

April 13, 2015

*Carpinteria Valley Water District  
1301 Santa Ynez Ave.  
Carpinteria, CA 93013*



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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
To Customers and Owners of Real Property About  
Proposed Water Rates and Charges Increases**

**When: Wednesday June 3, 2015 @ 5:30 pm**  
**Where: Carpinteria City Hall, 5775 Carpinteria Avenue, Carpinteria**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Carpinteria Valley Water District will hold a **public hearing** on Wednesday June 3, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in Carpinteria City Hall to consider increases in its Rates and Charges to address operational expenses in the **unit cost of water**, increases to the **monthly service charges** – including the **drought surcharges**, and continuation of a **temporary tiered rate structure for Agricultural customers** beginning with the July 2015 billing period.

**Proposed Rates and Charges increases are set forth in Tables I, II, III, and IV on page 3. Actual Rates and Charges increases adopted by the Board on June 3 could be lower.**

Effective July 1, 2015 the **monthly bill increase compared to the previous year** for a low water use residential customer using **6 units of water would be \$9.85**, and for a high use residential customer using **24 units of water, \$28.33**.

Please call the District @ 684-2816 ext. 117 if you would like to know more specifically how the proposed Water Rates changes are likely to affect your monthly bill.

If you oppose the **Rates and Charges increases (as shown in the Tables below)** please mail your written protest with *original signature* (no facsimiles) to the General Manager/Secretary of the Carpinteria Valley Water District at 1301 Santa Ynez Avenue, Carpinteria CA 93013, or deliver it prior to the close of the Public Hearing held by the Board of Directors at Carpinteria City Hall on Wednesday June 3, 2015.

**Any person attending the Hearing may present written or oral testimony.**

As specified in District Resolution No. 919 (March 23, 2011) legal property owners and District customers of record may protest these proposed increases. One written protest per parcel, submitted in accordance with the requirements below, will be counted as a protest for that parcel:

If you are a legal **property owner**, your protest *must* include the following information:

- (1) A statement indicating the specific rate and/or charge you are protesting.
- (2) The assessor's parcel number(s) *or* street address(es) of the identified parcel(s).
- (3) The printed name *and* original signature of the property owner of record.

If you are a District **customer of record**, your written protest *must* include the following information:

- (1) A statement indicating the specific rate and/or charge you are protesting.
- (2) The street address(es) where water service is delivered.
- (3) The printed name *and* original signature of the District customer of record.
- (4) Your ten-digit District account number(s).

To be counted, the written protest must be received by the District prior to the close of the Public Hearing on Wednesday June 3, 2015; or, if mailed, postmarked no later than June 3, 2015.

Pursuant to Article XIII D of the California Constitution, if written protests against the proposed fee increase or charge increase are presented by a majority of owners and/or customers of identified parcels served by the District, the District shall not impose the fee or charge increase.

Please call me, Charles Hamilton, General Manager/Secretary, @ 684-2816 ext. 112 if you have any questions about the Public Hearing process or the proposed Water Rates and Charges increases.



Charles B. Hamilton, General Manager/Secretary

*El Distrito es bilingue, para informacion sobre los aumentos favor de llamar a la oficina 805-684-2816*

*Resolution No. 919 can be found on the District website:*

*[www.cvwd.net/comm\\_public\\_info.htm](http://www.cvwd.net/comm_public_info.htm)*

*or at the District office: 1301 Santa Ynez Ave. Carpinteria CA, 93013*

*Proposed Water Rates and Monthly Service Charges effective July 1, 2015*

TABLE I

Water Rates (unit cost)							Difference \$
	Current			Proposed			
	Basic HCF	Pressure Zone I <sup>1</sup> HCF	Pressure Zone II <sup>2</sup> HCF	Basic HCF	Pressure Zone I <sup>1</sup> HCF	Pressure Zone II <sup>2</sup> HCF	
1 unit = 100 cubic feet (HCF) or 748 gallons							
Residential, Commercial, Industrial & Public Authority:							Water
BASE	\$3.12	\$3.35	\$3.57	\$3.40	\$3.66	\$3.84	\$0.28
MID LEVEL	\$4.05	\$4.28	\$4.50	\$5.00	\$5.26	\$5.44	\$0.95
PEAK	\$5.42	\$5.65	\$5.87	\$6.50	\$6.76	\$6.94	\$1.08
Agricultural / Irrigation:							
TIER 1	\$1.76	\$1.99	\$2.21	\$1.92	\$2.18	\$2.36	\$0.16
TIER 2	\$1.82	\$2.05	\$2.27	\$2.25	\$2.51	\$2.69	\$0.43
TIER 3	\$1.89	\$2.12	\$2.34	\$2.50	\$2.76	\$2.94	\$0.61
Residential Equivalency Fee:	\$18.68	/ month		\$26.99	/ month		\$8.31

