

Regulation No. 3 Water Service Charges and Rates

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A. Charges for Water Service

The District charges all Customers on a monthly basis. Customers billed on a Residential Flat Rate are billed in advance, while Metered Rate Customers are billed in arrears. All charges are based on the District's costs of providing District Water Service. Therefore, the basis for charges and rates are categorized on the same basis as District costs. Explanations of each charge and the related District costs are as follows:

1. Usage Charge: This charge is based on Parcel square footage. The charge is intended to cover District operations and maintenance variable costs, attributable to Residential Flat Rate Customers.

Fixed Charge: This charge is based on connection size. The charge is intended to cover District operations and maintenance fixed costs, attributable to serving Residential Flat Rate Customers.

Sacramento Suburban Water District Flat Rate Customers					
	01/01/20	01/01/21	01/01/22	01/01/23	01/01/24
Usage Charge (\$/1,000 sq. ft.)	\$ 2.35	\$ 2.47	\$ 2.57	\$ 2.65	\$ 2.73
Fixed Charge					
3/4" connection	\$ 44.40	\$ 46.68	\$ 48.61	\$ 50.13	\$ 51.63
1" connection	\$ 69.19	\$ 72.75	\$ 75.75	\$ 78.12	\$ 80.45
1 1/2" connection	\$ 131.17	\$ 137.90	\$ 143.60	\$ 148.11	\$ 152.53
2" connection	\$ 205.53	\$ 216.08	\$ 225.01	\$ 232.07	\$ 238.99

2. Usage Charge: This charge is based on water usage. The charge is intended to cover District operations and maintenance variable costs attributable to Metered Rate Customers, including the cost of water and treatment and pumping and conveyance costs. The Usage Charge is based on 100 cubic feet of water (748 gallons.).

Fixed Charge: This charge is based on meter size and property location. The charge is intended to cover District fixed operations and maintenance costs attributable to serving Metered Rate Customers. This charge also covers District capital improvement costs and periodic principal and interest payments due on District debt.

Sacramento Suburban Water District Metered Rate Customers					
Meter Usage Charge (\$/CCF) – 1 CCF = 748 gallons	01/01/20	01/01/21	01/01/22	01/01/23	01/01/24
Residential - 1st Tier (0-15 CCF)	\$ 0.88	\$ 0.93	\$ 0.97	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.03
Residential - 2nd Tier (16+ CCF)	\$ 1.15	\$ 1.21	\$ 1.26	\$ 1.30	\$1.34
Multi-Family Residential - Uniform	\$ 1.26	\$ 1.33	\$ 1.39	\$ 1.44	\$1.49
Non-Residential - Uniform	\$ 1.33	\$ 1.40	\$ 1.46	\$ 1.51	\$ 1.56
Fixed Charge					
5/8" meter	\$ 32.01	\$ 33.65	\$ 35.04	\$ 36.13	\$ 37.21
3/4" meter	\$ 44.40	\$ 46.68	\$ 48.61	\$ 50.13	\$ 51.63
1" meter	\$ 69.19	\$ 72.75	\$ 75.75	\$ 78.12	\$ 80.45
1 1/2" meter	\$ 131.17	\$ 137.90	\$ 143.60	\$ 148.11	\$ 152.53
2" meter	\$ 205.53	\$ 216.08	\$ 225.01	\$ 232.07	\$ 238.99
3" meter	\$ 403.85	\$ 424.59	\$ 442.15	\$ 456.03	\$ 469.62
4" meter	\$ 626.95	\$ 659.16	\$ 686.42	\$ 707.97	\$ 729.07
6" meter	\$ 1,246.68	\$ 1,310.72	\$ 1,364.95	\$ 1,407.81	\$ 1,449.77
8" meter	\$ 2,238.25	\$ 2,353.23	\$ 2,450.59	\$ 2,527.55	\$ 2,602.87
10" meter	\$ 2,891.93	\$ 3,135.11	\$ 3,264.82	\$ 3,367.35	\$ 3,467.69
12" meter	\$ 4,190.40	\$ 4,405.66	\$ 4,587.93	\$ 4,732.02	\$ 4,873.03

B. Service Charges

- For each new account to be established, a service charge shall be assessed and added to the first or opening water bill for payment in accordance with the following provisions:

Service charge with water service already on. \$9.00

Service charge during regular business hours,
which requires restoration of water. \$31.00

- The following dispatch service charges shall be assessed in accordance to Section K.2, Regulation 5 and Section C, Regulation 6:

Dispatching personnel to deliver delinquency notice \$35.00

Dispatching personnel to terminate water service \$60.00

Other than in an emergency, to locate a service or shut-off water service after regular business hours the District will charge its actual cost of time and material.

