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## Notice of Public Hearing & Board Consideration of Proposed 2020 Cost-Of-Service Rate/Fee Increases

Dear Castle Pines North Metro District (CPNMD) Customers:

We invite you to participate in our next board meeting at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, February 24, 2020. During the meeting, Bartle Wells Associates will present the **Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Rate Study** it completed on behalf of CPNMD, as well as the associated findings and underlying rationale for proposing that CPNMD adopt cost-of-service rate/fee increases for the remainder of 2020.

Immediately following the rate-study presentation, we will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** — and subsequently consider and vote — on the proposed cost-of-service rate/fee increases.

Though property taxes that CPNMD assesses in 2020 remain unchanged at the rate of 19 mills, CPNMD faces the following cost-of-service adjustments:

- 3% increase in water service rates
- 4% increase in wastewater usage charges
- 0% increase in storm drainage charge
- 0% increase in capital maintenance charge
- 0% increase in renewable water investment charge

As fiscal conservatives, please know that we dislike considering rate/fee hikes as much as we — and you — dislike paying them. In the absence of a fiscally responsible alternative, best practices dictate that we consider modest annual rate/fee adjustments and thereby avoid the erratic toggling back and forth between no rate/fee increases in some years and double-digit increases in others.

We closely scrutinize proposed rate/fee increases and our consideration of each **is the direct result of unavoidable cost-of-service and/or inflation expenses.** (NOTE: cost-of-

service equals all costs to finance, design, build, operate, and maintain the system and reliably deliver the service.)

If you are unable to join us in person for the February 24, 2020 board meeting, then please consider viewing the proceedings, via live video stream, from our website homepage at [cpnmd.org](http://cpnmd.org). You may also view and download a PDF of the Bartle Wells Associates' **Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Rate Study** presentation by visiting the RECENT NEWS section of our website homepage at [cpnmd.org](http://cpnmd.org).

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