

Community Newsletter

Water Supplier Pass-through Rate Increase

Important
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Per Ordinance 21-03, the District will be passing through the San Diego County Water Authority Rate increases effective February 1, 2022.

Comparison Graph Below

Fixed Charges		
SDCWA & RMWD	Current Charge	Proposed FY 2022
Fixed Charges	charge	Charge
Tixed charges	Effective	Effective
	9/1/2021	2/1/2022
SFR, MFR, COM, INST		
5/8"	\$68.29	\$68.61
3/4"	\$68.29	\$68.61
1"	\$113.82	\$114.35
1 1/2"	\$227.63	\$228.70
2"	\$364.21	\$365.92
3"	\$796.72	\$800.45
4"	\$1,434.09	\$1,440.81
6"	\$2,959.23	\$2,973.10
AG & AG w/ Res		
5/8"	\$115.64	\$115.96
3/4"	\$115.64	\$115.96
1"	\$192.73	\$193.27
1 1/2"	\$385.47	\$386.53
2"	\$616.75	\$618.45
3"	\$1,349.13	\$1,352.87
4"	\$2,428.44	\$2,435.16
6"	\$5,011.07	\$5,024.93
SAWR		
5/8"	\$99.09	\$98.96
3/4"	\$99.09	\$98.96
1"	\$165.15	\$164.93
1 1/2"	\$330.30	\$329.87
2"	\$528.48	\$527.79
3"	\$1,156.05	\$1,154.53
4"	\$2,080.89	S. 6
6"	\$4,293.90	\$4,288.27

Variable Rates/Unit	*			
			Current Rate	Proposed FY 2022 Rate
		Proposed	Effective	Effective
Customer Class	Current Tiers	Tiers	9/1/2021	2/1/2022
Single-Family	(Uniform)	(Uniform)	\$4.77	\$5.00
Multi-Family	(Uniform)	(Uniform)	\$4.77	\$5.00
Commercial	(Uniform)	(Uniform)	\$4.77	\$5.00
Institutional	(Uniform)	(Uniform)	\$4.77	\$5.00
Ag w/ Residence	(Uniform)	(Uniform)	\$3.90	\$4.13
Agricultural	(Uniform)	(Uniform)	\$3.90	\$4.13
PSAWR w/ Residence	(Uniform)	(Uniform)	\$3.53	\$3.65
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			Current Rate	Proposed FY 2022 Rate
			Effective	Effective
Pumping Rate**	Pumping Zone		9/1/2021	2/1/2022
None	None		\$0.00	\$0.00
Pump Zone 1	Rainbow Heights		\$0.97	\$0.97
Pump Zone 2	Improvement 1	District U-	\$0.60	\$0.60
Pump Zone 3	Vallecitos		\$0.34	\$0.34
Pump Zone 4	Northside		\$0.13	\$0.13
Pump Zone 5	Morro Tank		\$0.18	\$0.18

All Zones		\$6.80	\$6.80
Fixed Pumping Char	ge	Current Rate Propose	
Pump Zone 7	Magee Tank	\$3.15	\$3.15
Pump Zone 6	Huntley	\$0.18	\$3.15
Pump Zone 6	Huntley	\$0.71	\$0.71
Pump Zone 5	Morro Tank	\$0.18	\$0.18
Pump Zone 4	Northside	\$0.13	\$0.13

^{*1} unit of water = 748 gallons

Message from General Manager

"The District's mission is to provide our customers reliable, high quality water and reclamation services in a fiscally sustainable manner. As a part of that mission, the District filed for detachment from SDCWA in March of 2020. While the process with LAFCO has taken longer than anticipated, we are still hopeful for a successful and economically feasible transition to Eastern as our wholesale water supplier. Eastern can deliver the same water, through the same pipelines, with the same quality and reliability as SDCWA, but at significantly lower costs."

Total Dissolved Solids Data

You can now find the Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) data for certain areas of the District on our website. This data is provided for the convenience of our agricultural customers. The values are measured using our equipment, but please note that there may be periods of time where the data may not be 100% accurate due to equipment calibration issues or instrumentation errors. Please read the advisory comments at the bottom of the page at www.rainbowmwd.com/tds-levels.

^{**} Pumping Charges apply to those customers who live at higher elevations that require the water to be pumped in order to provide service.

STATE WATER EFFICIENCY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

The State Water Efficiency Enhancement Program (SWEEP) grant program was developed to incentivize California farmers to implement irrigation systems that conserve water and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from irrigation water pumping. The California Department of Food and Agriculture, (SWEEP) is accepting applications until January 18, 2022. The Budget Act of 2021 appropriated \$50 million to SWEEP.



CDFA will award between \$43 and \$45 million. Projects that meet a minimum score will be funded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Eligibility Requirements:

You must be a California agricultural operation. For the purposes of this program, an agricultural operation is defined as row, vineyard, field and tree crops, commercial nurseries, nursery stock production, and greenhouse operations producing food crops or flowers. Medical and recreational cannabis crops are excluded from eligibility. Academic university research institutions and state governmental organizations are not eligible for funding.

SWEEP provides grants to producers to improve the efficiency of their irrigation management systems through

- · Soil moisture monitoring technology equipment
- Drip and micro-irrigation
- Solar-powered irrigation pumps and more

The program is very popular, with almost three times more applications than awards SWEEP supports farmers in their efforts to address constrained water resources and water quality Applications will be accepted, scored, and funded as they are received until January 18, 2022, or earlier if the \$50 million budget allocation is depleted.

For more details and to apply, please go to www.grants.ca.gov/grants/state-water-efficiency-and-enhancement-program-sweep/.



Division Four Board Representative Changes



Following the recent resignation of Director Carl Rindfleisch, the Rainbow Municipal Water District accepted applications from residents of Division 4 who were interested in being appointed to the District's governing board through November 15, 2021.

At a Special Board meeting on November 17, 2021, the Board unanimously appointed Bill Stewart to fill this vacancy at which time he was sworn into office and seated as the Director for Division 4. Director Stewart will serve for the remainder of the term though November 2022 at which time he may run for reelection. To find the division you are in and more about your representative please go to our website at www.rainbowmwd.com/your-board-of-directors.