



Legislation Text

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

AGENDA CAPTION:

Consider approval of Ordinance 2017-51, on the second of two readings, increasing rates established for Water, Wholesale Water, Reclaimed Water, Wastewater Treatment, and Sewer Surcharges; and including procedural provisions.

Meeting date: September 5, 2017 - Public Hearing and 1st Reading
September 19, 2017 - 2nd Reading

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: Maintain Fiscal Responsibility

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.