

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
Council Workshop Agenda
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 01/20/26	AGENDA ITEM: 2.A. WR- Water and Wastewater Rates Presentation
DATE PREPARED: 01/20/26	DISTRICT NO.:
STAFF LIAISON: Terry Lowe, Water Resources Director, tlowe@buckeyeaz.gov, (623) 349-6102	
DEPARTMENT: Water Resources	AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Workshop Item

TIME NEEDED: 1 Hour

ACTION/MOTION: (This language identifies the formal motion to be made by the Council)
Council to receive a summary of the 2025 Water and Wastewater Rate Study and Recommendations.
(Approximate time: 1 hour)

SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

In 2024, the City of Buckeye Finance Department contracted with Willdan Financial Services to begin a comprehensive rate study for the Water and Wastewater Utilities. The study was moved to the Water Resources Department in May 2025. In July 2025, Buckeye City Council formed the 2025 Citizen Water and Wastewater Rate Committee (WRC) to evaluate the findings of the study and make an official recommendation to Council. On October 9, 2025, the WRC voted unanimously to recommend to Council certain rates, rate structures, and rate cycles. Between October 2025 and December 2025, the Water Resources Department and the WRC have met with residents, business owners, and HOAs to receive additional feedback on the recommended rates.

The purpose of this workshop is to present to Council the details of the rate recommendations including subsequent recommendations based on public feedback.

BENEFITS:

Maintaining transparency and awareness of utility rate activity and needs.

FUTURE ACTION:

Staff will request Council to issue a Notice of Intent (NOI) on February 3, 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

As a workshop item, there is no action or direct financial impact. The presentation and discussion will help guide future actions on Water and Wastewater rates.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TOTAL COST:

None

Items related to a project or facility location must include an attached vicinity map for Council Review.

ATTACHMENTS:

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