<sup>1</sup> Pressure Zone I = Connections served by Gobernador Reservoir

<sup>2</sup> Pressure Zone II = Connections served by Shepard Mesa Tank

TABLE II

Monthly Basic, State Water Project and Drought Charges									Difference \$
Meter Size:	Current				Proposed				
	Basic	SWP	Drought	Total	Basic	SWP	Drought	Total	All Charges
5/8"	\$4.88	\$26.49	\$1.64	\$33.01	\$5.63	\$30.00	\$2.25	\$37.88	\$4.87
3/4"	\$4.88	\$26.49	\$1.64	\$33.01	\$5.63	\$30.00	\$2.25	\$37.88	\$4.87
1"	\$8.13	\$44.15	\$2.73	\$55.01	\$9.38	\$50.00	\$3.75	\$63.13	\$8.12
1 1/2"	\$16.25	\$88.30	\$5.45	\$110.00	\$18.75	\$100.00	\$7.50	\$126.25	\$16.25
2"	\$26.00	\$141.28	\$8.72	\$176.00	\$30.00	\$160.00	\$12.00	\$202.00	\$26.00
3"	\$52.00	\$282.56	\$17.44	\$352.00	\$60.00	\$320.00	\$24.00	\$404.00	\$52.00
4"	\$81.25	\$441.50	\$27.25	\$550.00	\$93.75	\$500.00	\$37.50	\$631.25	\$81.25
6"	\$162.50	\$883.00	\$54.50	\$1,100.00	\$187.50	\$1,000.00	\$75.00	\$1,262.50	\$162.50
8"	\$373.75	\$2,030.90	\$125.35	\$2,530.00	\$431.25	\$2,300.00	\$172.50	\$2,903.75	\$373.75

TABLE III

Monthly Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Charge				Monthly Drought Surcharge				All Charges				
Current		Proposed		Current		Proposed						
Rate:	\$2.75	per HCF	Rate:	\$2.95	per HCF	Rate:	\$0.10	per HCF	Rate:	\$0.40	per HCF	\$0.50
Minimum	\$16.50	6 HCF	Minimum	\$17.70	6 HCF	Minimum	\$0.60	6 HCF	Minimum	\$2.40	6 HCF	\$3.00
Maximum	\$275.00	100 HCF	Maximum	\$295.00	100 HCF	Maximum	\$10.00	100 HCF	Maximum	\$40.00	100 HCF	\$50.00

TABLE IV

Monthly Service Charges - Fire Accounts									Difference \$
Service Size:	Current				Proposed				
	Basic	SWP	Drought	Total	Basic	SWP	Drought	Total	All Charges
2"	\$3.25	\$17.66	\$1.09	\$22.00	\$3.75	\$20.00	\$1.50	\$25.25	\$3.25
3"	\$7.31	\$39.74	\$2.45	\$49.50	\$8.44	\$45.00	\$3.38	\$56.82	\$7.32
4"	\$13.00	\$70.64	\$4.36	\$88.00	\$15.00	\$80.00	\$6.00	\$101.00	\$13.00
6"	\$29.25	\$158.94	\$9.81	\$198.00	\$33.75	\$180.00	\$13.50	\$227.25	\$29.25
8"	\$52.00	\$282.56	\$17.44	\$352.00	\$60.00	\$320.00	\$24.00	\$404.00	\$52.00
10"	\$81.25	\$441.50	\$27.25	\$550.00	\$93.75	\$500.00	\$37.50	\$631.25	\$81.25

Table I. Water Rates

**Water Rates** refer to the unit cost of water, with one unit defined as 748 gallons or 100 cubic feet (HCF) of water.

Existing structure for most Residential, Commercial, Industrial and Public Authority customers:

- Base** is based on the 5-year Dec. to Mar. water consumption by account and/or dwelling unit; 6 HCF min.  
**Mid-Level** is equal to 20% of Base volume (July 1, 2015),  
**Peak** applies to all consumption in excess of Base + Mid-Level;

Tiered water rates for Agricultural customers:

- Tier 1** is based on the 5-year average monthly water consumption or pre-defined water need based on land use activity.  
**Tier 2** is equal to 20% of Tier 1 volume (July 1, 2015),  
**Tier 3** applies to all consumption in excess of Tier 1 + Tier 2

Table II. Monthly Basic, State Water Project and Drought Surcharge Charges

**Monthly Service Charges** for individually metered dwelling units or structures include:

- 1) A **Basic** component to fund ongoing infrastructure replacement and improvements as well as the Cachuma Project Authority Bonds. This charge varies with meter size.
- 2) A State Water Project or **SWP** component to fund 100% of the District's SWP debt obligation. This charge varies with meter size.
- 3) A **Drought Surcharge** component to help fund increased costs associated with the current drought emergency. This charge varies with meter size.

**Monthly Service Charges** for master metered customers are adjusted individually by a Dwelling Equivalency (DEQ) charge. The DEQ charge appears only on the bills of master metered accounts. It equalizes the SWP and Drought Surcharge charges for all dwelling units served by master meters to the level of a 3/4" meter.

Table III. Monthly Capital Improvement Program and Drought Surcharge Charges

The Capital Improvement Program or **CIP** charge pays the District's debt obligations associated with projects that help the District meet current and proposed drinking water quality standards set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and enforced by the California Department of Public Health. The **Drought Surcharge** component will help fund increased costs associated with the current drought emergency. These charges are based on 5-year average monthly water use.

Table IV. Monthly Service Charges for Fire Service

**Monthly Service Charges for Fire Service** include the Basic, SWP and Drought Surcharge components but not the CIP component.