



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** Ord. 2017-51, **Version:** 1

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**AGENDA CAPTION:**

7:00PM Receive a Staff presentation and hold a Public Hearing to receive comments for or against Ordinance 2017-51, increasing rates established for Water, Wholesale Water, Reclaimed Water, Wastewater Treatment, and Sewer Surcharges; and including procedural provisions; and consider approval of Ordinance 2017-51, on the first of two readings.

**Meeting date:** September 5, 2017

**Department:** Finance Department, Heather Hurlbert, Director of Finance

**Funds Required:** N/A

**Account Number:** N/A

**Funds Available:** N/A

**Account Name:** N/A

**CITY COUNCIL GOAL:** Sound Finances

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of San Marcos has recently conducted a water/wastewater rate study which was reviewed by the Citizen's Utility Advisory Board (CUAB) and staff. The CUAB recommends a 5% adjustment to water rates and a 2% adjustment to wastewater rates for fiscal year 2018. This adjustment will increase the average residential bill by \$2.86 per month. In addition to the adjustment in fiscal year 2017, the CUAB recommends that small increases be implemented annually over the next 2 to 4 years in order to offset a potentially much larger adjustment of 25% to 35% once the Alliance Regional Water Authority project starts in fiscal year 2019. The HCPUA project will supply San Marcos with an additional 50 year water supply once it is fully implemented.