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After holding two public hearings in November 2022, Pacific County PUD Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the 2023 Utility System budget on December 6th. The District does not anticipate any increase in its retail electric or water rates in 2023.

“First of all, we’d like to recognize Dick Anderson for his 6 years of dedicated service to the PUD and thank him for doing his part in maintaining the excellence and accountability of the PUD. We’d also like to extend our appreciation to all the PUD employees for their hard work and dedication. With high inflation persisting for over a year, our customers are facing rising consumer prices and financial hardship. With the passage of this budget, it was important to us to not increase electric and water rates despite the District facing supply chain shortages and an unprecedented rise in the costs of material. We are pleased to hold rates flat and continue to be among the providers of the lowest cost electricity for a non-generating PUDs in Washington State.” – Board of Commissioners - Pam Hickey, President; Debbie Oakes, Vice-President; Michelle Layman, Secretary

Highlights of the 2023 budget include:

- No rate increase;
- Continuation of the low-income, senior and disabled discount program;
- Investment in capital improvements including Tarlett/Long Beach substation upgrade;
- Public Works Board Grant Fiber Buildout from Wilson Point to Lynn Point;
- Continue underground cable replacement and conversion; and,
- Continue energy efficiency offerings including residential weatherization rebates, ductless heat pump rebates, heat pump water heater rates, commercial lighting rebates and more.

Pacific County Public Utility District is a customer-owned utility providing electricity, water, and wholesale telecommunication services. The District was formed in 1937 and began business operations in 1940 serving 4,800 customers. The District now serves over 18,000 electric customers throughout the 937 square miles of Pacific County and over 300 water customers in the Bay Center, Lebam, and Wilson Point areas.

The PUD holds regularly scheduled Board meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month that are open to the public. These meetings can be attended in person or virtual via Zoom. Visit us on the web at www.pacificpud.org or on Facebook: www.facebook.com/PacificPUD for more information.