

**PUBLIC MEETING  
OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY**

**Thursday, January 23, 2025  
450 Child Street, Warren Office, Warren, RI**

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**Board Members Present:**

Juan Mariscal, Chairman  
Thomas Kraig, Vice-Chairman  
Christopher Stanley, Secretary/Treasurer  
Robert J. Martin, Board Member  
John M. Jannitto, Board Member  
William F. Gosselin, Board Member  
Stephen Gross, Board Member  
Richard E. Fournier, Board Member  
David E. Fales, Board Member

**Board Members Absent:**

None

**BCWA Staff Attending:**

Stephen H. Coutu, Executive Director  
Michael Crawford, Deputy Executive Director  
Daniel Hughes, Finance Manager  
Joseph Granata, Customer Service Manager  
Colin O'Hara, Engineering Project Manager  
Lauren DeRuisseau, HR/Executive Assistant

**Others Attending:**

Legal Counsel Joseph Keough

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Chairman Mariscal called the hearing to order at 5:02pm.

**1. Proposed Water Rate Increase**

(Appendix A)

Presentation by Executive Director Coutu explained the need for a rate increase for FY2026. The PowerPoint presentation is available on our website ([www.bcwari.com](http://www.bcwari.com)) and provides a background on BCWA, our strategic plan, challenges and infrastructure needs, recently completed work (past year), upcoming capital program, and budget and funding needs to accomplish goals.

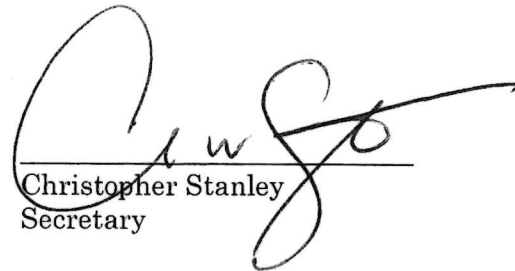
Proposed 3% rate increase to support revenue requirement and 10-year Financial Plan for Capital Improvement.

The average residential cost increase with the 3% is \$22 per year, or \$1.85 per month.

Chairman Mariscal solicited questions from the public.

There was no input from the public.

The hearing was adjourned at 5:37pm.



Christopher Stanley  
Secretary