



April 21, 2023

*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, June 28, 2023 @ 5:30 pm**

**Where: Carpinteria City Hall, 5775 Carpinteria Ave, Carpinteria, CA 93013**

The Board of Directors of the Carpinteria Valley Water District will hold a **Public Hearing** on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. to consider increases in its Rates and Charges for fiscal year 2024, fiscal year 2025, and fiscal year 2026.

**The District is proposing changes, in some cases increases, to**

- 1. the Unit cost of water,**
- 2. the Basic monthly charge and State Water Project Charge,**
- 3. the Capital Improvement Program charge for non-agricultural customers,**
- 4. the AG O&M charge for agricultural customers,**
- 5. the Fire Service charges, and**
- 6. the Drought Rates.**

Inflationary pressures, increases in water treatment costs and the Carpinteria Advanced Purification Project (CAPP) are the primary drivers of rate increases for the fiscal years covered under this notice.

The proposed changes to the Rates and Charges are shown below on pages 3-5. Actual Rates and Charges adopted by the Board on June 28 could be lower than stated in this notice. This District determines rate changes using a Cost of Service model which is available for review upon request. The total bill resulting from the new rates and charges may be lower or higher from previous years for different customers.

Please call the District @ 805-684-2816 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 June 28, 2023.

**All mailed protests must be received by June 28, 2023 at 5:00 pm. Written protests submitted during the Public Hearing must be submitted to the Board Secretary at Carpinteria City Hall before the Public Hearing concludes.**

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); and
- (3) the printed name *and* original signature of the property owner of record.

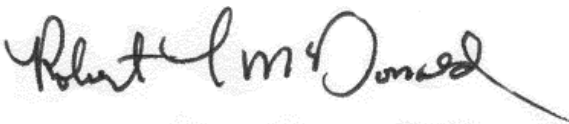
If you are a District **customer of record**, your written protest *must* include the following information:

- (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; and
- (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 28, 2023; or, if mailed, received by the District no later than 5:00pm on June 28, 2023. The District will tabulate protests at the close of the public meeting.

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, at 805-263-4826 if you have any questions about the Public Hearing process or the proposed Water Rates and Charges increases, which are required to fund the cost of providing safe and reliable water service, including the District's operating costs, capital projects, and debt service.



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:*

<https://cvwd.net/documents/resolution919.pdf>

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

*Proposed Water Rates and Monthly Service Charges effective July billing period*

**Table I – Water Rates**

	Current FY 2023			Proposed FY 2024			Proposed FY 2025			Proposed FY 2026		
	Base	PZ I	PZ II	Base	PZ I	PZ II	Base	PZ I	PZ II	Base	PZ I	PZ II
<i>1 unit = 100 cubic feet (HCF) or 748 gallons</i>	HCF	HCF	HCF	HCF	HCF	HCF	HCF	HCF	HCF	HCF	HCF	HCF
<b>Residential</b>												
Tier 1	\$3.26	\$3.50	\$3.75	\$4.79	\$5.13	\$5.47	\$5.15	\$5.52	\$5.89	\$5.54	\$5.94	\$6.34
Tier 2	\$4.93	\$5.17	\$5.42	\$5.10	\$5.44	\$5.78	\$5.49	\$5.86	\$6.23	\$5.91	\$6.31	\$6.71
Tier 3	\$5.67	\$5.91	\$6.16	\$6.34	\$6.68	\$7.02	\$6.82	\$7.19	\$7.56	\$7.34	\$7.74	\$8.14
<b>Commercial, Industrial, Public Authority, Hospitality</b>												
Base	\$3.76	\$4.00	\$4.25	\$4.83	\$5.17	\$5.51	\$5.20	\$5.57	\$5.94	\$5.59	\$5.99	\$6.39
Peak	\$6.06	\$6.30	\$6.55	\$6.26	\$6.60	\$6.94	\$6.73	\$7.10	\$7.47	\$7.24	\$7.64	\$8.04
<b>Agricultural Irrigation</b>												
Uniform Residential Equivalency Fee	\$2.02	\$2.26	\$2.51	\$2.15	\$2.49	\$2.83	\$2.32	2.69	3.06	\$2.50	\$2.90	\$3.30
	\$17.24	per month		\$26.08			\$28.04			\$30.15		

