

**WALLOWA LAKE COUNTY SERVICE DISTRICT
2024-2025 BUDGET MESSAGE**

As Budget Officer I present to you the 2024-2025 Wallowa Lake County Service District Budget approved for your consideration by the Budget Committee. I am pleased to present the budget in this narrative form. I hope this format will provide explanation and meaning to the operation of the Wallowa Lake County Service District and will help you understand the budget process.

The budget was prepared using the same basis of accounting as used during the preceding year. The goal of the budget committee is to maintain a high level of quality services and at the same time be fiscally responsible with the district's resources. There will be fee increases to the sewer billing for the next two fiscal years. Currently, water will remain unchanged.

A public hearing of the Wallowa Lake County Service District budget will be held on Thursday, June 27th, 2024, in the Thornton Conference Room of the Wallowa County Courthouse at 9:10 am. The purpose of this hearing is to adopt the budget of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, as approved by the Wallowa Lake County Service District Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. The complete budget is available for inspection at the office of Administrative Services, 101 S. River Street Ste 302, Enterprise, OR Monday through Thursday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Budget Officer

Budget Committee		
John Hillock	Todd Nash	Susan Roberts
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2024-25 BUDGET SUMMARY

Operation & Maintenance Fund – Due to increased costs related primarily to updates to the Joseph wastewater treatment facility, the Wallowa Lake County Service District will be increasing rates as follows:

Sewer rates 2023-2024 \$5.00 per month /\$10.00 per billing cycle effective July 1, 2023

Sewer rates 2024-2025 \$3.00 per month /\$ 6.00 per billing cycle effective July 1, 2024

Sewer rates 2025-2026 \$2.00 per month /\$ 4.00 per billing cycle effective July 1, 2025

Currently, water rates remain unchanged

Debt Service Fund - Both the water and sewer bonds were paid off on April 1, 2008. There will be no taxes levied again this year. Currently the Debt Service carry-over is zero; however, we anticipate it to accrue a small balance until all taxes are collected.

Reserve Fund – This fund has a beginning balance of approximately \$1,092,094. This fund has revenue from interest earned and transfers from sewer and water. The Reserve Fund will have an estimated balance of \$1,196,494 and is dedicated to capital improvements to replace existing or future facility expansions.