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The wholesale water rate is going to be on the agenda for next week's meeting. We currently charge \$3.25/1000 gallons of water. We evaluate our cost data each year and when we do it is important to compare it with our rates. Based on the information below our most recent cost is \$3.75/1000 gallons. While our average customer pays \$6.00/1000 and up depending on meter size and location, the wholesale charge of \$3.25/1000 is now below our cost. My recommendation is to increase the wholesale water charge to \$4.25/1000 beginning with the July 2018 billing to allow preparation time for our wholesale customers. We could increase it more now if the council feels it would be appropriate but I would recommend a 2<sup>nd</sup> increase to be done in December 2018 if you all feel that more than \$4.25 is needed. I am just trying to be mindful of budgets that are already in place for 2018 and not introduce such a big increase all at one time, while at the same time charging enough to protect the best interest of our water system and financially cover any costs for water bought by our wholesale customers. Please call me if you have any questions!

**COST TO PRODUCE**

\$146,108.58	VPC (variable production costs)
\$171,923.08	SALARIES
\$306,173.00	DEPRICIATION
<b>\$624,204.66</b>	<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>
166,466,000	MG WATER

**\$3.75**      **CTP PER 1000 GALLONS**

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