## Sierrita Mountain Water Co-op 10390 S Sierrita Mountain Road #155 Tucson, AZ 85736

Hello, and Welcome to Three Points and the Sierrita Mountain Water Co-op!

Below is a brief summary explaining how our Co-op works. Please Keep this letter for future reference.

> Water rates are as follows: 0 - 10,000 costs 40 cents per 100 gallons 10,000 - 15,000 costs 42 cents per 100 gallons 15,000 - 25,000 cost 44 cents per 100 gallons

We charge a \$10.00 minimum monthly water charge (which is a total of 2500 gallons of water) a \$14.60 fee for expenses and \$1.75 for our loan fee. Therefore your MINIMUM water bill would be \$26.35. .02 cents per 100 gallons sold will be put into a savings account at Bank of the West for emergency use ONLY.

# WE CHARGE A \$50.00 TURN ON FEE FOR NEW CO-OP MEMBERS.

A \$100.00 SECURITY DEPOSIT IS CHARGED WHEN YOUR SERVICE BEGINS.. This deposit will be refunded at the end of one year, provided you have paid on time each month during this year. It is your responsibility to contact us when your refund is due. You are required to provide us with the original receipt you received for the deposit to receive the refund. IF. HOWEVER, YOU RECEIVE YOUR REFUND AND THEN PAY LATE, YOU MUST PROVIDE ANOTHER \$100.00 DEPOSIT.\_

RENTERS: Your deposit will be refunded upon move-out, less any monies owed to Sierrita Mountain Water Co-op. Please make sure we have your forwarding address so we can return what is due you.

NEW PROPERTY OWNERS: If there are NO WATER LINES on the land, you must use a licensed contractor. Filiberto Federico (co-op pres.) can recommend someone if you don't know/have your own contractor.

An application and \$500.00 are required to become a new Co-op member. The \$500.00 is non-refundable. All persons wishing to obtain Membership from this Co-op must contact Filiberto Federico - President at 822-1778 to see if they belong in the service area.

## FEE AND PENALTY SCHEDULE

Membership Fee:

\$500.00 Non-Refundable

Meter Installation:

\$300.00

Security Deposit:

\$100.00 Refundable after 12 on time payments

Turn On Fee:

\$50.00

Monthly Late Fee:

\$15.00

Returned Check Fee: Meter Lock/Unlock:

\$25.00 \$50.00

IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE POLICY, THIS INSTITUTION IS PROHIBITED FROM DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, AGE, OR DISABILITY. (NOT ALL PROHIBITED BSES APPLY TO ALL PROGRAMS).

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, or call (800) 795-3272 (voice, or (202) 720-6382 (TDD).

Southwestern Utilities Management has been hired to take care of our billing. Your bills will show their address and are self explanatory. Please make checks and money orders payable to:

## SIERRITA MOUNTAIN WATER C0-OP PO Box 85160 Tucson, AZ 85754

Please allow at least seven days mail time for your payment to be posted. We consider the date your payment was posted and not the postmark date. BILLS ARE DUE AND PAYABLE AT THE TIME YOU RECEIVE THEM. THE BILL IS PAST DUE 10 DAYS AFTER DUE DATE. We charge a \$15.00 monthly late fee for unpaid bills and a \$25.00 returned check fee for all returned checks. At this time YOU WILL NO LONGER be able to write checks. You must use MONEY ORDERS or go to the office of SOUTHWESTERN UTILITY MANAGEMENT if you prefer to use cash.

Southwestern Utilities Mgmt will turn your water off after TWO (2) MONTHS of non payment. There will be a \$50.00 re-connect fee and possibly another deposit.

YOU MAY CONTACT SOUTHWESTERN UTLITY MANAGEMENT @ 623-5172 X-101 FOR <u>YOUR</u> BILLING QUESTIONS ONLY. Our contact there is Katherine Szczygiel. DO NOT CALL SOUTHWESTERN UTILITY MANAGEMENT FOR ANTHING OTHER THAN YOUR BILLING QUESTIONS OR YOU WILL BE BILLED FOR THEIR SERVICES. You must call Filiberto Federico @ 822-1776 for ALL emergency concerns.

#### METERING OF WATER SERVICE

Water service will be metered to each individual dwelling. Several dwellings CANNOT be connected to one meter. Metering facilities shall be installed by the co-op or an approved licensed contractor and shall be paid for by the member.

#### METERING FACILITYIES/TAMPERING

Tampering with meter facilities is a violation of this co-op property and may be penalized by the board or prosecuted in court.

The Co-op is responsible for and maintains the water lines TO your meter. You are responsible for the water lines FROM your meter TO AND WITHIN your home.

There shall be at all times, three board members: President, Secretary and a Treasure.

#### At this time they are:

Filiberto FedericoPresident	822-1778	
Rebecca SpencerSecretary	822-1217	(only if Fil is unavailable)
Gayle SpencerTreasure	822-1723	(only if Fil is unavailable)

Please call Filiberto Federico if you have a water emergency or if you notice water running down or beside a road. Filiberto also handles most well maintenance and repairs of our wells and pumps.

You will be notified in advance by mail when we have meetings scheduled, and we hope you will make a point to attend.

Again, welcome to Sierrita Mountain Water Co-op!

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