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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What do the property taxes that go to the South Davis Sewer District pay for?**

The South Davis Sewer District owns, operates and maintains two wastewater treatment plants that process an average of more than 10 million gallons of wastewater per day along with a system of underground piping called a collection system, consisting of approximately 380 miles of pipe and almost 9,000 manholes, that transports the wastewater to the treatment plants.

In addition to paying for capital projects to improve collection system and treatment plant infrastructure (including debt service), property tax revenue helps pay for the highly trained personnel needed to inspect, operate and maintain the collection system and treatment plants along with the equipment, chemicals and energy needed to reliably treat and dispose of the processed water and residual solids.

### **Why are the property taxes that go to the South Davis Sewer District going up?**

It is critical that the District's facilities and treatment processes are adequately maintained and keep pace with new regulatory requirements, emerging contaminants of concern and population growth. The driver for the tax increase is new nutrient limits mandated by the Utah Division of Water Quality (DWQ) for nitrogen and phosphorus. These limits require the District to construct new treatment technologies to achieve adequate nutrient removal not possible using its current wastewater treatment processes. These new technologies will also address more stringent ammonia limits imposed on the District by DWQ.

### **How much will the property taxes that go to the South Davis Sewer District go up?**

The tax on a residential property valued at \$425,000 will increase by \$20.06 per year, which equates to less than \$0.06 per day.

For a business property valued at \$425,000, the increase will be \$36.48 per year, or approximately \$0.10 per day.

### **What is the District doing to keep costs down?**

The District regularly reviews and updates its Facility Plan to determine rehabilitation and expansion needs through the next 20 years based on the condition and performance of the treatment plants and collection system, anticipated regulatory requirements and future development and growth.

The District focuses on preventive maintenance and ongoing rehabilitation to protect your infrastructure investment. In evaluating new technologies and treatment alternatives, the District makes every effort to select improvements that are innovative and sustainable, work in line with existing facilities and treatment processes and reduce reliance on external resources, including chemicals and power, that could drive price increases. The District also seeks alternative funding sources, including grants and low-interest loans, to keep costs down.