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****UPDATE****

POTENTIAL WATER AND WASTEWATER (SEWER) RATE ADJUSTMENTS
Council Study Session and Community Meetings Postponed; Public Input Encouraged
Through Rate Study Process

SEAL BEACH, Calif. – The City of Seal Beach is considering adjustments to water and wastewater (sewer) collection service rates over the next five years to keep pace with inflation and rising operational costs. As part of the ongoing rate study process, the Seal Beach City Council is planning to conduct a study session to specifically review the critical water/sewer CIP projects that must be financed through rates.

The Study Session scheduled for March 20th has been postponed and at this time has not been rescheduled. The public will be notified once a new date has been selected.

Additionally, City staff were planning to host two additional community meetings for the public to learn more about potential rate adjustments and to receive comments from the public. The two community events that were originally scheduled for April 11th and 13th have been postponed. The public will be notified once new dates for these meetings have been selected. To stay informed, please visit the City's Utility Rate Study webpage at www.2023utilityratestudy.sealbeachca.gov where details on the rate study process and scheduled meetings are posted.

Public Information

- **Website:** To keep the public informed, the City created a dedicated website at www.2023utilityratestudy.sealbeachca.gov with details on the proposed rate adjustments, the public hearing process, and how to protest potential increases (once a formal proposal is presented).
- **Public Works Department:** For further information, contact the Public Works Department at (562) 342-7389.

- **Previous City Council Meetings:**
 - **December 11, 2023:** City Council meeting where initial rate recommendations were presented can be accessed online, including the agenda and video recording [Link](#)
 - **February 12, 2024 Public Hearing** [Link](#)
 - **February 26, 2024 Public Hearing Continued** [Link](#)

- **Public Informational Webinar:**
 - **Nov. 30, 2023** [Link](#)

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