

# Why Increase Water Rates?



Dear Customer:

*Over the coming months, we will provide inserts like this one to inform you about where your water comes from and how much it costs to supply, treat and deliver it to your home.*

On April 1, 2009 new water rates became effective for the City of Lubbock (see other side). Since 2003, the Lubbock Water Advisory Commission and City Council have worked hard to implement a long-term water supply plan to meet Lubbock's water needs. Ensuring that Lubbock has water requires a significant investment.

While Lubbock has all the amenities to make it a great place to live and work, water used in Lubbock comes from long distances:

- Bailey County Well Field 65 miles
- Lake Meredith 165 miles
- Roberts County Well Field 185 miles
- Proposed Lake Alan Henry 65 miles

Water rate increases over the last ten years, including the current one, have been necessary to complete the Roberts County Well Field project that began providing water to Lubbock in 2002. The Well Field is owned and operated by the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority (CRMWA) of which Lubbock is a member city. The Well Field was originally developed to improve water quality, but it soon became Lubbock's primary source of water.

The City of Lubbock has committed \$78 million to the Roberts County Well Field project in order to replace the dwindling supplies from Lake Meredith. CRMWA increased water rights in the Roberts County

area from 42,000 to over 250,000 acres and will construct additional wells and pipelines within the next couple of years. The Roberts County Well Field will be able to provide Lubbock with about 8 billion gallons of water annually when the current project is complete.

Today Lubbock has enough water to meet the annual need for 12 billion gallons (BG) of water. To meet this demand, the City now draws water from the following supply sources:

- 45% - Roberts County Wells 5.4 BG
- 30% - Lake Meredith 3.6 BG
- 25% - Bailey County Wells 3.0 BG

Sincerely,  
City of Lubbock

## Water/Sewer Rates - April 1, 2009

### Monthly Base Service Charges

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>
¾ Inch Meter	\$18.00	\$9.80
1 Inch Meter	30.05	11.94
1.5 Inch Meter	59.91	17.26
2 Inch Meter	96.30	23.67
3 Inch Meter	191.97	38.63
4 Inch Meter	299.91	59.98
6 Inch Meter	599.65	113.36
8 Inch Meter	959.47	177.40
10 Inch Meter	1,379.38	252.15

### Volume Charges per 1,000 Gallons

Water Block 1 Rate:	\$2.67
Water Block 2 Rate:	4.29
Water Block 3 Rate:	5.93
Sewer Rate:	2.05