*PZ1 = Pressure Zone I, PZ2 = Pressure Zone II*

**Table II – Basic and State Water Project Charges**

Meter Size	Current FY 2023			Proposed FY 2024			Proposed FY 2025			Proposed FY 2026		
	Basic	SWP	Total	Basic	SWP	Total	Basic	SWP	Total	Basic	SWP	Total
3/4"	\$9.61	\$32.42	\$42.03	\$9.83	\$35.55	\$45.38	\$10.57	\$38.22	\$48.79	\$11.37	\$41.09	\$52.46
1"	\$13.35	\$54.02	\$67.37	\$13.19	\$59.24	\$72.43	\$14.18	\$63.69	\$77.87	\$15.25	\$68.47	\$83.72
1 1/2"	\$22.68	\$108.04	\$130.72	\$21.61	\$118.48	\$140.09	\$23.24	\$127.37	\$150.61	\$24.99	\$136.93	\$161.92
2"	\$33.87	\$172.87	\$206.74	\$31.70	\$189.57	\$221.27	\$34.08	\$203.79	\$237.87	\$36.64	\$219.08	\$255.72
3"	\$69.32	\$378.16	\$447.48	\$63.68	\$414.68	\$478.36	\$68.46	\$445.79	\$514.25	\$73.60	\$479.23	\$552.83
4"	\$121.57	\$680.68	\$802.25	\$110.80	\$746.41	\$857.21	\$119.11	\$802.40	\$921.51	\$128.05	\$862.58	\$990.63
6"	\$246.59	\$1,404.58	\$1,651.17	\$223.56	\$1,540.21	1,763.77	\$240.33	\$1,655.73	1,896.06	\$258.36	\$1,779.91	2,038.27
Multi-family residential	\$9.61	\$15.67	\$25.28	\$9.83	\$16.57	\$26.40	\$10.57	\$17.82	\$28.39	\$11.37	\$19.16	\$30.53
Master meter residential	Varies by Meter Size	\$15.67		Varies by Meter Size	\$16.57		Varies by Meter Size	\$17.82		Varies by Meter Size	\$19.16	
Hospitality	Varies by Meter Size	NA		Varies by Meter Size	\$9.03		Varies by Meter Size	\$9.71		Varies by Meter Size	\$10.44	

**Table III – Capital Improvement Program Charges**

	<b>Current FY 2023</b>		<b>Proposed FY 2024</b>		<b>Proposed FY 2025</b>		<b>Proposed FY 2026</b>	
Rate	\$4.63	per HCF	\$5.58	per HCF	\$6.00	per HCF	\$6.45	per HCF
Minimum	\$27.78	6 HCF	\$22.32	4 HCF	\$24.00	4 HCF	\$25.80	4 HCF
Maximum	\$1,157.50	250 HCF	\$1,395.00	250 HCF	\$1,500.00	250 HCF	\$1,612.50	250 HCF

**Table IV – Agriculture Operation & Maintenance Charges**

<b>Meter Size</b>	<b>Current FY 2023</b>	<b>Proposed FY 2024</b>	<b>Proposed FY 2025</b>	<b>Proposed FY 2026</b>
3/4"	\$40.54	\$42.32	\$45.50	\$48.92
1"	\$67.56	\$70.54	\$75.84	\$81.53
1 1/2"	\$135.11	\$141.07	\$151.66	\$163.04
2"	\$216.18	\$225.71	\$242.64	\$260.84
3"	\$472.88	\$493.74	\$530.78	\$570.59
4"	\$851.18	\$888.72	\$955.38	\$1,027.04
6"	\$1,756.41	\$1,833.87	\$1,971.42	\$2,119.28

**Table V – Fire Service Charges**

<b>Fireline Size</b>	<b>Current FY 2023</b>	<b>Proposed FY 2024</b>	<b>Proposed FY 2025</b>	<b>Proposed FY 2026</b>
2"	\$15.32	\$13.38	\$14.39	\$15.47
3"	\$36.85	\$29.77	\$32.01	\$34.42
4"	\$73.99	\$58.04	\$62.40	\$67.08
6"	\$207.27	\$159.49	\$171.46	\$184.32
8"	\$437.16	\$334.48	\$359.57	\$386.54
10"	\$782.97	\$597.69	\$642.52	\$690.71

