

Short Description of Finances
for
Irish Beach Water District

August 2013

There are 459 parcels within the Irish Beach Water District, and 199 of these parcels are “connected” to the system. Irish Beach Improvement Club pays only pays for water used bringing the total connections to 200. This means that 199 parcels have *access to water* while 259 parcels have *access to the system*. Access to the system can be changed to access to water by paying a connection fee of \$150 which is the cost associated with installing a meter.

There are three sources of income for the Irish Beach Water District identified as:

I. **Assessment Fee:** This is an annual fee of **\$228.92** per parcel that is imposed on all 459 parcels. This fee is collected annually by the County of Mendocino. This money is dedicated to “greater than 40 year” capital improvements such as water tanks, pipelines, etc.

II. **Availability Fee:** This is an annual fee of **\$737.88** per parcel that is imposed on the 199 parcels that are “connected” to the system. This fee is collected bi-monthly in terms of a payment of \$132.98. This money is dedicated to the maintenance of the system, i.e., less than 40 year capital improvements, staff salaries, equipment, annual state, local and county fees, testing, reporting, insurance, etc.

III. **Usage Fee:** The amount of this fee depends on the amount of water used and an average of the annual fee is about **\$192.00**. This fee is based on an engineered assessment of the cost of delivering water to houses within the district.

If there were no water usage within the Irish Beach Water District, the **Assessment Fee** and the **Availability Fee** would be required to maintain the system.