C. Temporary Turn-On Charges

When water service has been terminated for non-payment or put into an inactive status, and temporary (24-hour maximum) service is required for third-party inspection purposes, a non-refundable charge of \$40.00 shall be paid before service is turned on.

D. Cross-Connection Control Program

Monthly charges shall be paid to fund the District’s Cross-Connection Control Program (CCCP). This charge shall be billed monthly per Backflow Prevention Assembly (Assembly) to each Account holder with one or more Assemblies. Each Assembly is the property of the Landowner. The services covered by this charge shall include, but are not limited to, administering/monitoring the program, notifying Customers, performing inspections, reviewing and recording test results and reporting to the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water (DDW). The charge shall be determined each year based on program expenses and the number of Assemblies within the District. The monthly charge for the CCCP shall be (see table below) per Assembly for all connection sizes.

Monthly CCCP Charge					
	01/01/20	01/01/21	01/01/22	01/01/23	01/01/24
Per Unit Charge	\$ 2.31	\$ 2.41	\$ 2.49	\$ 2.57	\$2.65

If a Customer requests Assembly testing or the District determines it is necessary to test an Assembly, the District will impose an Assembly test charge of \$61.00 per Assembly. The charge includes the fee for the required District tag. While the District does not routinely perform repairs or replacements, labor and materials will be charged to the Account holder if the District is required to repair or replace an Assembly.

As part of the Assembly test, a District tag must be attached to the Assembly indicating whether it “passed” or “failed”. These tags are to be purchased by the tester at the District office. The cost of the tag shall be determined each year based on the cost of producing the tag and overseeing the tag distribution. The current cost shall be \$1.00 per tag.

E. Privately-Owned Fire Protection Systems

A monthly charge shall be paid for water service at un-metered connections to the District’s Water System which supplies water to privately-owned and maintained sprinklers used exclusively for firefighting, irrespective of the quantity of water used and based on the size of the fire service assembly as follows:

Private Fire Service					
Size	01/01/20	01/01/21	01/01/22	01/01/23	01/01/24
2-inch	\$ 13.95	\$ 14.51	\$ 14.95	\$ 15.40	\$15.87
3-inch	\$ 26.17	\$ 27.22	\$ 28.04	\$ 28.89	\$29.76
4-inch	\$ 42.62	\$ 44.33	\$ 45.66	\$ 47.03	\$48.45
6-inch	\$ 84.82	\$ 88.22	\$ 90.87	\$ 93.60	\$96.41

8-inch	\$ 150.05	\$ 156.06	\$ 160.75	\$ 165.58	\$170.55
10-inch	\$ 234.44	\$ 243.82	\$ 251.14	\$ 258.68	\$266.45
12-inch	\$ 261.28	\$ 271.74	\$ 279.90	\$ 288.30	\$296.95

F. Security Deposits

Whenever an Applicant's or Customer's credit rating or payment history is or becomes unacceptable to the District because of poor credit history, non-payment of water bills, or frequent delinquent bill payment, a cash deposit may be required in accordance with the schedule set below:

1. Residential Customers shall be required to pay the sum equal to two (2) months water charge, but not less than \$90.00 (cost of ¾" flat base charges).
2. Business Customers shall be required to pay the sum equal to three (3) times the estimated water bill, but not less than \$180.00 (cost of 1" meter base charges).

The District may apply the security deposit to any account of a Customer that is delinquent for more than 30 days and will notify the Customer of such application. Water service may be terminated if the account is not fully paid and the security deposit replenished, subject to the conditions and procedures described in Regulation 6, Section B.

The security deposit will be returned to the Customer without interest upon termination of the service and payment of all rates and charges owed to the District by the Customer, or at such earlier time as the District may determine that the credit of the Customer is satisfactory. Security deposits that remain unclaimed after five (5) years from the date the deposit became refundable will become property of the District.

For the purpose of this Regulation 3, the District shall determine whether a Customer's credit is satisfactory. The credit of a Customer who has paid all rates and charges without delinquency for twelve months shall be deemed satisfactory.

G. Application of Payments

Any monies received on an account will be applied first to the oldest outstanding charges.

H. Returned Payments

The District shall levy a charge for each returned payment as defined in Regulation 5, Section C. The amount shall be the District's actual Bank Service Charge plus \$10.00.

I. Meter Testing Fee

This charge will be assessed to accounts that request a meter test with results within the range set by AWWA per Regulation 4, Section D. The fee will be \$285.00 per meter test

for large meters (3" and above), \$200.00 for medium meters (1-1/2" and 2"), and \$60.00 for small meters (1" and below).

