

BIG BEND WATER AUTHORITY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT BUDGET
AND

NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING AND PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

The Big Bend Water Authority (“Authority”) will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, September 4, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at 1313 1st Avenue SE, Steinhatchee, Florida**. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment and consider the tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. The public is also free to state any objections to or support of the budget and rates. The Authority’s Board of Directors (“Board”) will consider adoption of the budget and rates with any amendments it deems advisable following the public hearing. A summary of the budget is provided below:

BUDGET:

Income:

Water:	\$1,020,000.00
Wastewater:	\$530,000.00
Other receipts:	<u>\$338,500.00</u>
Total Income:	\$1,888,500.00

Expenses:

Operations:	\$1,819,700.00
Debt Services:	<u>\$ 68,800.00</u>
Total Expenses:	\$1,888,500.00

Water & Wastewater Rate Structure:

Current Base Rates (up to 3,000 gal. min.)

Customer Classification	Water	Wastewater
Residential	\$31.75	\$42.57
Light Commercial	\$31.75	\$42.57
Heavy Commercial	\$49.37	\$68.05

Rates per thousand gallons or portion thereof (all classifications)*		
Amount	Water	Wastewater
*3001 – 6000	\$2.80	\$3.92
*6001 – 9000	\$2.94	\$4.12
*9001 – 12,000	\$3.08	\$4.32
*12,001 and up	\$3.21	\$4.53

A meeting of the Board will be held immediately following the public hearing. Members of the public are encouraged to attend and provide comment at the budget hearing and meeting, which may be continued to a date and time certain as announced at the hearing and/or meeting and noticed. For more information, including a copy of the budget and agenda, please contact Laura Valentine at 352.498.3576. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations at the hearing and/or meeting should contact Laura Valentine at the contact information provided above. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at (800) 955-8770 for aid in contacting Laura Valentine at 352.498.3576 at least two (2) days prior to the date of the hearing and meeting.

If anyone chooses to appeal any decision of the Board with respect to any matter considered at a meeting, such person will need a record of the proceedings and should accordingly ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made that includes the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.