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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: SEWER AND WATER RATE HEARING OCTOBER 15, 2026,
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 15th, 2026, 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 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 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.

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. The District Board has addressed rising capital replacement and maintenance costs with infrastructure maintenance rate increases in recent years. However, the Water and Sewer Base Rates, which primarily fund operating costs, have remained the same for over 20 years.

ERMD staff and Board are working to prepare more detailed information which will be presented at the October meeting. Any increase would likely become effective January 1, 2027.

ERMD Board of Directors