J. Bacteriological Testing

The District will assess actual time and material costs but not less than a minimum charge of \$25.00 for each bacteriological test as defined in Regulation 7, Section H.8.

K. Annexation Fees

The District will charge annexation fees for each Parcel located outside of the District's legal boundaries that desires to be annexed into the District. The fee will be charged on a time and materials basis and reflect all District costs to apply for and complete the annexation of a Parcel, including without limitation staff time, attorneys' and consultant fees, LAFCO application fees, and costs of studies and environmental review. Upon application for an annexation into the District, staff will estimate the costs to process the annexation and the applicant shall deposit the estimated costs with the District. Upon conclusion of the annexation proceedings, if a portion of the deposit remains, it will be refunded to the applicant. If the District has expended the entire deposit and advanced additional funds to pay costs of the annexation proceedings, the applicant will repay the entire amount of any funds advanced by the District as a condition of LAFCO's recording of the Certificate of Completion approving the annexation and of the District's approval of the applicant's Application for Water Service.

L. Water Conservation Violation

In accordance with Section B of Regulation 15, the following charges may be imposed for a Water User's violation of the District's water conservation regulations:

1. A charge of \$50.00 will be added to the next billing for serving the second water conservation violation as defined in Regulation 15, Section B.
2. A charge of \$100.00 will be added to the next billing for serving the third water conservation violation as defined in Regulation 15, Section B.

M. Variance Application Service Fees

1. A service fee of \$300.00 will be charged to any person or entity for a filing variance application as provided in Regulation 17, Section B.
2. If an Applicant desires a hearing at a special Board of Directors meeting, a fee of \$1,200.00 will be charged as provided in Regulation 17, Section E.

N. Facility Use Fees

District Facilities may be used only upon approval of the General Manager. Interested parties must apply for use of District Facilities by completing the District's "Facility Use Application." All charges for use of District Facilities, including insurance requirements, are as noted on the Application and are dependent on facility location, event duration and recovery of all District costs required for the event.

O. Public Information Request

A charge of \$0.10 per page shall be charged for requests for copying of disclosable District records. Additional charges and terms of reproduction and delivery of copies of records are provided in the District's Records Inspection, Retention and Disposal Policy, PL-Admin 002.

P. Construction Water Charge

Water provided by the District for construction purposes will be charged subject to conditions of the service or project and in conformance with Regulation 12. The following charges will apply:

1. For construction water taken through a District Fire Hydrant Meter the contractor will be required to pay the current metered nonresidential peak usage rate per hundred cubic feet of water taken, a \$50.00 permit fee and \$2,300.00 deposit for the hydrant meter with backflow prevention assembly.
2. Use of District Fire Hydrants is authorized by a permit issued by the District only, as conditioned in Regulation 13, Section D. Illegal use of a Fire Hydrant may be subject to a \$250.00 charge.

Q. Plan Check Fee

An hourly rate of \$90.00 shall be assessed for review of an Applicant's construction plans as provided in Regulation 7 under Part H.1. The minimum plan check fee shall be \$900.00.

R. Supervision and Inspection

An hourly charge of \$87.00 shall be used to calculate the deposit for supervision and inspection of new or upgraded water facilities to be connected to the District system, as provided in Regulation 7, Section H.6. The minimum fee for Supervision and Inspection shall be \$600.00.

S. Hydrant Flow Test

A completed application for hydrant flow test and \$350.00 fee shall be paid in advance to supervise and perform a fire hydrant flow test and to provide written results of the test to the person or entity requesting it.

T. Abandonment of Service and Reinstallation of Abandoned Service

The District charge for abandoning an existing water service from the existing water main as provided in Regulation 7, Section K shall be calculated on a time and materials basis, with a minimum charge of \$3,000.00. The estimated charge shall be paid to the District prior to scheduling the abandonment. In addition, if requested by a Landowner, the District will restore an abandoned service connection by charging on a time and materials basis, with a minimum charge of \$3,000.00.

U. Administration Fee

This fee will be assessed to those accounts that participate in certain District programs, including without limitation the Large Irrigation Service, Wholesale Water, and Owner/Tenant Billing Agreement. Each fee is based on actual District costs for administering the individual program and is reviewed at least annually.

V. Locking Device Replacement Fee

If the District has installed a locking device on a water meter, curb stop or service valve and such a device is damaged or removed, then a \$35.00 charge shall be imposed on the Landowner.

If installed locking devices on the same service connection continue to be damaged or removed, the District reserves the right to abandon the service. Charges for service abandonment and any subsequent reinstallation of service will be on time and materials for the abandonment of the service as provided in Section T of this Regulation 3. The charges will be added to the Customer's water bill and must be paid before service is restored.