will be a routine part of the rate adoption process. There are identified rates for Stage 1 and Stage 2 drought conditions. If drought conditions occur, the Centennial Water Board of Directors could declare a drought stage that would cause drought rates to go into effect.

In 2022, eligible electors within Centennial Water's boundaries will have an opportunity to get more involved. Centennial Water will hold a director election for eligible electors who live or own property in the District's boundaries to run for a seat on the board. There are two seats up for election in 2022. For information visit centennialwater.org/vote.

For more information about the proposed budget and the public hearing, visit centennialwater.org or contact Centennial Water at 303-791-0430.

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Centennial Water & Sanitation District is the water and wastewater utility serving Highlands Ranch and Mirabelle. Centennial Water provides high quality water through the Joseph B. Blake Water Treatment Plant located in Highlands Ranch. Wastewater is treated at the Marcy Gulch Wastewater Treatment Plant to meet stringent water quality standards before it is discharged. Since 1981, Centennial Water has built a reliable and highly-respected water portfolio, based on a conjunctive use system, to serve its customers. Its major water source is surface water from the South Platte River, supplemented with groundwater from deep aquifer wells throughout Highlands Ranch. For more information about Centennial Water & Sanitation District, visit www.centennialwater.org or call 303-791-0430.