Water Rate Updates Take Effect January 1, 2017

On June 15, 2015 the Carmichael Water District’s Board of Directors (Board) adopted the 2015 Business Plan/Rate Study (Business Plan) that included a 5-year rate plan to provide for annual water rate adjustments covering the period from FY 15-16 through FY 19-20. At the time of adoption, the Board agreed to revisit and update the Business Plan should financial conditions warrant. As promised the Business Plan has been reviewed and updated to reflect the following:

- Actual revenues and expenses from FY 15-16 as well as year-end fund and reserve balances
- Adopted revenue and expenditure budget for FY 16-17
- Agreement terms and estimated revenues and expenses related to water service to Golden State Water Company
- Refinements to the District’s 10-year capital improvement program
- Reduced water demand in FY 15-16 and FY 16-17 due to drought conditions and state-mandated conservation requirements

As a result of the review, the Board approved changes to the Business Plan that includes the following:

- Reduction of the previously adopted 12 percent overall water rate increase for January 2017 to 5 percent
- Elimination of bimonthly flat water rates, as all customers are now metered and on metered water rate schedules
- Single Family Rate restructuring that transitions water rates from two tiered volumetric rates to uniform volumetric rates to better align the rate structure with current conditions

Bimonthly service charges and water shortage surcharges will remain at the rate previously approved in 2015. Further information regarding the changes to the Business Plan and rates can be found on the District’s website at www.carmichaelwd.org.

Carmichael Water District: American River Pipeline Conveyance Project

Conceived in 2011, the American River Pipeline Conveyance Project (Project) is an example of regional partners coming together to solve water supply reliability issues at a local level. The Project was developed to provide a replacement water supply for Golden State Water Company’s (Golden State Water) customers utilizing existing treatment capacity at Carmichael Water District’s (CWD) Water Treatment Plant. The project enables CWD to divert and deliver up to 4.5 million gallons of water per day. The replacement water supply originates from the remediated Aerojet Rocketdyne groundwater discharged to the American River at Buffalo Creek. On October 24, 2016 a dedication ceremony was held at Rossmoor Bar to celebrate the completion of the project. Visit the District’s website for additional information regarding the project’s many benefits.

Berry Quality of Life Youth Leadership Scholarship

Carmichael Water District is proud to announce that applications are being accepted now through April 3, 2017 for the Berry Quality of Life Youth Leadership Scholarship. One $500 scholarship is available to a student attending a public or independent school located in Carmichael, CA, and/or who resides within the Carmichael Water District Service Area who is currently enrolled in and attending the 12th grade or is enrolled in a post-secondary institution. For more information on the application process, deadlines, and selection please visit the District’s website at www.carmichaelwd.org.
Above are a few of winning entries featured in the 2017 Carmichael Water Wise Calendar.

**Water Efficiency Resources**
In addition to the District’s website, carmichaelwd.org, further information and tips on using water efficiently can be found by visiting these sites:
- [www.bewatersmart.info](http://www.bewatersmart.info)
- [www.watereducation.org](http://www.watereducation.org)
- [www.saveourh2o.org](http://www.saveourh2o.org)