



April 8, 2020

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

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

**When: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 @ 5:30 pm**  
**Where: Carpinteria City Hall, 5775 Carpinteria Avenue, Carpinteria**

The Board of Directors of the Carpinteria Valley Water District will hold a **public hearing** on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in Carpinteria City Hall to consider increases in its Rates and Charges.

**The District is proposing increases to the unit cost of water, the Basic monthly charge and the Capital Improvement Program charge and the implementation of a new AG O&M charge for agricultural accounts. A decrease in the metered drought surcharge is also proposed for Fiscal Year 2020-21.** The proposed changes to the Rates and Charges are shown below on page 3. Actual Rates and Charges increases adopted by the Board on May 27 could be lower.

Please call the District @ 805-684-2816 ext. 117 if you would like to know 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, May 27, 2020.

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

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.

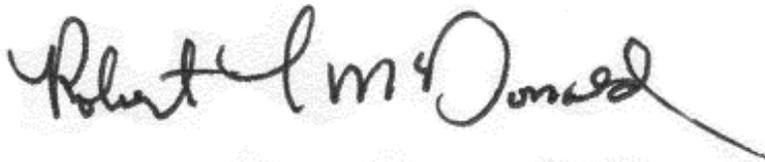
If you are a District **customer of record**, your written protest **must** include the following information:

- (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, May 27, 2020; or, if mailed, postmarked no later than May 27, 2020.

If written protests against the proposed fee 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, Bob McDonald, General Manager, @ 805-263-4826 if you have any questions about the Public Hearing process or the proposed Water Rates and Charges increases.



General Manager

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

*The District's governing Resolution No. 919 can be found on the District website:*

*[www.cvwd.net/pdf/about/public\\_info/resolution919.pdf](http://www.cvwd.net/pdf/about/public_info/resolution919.pdf)*

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

*Proposed Water Rates and Monthly Service Charges effective July 1, 2020*

TABLE I

Water Rates (unit cost)							Difference \$	
	Current FY2020			Proposed FY2021				
	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 <sup>3</sup>	\$3.83	\$4.09	\$4.27	\$3.90	\$4.13	\$4.37	\$0.07
	PEAK	\$5.02	\$5.28	\$5.46	\$5.12	\$5.35	\$5.59	\$0.10
Agricultural/ Irrigation:								
	UNIFORM	\$1.95	\$2.21	\$2.39	\$1.97	\$2.20	\$2.44	\$0.02
Residential Equivalency Fee:		\$16.92	/ month		\$17.37	/ month		\$0.45

<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 FY2020				Proposed FY2021				
	Basic	SWP <sup>5</sup>	Drought <sup>6</sup>	Total	Basic	SWP <sup>5</sup>	Drought <sup>6</sup>	Total	
3/4"	\$13.56	\$33.56	\$2.27	\$49.39	\$14.28	\$33.56	\$0.54	\$48.38	-\$1.01
1"	\$22.60	\$55.93	\$3.78	\$82.31	\$23.80	\$55.93	\$0.90	\$80.63	-\$1.68
1 1/2"	\$45.20	\$111.85	\$7.55	\$164.60	\$47.60	\$111.85	\$1.80	\$161.25	-\$3.35
2"	\$72.32	\$178.96	\$12.08	\$263.36	\$76.16	\$178.96	\$2.88	\$258.00	-\$5.36
3"	\$144.64	\$357.92	\$24.16	\$526.72	\$152.32	\$357.92	\$5.76	\$516.00	-\$10.72
4"	\$226.00	\$559.25	\$37.75	\$823.00	\$238.00	\$559.25	\$9.00	\$806.25	-\$16.75
6"	\$452.00	\$1,118.50	\$75.50	\$1,646.00	\$476.00	\$1,118.50	\$18.00	\$1,612.50	-\$33.50

TABLE IIIa M&I

Monthly Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Charge			Monthly Drought Surcharge <sup>6</sup>			Difference \$
Current FY2020			Proposed FY2021			
Rate:	per HCF		Rate:	per HCF		
\$2.90			\$3.20			\$0.30
Minimum \$17.40	6 HCF		Minimum \$19.20	6 HCF		\$1.80
Maximum \$290.00	100 HCF		Maximum \$400.00	125 HCF		\$122.50

TABLE IIIb AG

Monthly Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Charge			Monthly Drought Surcharge <sup>6</sup>			Difference \$
Current FY2020			Proposed FY2021			
Rate:	per res		Rate:	per res		
\$25.65			\$28.80			\$3.15

The CIP rate, and Drought Surcharge are multiplied by the 5-year monthly average water consumption by account. The MINIMUM monthly charge is 6 HCF per dwelling unit or account. The MAXIMUM monthly charge is proposed to be 125 HCF per dwelling unit or account.

TABLE IV

Monthly AG O&M Charge			Difference \$
Meter Size:	Current FY2020	Proposed FY2021	
3/4"	0.00	\$6.78	\$6.78
1"	0.00	\$11.30	\$11.30
1 1/2"	0.00	\$22.60	\$22.60
2"	0.00	\$36.16	\$36.16
3"	0.00	\$72.32	\$72.32
4"	0.00	\$113.00	\$113.00
6"	0.00	\$226.00	\$226.00

TABLE V

Monthly Service Charges - Fire Accounts								Difference \$	
Service Size:	Current FY2020				Proposed FY2021				
	Basic	SWP <sup>5</sup>	Drought <sup>6</sup>	Total	Basic	SWP <sup>5</sup>	Drought <sup>6</sup>	Total	
2"	\$9.04	\$22.37	\$1.51	\$32.92	\$9.52	\$22.37	\$0.36	\$32.25	-\$0.67
3"	\$20.34	\$50.33	\$3.40	\$74.07	\$21.42	\$50.33	\$0.81	\$72.56	-\$1.51
4"	\$36.16	\$89.48	\$6.04	\$131.68	\$38.08	\$89.48	\$1.44	\$129.00	-\$2.68
6"	\$81.36	\$201.33	\$13.59	\$296.28	\$85.68	\$201.33	\$3.24	\$290.25	-\$6.03
8"	\$144.64	\$357.92	\$24.16	\$526.72	\$152.32	\$357.92	\$5.76	\$516.00	-\$10.72
10"	\$226.00	\$559.25	\$37.75	\$823.00	\$238.00	\$559.25	\$9.00	\$806.25	-\$16.75

### Table I. Water Rates (definitions)

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

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

**Base Tier** is based on the 5-year (Dec. to Mar.) water consumption by account and/or dwelling unit; this calculation has a 6 HCF min.

**Peak Tier pricing** applies to all consumption in excess of Base;

Existing Water Rate structure for Agricultural customers:

**Uniform** all water charged at uniform rate;

Agricultural customers with residential units pay a Residential Equivalency fee that covers drinking water treatment related costs.

### 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 residential units served by a master meter are adjusted to the service level of a  $\frac{3}{4}$ " meter. The SWP / DEQ charge appears only on the bills of master metered accounts. It equalizes the SWP charge for all dwelling units served by master meters. The drought surcharges are applied on a per residence basis.

### 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 helping the District meet current and proposed drinking water quality standards set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and enforced by the California State Water Board. The **Drought Surcharge** component helps fund increased costs associated with the current drought emergency. These charges are based on 5-year average monthly water use. All agricultural residences pay these charges based on the single-family monthly average water use.

### Table IV. Monthly O&M Charge for Agricultural Accounts

The AG O&M charge appears only on the bills of agricultural accounts. This charge funds certain District operations and maintenance costs that are collected by other customer classes through the Capital Improvement Program charge.

### Table V. 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.