



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
YAKIMA, WASHINGTON
AGENDA STATEMENT**

Item No. 9.B.
For Meeting of: November 18, 2025

ITEM TITLE: Domestic and Irrigation Water Rate Study Presentation

SUBMITTED BY: Scott Schafer, Director of Public Works
*Mike Shane, Water/Irrigation Manager

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

The City's Water/Irrigation Division and the FCS Group have prepared a presentation for the Domestic Water Rate Design. The presentation outlines a proposed "block rate" structure for single family water consumption, providing for reduced rates at lower consumption blocks, with increasing tiered rates as consumption increases. Such a rate structure could help encourage water conservation amongst City customers.

FCS Group has also prepared proposed rate adjustments for the City's Irrigation Water utility for 2026-2031. This is to ensure both operations and capital projects are properly funded such as the Nelson Diversion project. In developing and setting rates, it is important to base them on actual costs to ensure the rate structure for both Operational and Capital funds properly supports the cost of providing this essential service, but is also fair and equitable to the users.

ITEM BUDGETED: N/A

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 24-25: A Resilient Yakima

RECOMMENDATION: No action is needed. The Domestic and Irrigation Water Rate Study presentation is to inform the City Council of proposed rate adjustments to the Domestic Water rate structure, as well as updates the Irrigation Operating and Capital rates. Rates will be considered for approval at a future City Council meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Yakima Water Utilities Presentation - 20251118 for Council.pptx](#)