

**Chapter 7: RATES, CHARGES AND FEES**

**7.0100 WATER SERVICE**

Each installed service shall be charged the Base Rate, Consumption Rate, and any related charge or fee which shall be set forth in the District Fee Schedule pursuant to a District resolution.

1. Base Rate

Each installed service, whether active or inactive, shall be charged a Base Rate per month whether or not any water is used. The Base Rate shall be in accordance with the most current Base Rate adopted and is subject to change from time to time consistent with District policy and relevant regulations.

2. Multiple Units

Multiple units with a single meter shall be charged the Base Rate for each trailer space, apartment unit, second residential unit, motel unit, accessory dwelling unit (ADU), junior accessory dwelling unit (JADU), etc., whether occupied or not plus the standard Consumption Rate and any related charge or fee which shall be set forth in the District Fee Schedule pursuant to a District resolution.

3. Consumption Rate

A Consumption Rate per one hundred (100) cubic-feet rounded to the nearest one hundred (100) cubic-feet will be charged according to metered use.

4. Pump Surcharge Fees

All services located within a pressure zone which utilizes pumping separate from the District as a whole will be charged a pump surcharge fee to both the Base and Consumption Rates to offset the cost of power to such pumps as well as their repairs, maintenance, replacement expenses as well as fund the reserve.

5. Water Availability Charge (WAC)

The WAC includes those services where a connection fee was paid during the formation of the District, the service was installed (meter box and connection to District main lines), the meter was set, and the property was actually receiving water service, however, there was no home on the property, so the meter was later removed. By paying this fee, the property owner has the ability, at any time, to request that the meter be re-installed, and service resumed upon payment of the current Turn-On Fee.

6. Delinquency Charge

A delinquency charge of ten percent (10%) of any bill or portion thereof not paid by the due date shown on such bill shall be charged by the District.

7. Rate Stabilization Fee (RSF)

Each customer will be charged the Rate Stabilization Fee to build financial reserves to address variable costs related to maintaining the District's distribution and associated infrastructure. The Rate Stabilization Fee will be charged per one hundred (100) cubic-feet.

8. Water Treatment Plant Fee (WTP)

Each customer will be charged the Water Treatment Plant Fee to mitigate variable costs related to water treatment at the Water Treatment Plant. The Water Treatment Plant Fee will be charged per one hundred (100) cubic-feet.

9. Drought Surcharge

The Board of Directors may determine that, due to drought conditions, the District needs to purchase additional supplemental water. When that occurs, each installed service may be charged a monthly drought surcharge to be billed per 100 cubic-feet.

7.0200 NEW SERVICE FEES & CHARGES

A. Capacity Charge

The District's Water Master Plan sets forth a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) identifying improvements necessary to ensure the continued availability of physical facilities for the District's water distribution system which defines the necessary Capacity Charge for new meter sales. This charge will be assessed for each new service connection at the time of meter installation.

The basis is the ¾-inch meter in determining the Capacity Charge for larger size meters. The ratio for meters larger than the ¾-inch meter shall be determined by multiplying the basic charges by the rates that the AWWA "safe maximum operating capacity" of the larger meters bears to that of the ¾-inch meter.

B. Connection Fees

Except for temporary or construction service, the customer shall pay the current Connection Fees which shall include the Capacity Charge, the New Water Purchase Fee and the Service Installation Fee. These fees shall be paid prior to the installation of the service, or in the case where the installation has previously been made, the Capacity Charge shall be paid prior to the water being turned on. The services paid for and installed at the time the original District system was installed shall be exempt from these Connection Fees (see Water Availability Charge).

Customer shall be required to pay a New Connection Fee for each additional single-family residence constructed on a parcel, unless that residence is an ADU or JADU, with the size under 1,200 square feet as set forth under California Government Code section 65852.2.

C. Reconnection Fee

For terminated services of six months or more, the Customer would be required to pay the current Reconnection Fee and all costs related to the prior removal and reinstallation of the Meter Set including all appurtenances and labor. Repayment of any liens and prior amount due as included in Section 3 Payment of Previous Service is also required prior to restoring service.

D. New Water Purchase Fee

The District in accordance with this ordinance shall collect A New Water Purchase Fee. The District will collect the New Water Purchase Fee at the time of a request for water service by a customer. New Water Purchase Fees collected will be deposited to the District's Operations and Maintenance Reserve to be used for the acquisition of additional water supply.

E. Service Installation Fee

The District will collect a fee for each new service connection which is installed by the District. A deposit of the estimated cost of the service installation shall be paid prior to the installation of the service. The fee is calculated to be a cost reasonably related to the District's actual costs incurred for water service connections plus a 15% restocking fee for all materials. The service installation fee shall be that fee as is calculated pursuant to the "New Service Quotation Sheet".

F. Inactive Service or Request for Termination of Service

If a Customer requests to terminate service or has inactive service for a period of six (6) months or more, then the District may remove all equipment necessary to provide the service. If the customer later decides to reactivate service, they will be required to pay the Reconnection Fees.

7.0300 MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE FEES & CHARGES

A. Cross Connection (Backflow) Control

Backflow Prevention Assembly Testing: The State Water Resources Control Board requires the annual testing of all Backflow Prevention Devices. The cost of the annual testing and any necessary repairs is included in the monthly charge for devices 2-inch and smaller. Customers having a device larger than 2-inches will be responsible for all costs related to necessary repairs of the devise. The monthly fees will be set forth in the Fee Schedule.

B. Meter Test Fee

The District may test meters at any time, and shall field test a meter upon the request of a customer who first deposits the current meter testing fee with the District. If the test indicates the meter is registering within 5 percent of accuracy, the testing fee shall be retained by the District to cover its cost of testing. If the test indicates

the meter is more than 5 percent in error, the testing fee shall be refunded and the meter repaired or replaced at the District's discretion. If the meter error over 5 percent is in the customer's favor, the District shall refund to the customer the estimated overcharge for a period of three months immediately preceding the meter testing. If the error is in the District's favor, a supplemental bill may be rendered equal to the difference between the customer's average bill for comparable service and his actual bills for the preceding three-month period.