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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: SEWER AND WATER RATE HEARING OCTOBER 17, 2024,  
at 4:00 PM EDGEMONT RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OFFICES**

**TO RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS RECEIVING DOMESTIC WATER OR SANITARY  
SEWER SERVICE FROM EDGEMONT RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT AND TO ALL  
OTHER PERSONS TO WHOM IT MAY BE OF CONCERN:**

At the next Regular Metro Board Meeting at 4:00 PM on Thursday, October 17th, 2024, the Board of Directors will hold a Public Hearing to discuss potential sewer and water rate increases relating to the need for ERMD to deal with rising operating and maintenance costs. The meeting will be located at the Edgemont Ranch Metropolitan District offices at 5972 County Road 234, La Plata County, Durango, CO 81301.

ERMD staff and the Board have noted significantly higher operating and maintenance costs across all District activities. In addition, recent necessary capital project costs continue to increase at a rapid rate well above expectations. In order to get a better understanding of our future operating and maintenance costs, ERMD's Board commissioned a Reserve Study with Association Reserves, a Golden, Colorado firm that specializes in analyzing the financial position of Metro Districts. A Reserve Study inventories all assets of a Metro District and estimates current and future operating and replacement costs of those assets. These assets include our roads, equipment, buildings, water and sewer mains and all of our treatment facilities. We have received the draft report and ERMD staff are working with Association Reserves to finalize it.

While the report did not find serious deficiencies in ERMD's existing financial reserves, the study indicates that the District's current fee levels need to be increased to meet higher operating costs and maintain our financial reserves to adequately cover higher equipment and capital replacement costs in the current environment.

ERMD staff and Board are working to prepare more detailed information which will be presented at the October meeting. While we do not yet have a definitive number at this time, we anticipate that any rate increase will not exceed \$10 per month for each of the water and sewer services. Any increase would likely become effective January 1, 2025.

ERMD Board of Directors