

# Summary of Rates and Charges

## Frequently Asked Questions



At a public hearing held on August 27, 2013 the Board of Directors of Sacramento Suburban Water District adopted new water rates starting in 2015. A 4% increase will begin in 2015 and continue each year until 2018.

The additional funding will primarily be used for capital projects. The District's infrastructure, amongst other assets, includes 735 miles of pipeline, 85 active wells, and 7 storage tanks. Costs to repair and replace this infrastructure is increasing at a rate faster than the overall Consumer Price Index driven primarily by significant cost increases for materials, government regulatory changes and construction labor. Also, some of the funding is to be used for anticipated inflationary increases in operations and maintenance costs, such as the cost of surface water, ground water treatment, electricity, materials and labor.

### **Below is an explanation of each water rate charge listed on the reserve side.**

#### **Service Charge**

The Service Charge is allocated to pay the District's fixed operation and maintenance costs, such as building maintenance, utility bills, vehicle maintenance and water main repairs. The charge is based on the meter/connection size.

#### **Usage Charge**

The Usage charge is used for District variable operation and maintenance costs, such as purchasing surface water, chemicals for water treatment and electricity for pumping groundwater.

#### **Capital Facilities Charge**

The Capital Facilities Charge is to fund pay-as-you-go financing of ongoing capital improvement projects. Also, for principal and interest on funds borrowed for past capital improvement projects (e.g. reservoirs, meter retrofit, well construction and rehabilitation, main replacements). The charge is based on the meter/connection size.

#### **Multiple Unit Charge**

A monthly charge on all flat rate multi-family accounts (e.g. duplex, triplex) is billed per additional dwelling unit.

#### **Other charges (if applicable)**

##### **Private Fire Service Charge**

This charge is for a water service at un-metered connections to the District's water system that are equipped with a detector check assembly satisfactory to the District and the Department of Public Health (DPH) and which supplies water to privately-owned and maintained sprinklers used exclusively for firefighting, irrespective of the quantity of water used and based on the connection size of the fire service assembly.

##### **Backflow Charge**

This charge is to administer and monitor District's backflow program. Monies collected are used to notify customers of testing and retesting, compiling results and submitting results to DPH.

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Summary of Water Rate Charges		Current Rates	Rates Effective
		as of 1/1/17	1/1/18 (4%)
<b>Flat Accounts</b>			
<i>Usage Charge (\$/1,000 square foot)</i>		\$1.02	\$1.06
<i>Flat Service Charge</i>	3/4" connection	\$16.75	\$17.42
	1" connection	\$24.24	\$25.21
	1 1/2" connection	\$45.77	\$47.60
	2" connection	\$45.21	\$47.02
<i>Multiple Unit Charge (\$/Add'l Dwelling Unit)</i>		\$9.03	\$9.39
<b>Meter Accounts</b> <i>Usage Charge (\$/100 cubic feet (ccf))</i> <i>Note: 1ccf = 748 gallons</i>			
Residential - 1st Tier (0-10 ccf)		\$0.90	\$0.94
Residential - 2nd Tier (11+ ccf)		\$1.12	\$1.17
Non-Residential - Off-Peak Rate (Nov-Apr)		\$0.91	\$0.95
Non-Residential - Peak Rate (May-Oct)		\$1.14	\$1.18
<i>Meter Service Charge</i>	5/8" meter	\$4.05	\$4.21
	3/4" meter	\$5.91	\$6.14
	1" meter	\$9.56	\$9.94
	1 1/2" meter	\$18.67	\$19.42
	2" meter	\$29.70	\$30.88
	3" meter	\$55.34	\$57.56
	4" meter	\$91.96	\$95.64
	6" meter	\$183.52	\$190.86
	8" meter	\$330.04	\$343.24
	10" meter	\$531.50	\$552.76
	12" meter	\$787.85	\$819.37
	<b>Flat and Meter Accounts</b> <i>Capital Facilities Charge</i>	5/8" meter	\$21.65
3/4" meter/connection		\$32.28	\$33.57
1" meter/connection		\$53.99	\$56.15
1 1/2" meter/connection		\$107.59	\$111.90
2" meter/connection		\$172.22	\$179.11
3" meter		\$323.17	\$336.10
4" meter		\$538.75	\$560.30
6" meter		\$1,077.17	\$1,120.26
8" meter		\$1,939.04	\$2,016.60
10" meter		\$3,124.25	\$3,249.22
12" meter	\$4,631.80	\$4,817.07	
<b>Other Charges</b> (if applicable)			
<i>Private Fire Service Charges</i>	2" connection	\$12.77	\$13.28
	3" connection	\$23.96	\$24.92
	4" connection	\$39.03	\$40.59
	6" connection	\$77.67	\$80.78
	8" connection	\$137.40	\$142.90
	10" connection	\$214.68	\$223.27
	12" connection	\$239.26	\$248.83
<i>Backflow Charge</i>	Per Connection	\$2.00	\$2.00

