Managing Treatment, continued

Of course these projects come with a cost: about $50 million. However, investing now saves money compared to what they would cost later, with inflation. Also, it positions the plant for projects even further in the future (to maintain regulatory compliance as demand grows) to cost less as well. Over the long run, this active management of both current and future needs means customers will continue to benefit from some of the lowest and most stable rates in the state.

2019 Budget Meetings: You’re Invited!
The cost of these projects is part of the budget, which affects both rates and connection charges. We’ll formally announce 2019 rates and charges later this year, but you can get involved earlier. Public meetings about the 2019 budget start in mid-October, in the Board Room at the District’s offices.

- **October 9:** Budget workshop #1. Six-year financial forecast and capital (infrastructure) plans.
- **October 23:** Budget workshop #2. Review of operations and maintenance (O&M) expenses.
- **November 13:** Budget workshop #3. Review of revenues/expenses and fund balances.
- **December 11:** Budget public hearing at 5 p.m.
- **December 26:** Board action (adoption).

Let’s Talk: How to Reach Us by Phone

Even in today’s always-online world, sometimes there’s no substitute for talking with a real live person. We kept that in mind with our new phone system (still at 360-750-5876). It has automated features for most routine calls, but in an emergency — or if you just want to speak with us in person — dial “0” and one of us will answer.

Another Clean Financial Audit

The State of Washington performs financial audits of local government agencies to promote accountability, integrity and openness. The audit earlier this year for fiscal year 2017 confirmed the District upholds all areas of financial reporting and has controls in place to safeguard the public’s money.

Every year, the District goes a step further than required to create a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. It contains more meaningful financial information to partners and customers, linking current and planned activities to broad financial and strategic goals.

For more information about District financial reports and to view copies of audits, visit: www.cwwd.com/about/financials.html.