**Table VI a – Under a Stage 1 Variable Drought Rates**

	<b>Current FY 2023</b>	<b>Proposed FY 2024</b>	<b>Proposed FY 2025</b>	<b>Proposed FY 2026</b>
1 unit = 100 HCF or 748 Gal	HCF	HCF	HCF	HCF
<b>Residential</b>				
Tier 1	\$0.26	\$0.22	\$0.24	\$0.26
Tier 2	\$0.39	\$0.23	\$0.25	\$0.27
Tier 3	\$0.45	\$0.29	\$0.32	\$0.35
<b>Commercial, Industrial, Public Authority, Hospitality</b>				
Base	\$0.30	\$0.22	\$0.24	\$0.26
Peak	\$0.48	\$0.28	\$0.31	\$0.34
<b>Agricultural Irrigation</b>	\$0.16	\$0.10	\$0.11	\$0.12

**Table VI b – Under a Stage 1 Fixed Drought Rates**

Meter Size	Current FY 2023	Proposed FY 2024	Proposed FY 2025	Proposed FY 2026
3/4"	\$6.45	\$5.05	\$5.43	\$5.84
1"	\$10.75	\$8.42	\$9.06	\$9.74
1 1/2"	\$21.50	\$16.83	\$18.10	\$19.46
2"	\$34.39	\$26.93	\$28.95	\$31.13
3"	\$75.24	\$58.89	\$63.31	\$68.06
4"	\$135.43	\$106.00	\$113.95	\$122.50
6"	\$279.46	\$218.73	\$235.14	\$252.78

**Table VI c – Under a Stage 2 Variable Drought Rates**

	Current FY 2023	Proposed FY 2024	Proposed FY 2025	Proposed FY 2026
1 unit = 100 HCF or 748 Gal	HCF	HCF	HCF	HCF
<b>Residential</b>				
Tier 1	NA	\$0.51	\$0.55	\$0.60
Tier 2	NA	\$0.54	\$0.59	\$0.64
Tier 3	NA	\$0.67	\$0.73	\$0.79
<b>Commercial, Industrial &amp; Public Authority, Hospitality</b>				
Base	NA	\$0.51	\$0.55	\$0.60
Peak	NA	\$0.66	\$0.71	\$0.77
<b>Agricultural Irrigation</b>	NA	\$0.23	\$0.25	\$0.27

**Table VI d – Under a Stage 2 Fixed Drought Rates**

Meter Size	Current FY 2023	Proposed FY 2024	Proposed FY 2025	Proposed FY 2026
3/4"	NA	\$10.39	\$11.17	\$12.01
1"	NA	\$17.32	\$18.62	\$20.02
1 1/2"	NA	\$34.63	\$37.23	\$40.03
2"	NA	\$55.40	\$59.56	\$64.03
3"	NA	\$121.18	\$130.27	\$140.05
4"	NA	\$218.12	\$234.48	\$252.07
6"	NA	\$450.09	\$483.85	\$520.14

**Water Rates & Charges Notes & Definitions**

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

**Pressure Zone I** refers to connections served by Gobernador Reservoir.

**Pressure Zone II** refers to connections served by Shepard Mesa Tank.

**Table I - Notes on Water Rates**

For **Commercial, Industrial, Public Authority, and Hospitality** accounts the structure of the rates are unchanged and are as follows:

The **Base Tier** is based on the 5-year (December to March) water consumption by account and/or dwelling unit.

The **Peak Tier** pricing applies to all consumption in excess of the Base Tier.

For **Agricultural** accounts the structure of the rates is unchanged and are as follows:

All water is charged at a uniform rate.

Agricultural customers with residential units pay a **Residential Equivalency fee** that covers drinking water treatment related costs equivalent to 9 units per month.

For **Residential** accounts the structure of the rates is unchanged and are as follows:

**Tier 1** is based on efficient indoor use for a three-person household.

**Tier 2** is based on average summer use (June to September) of the Residential class.

**Tier 3** pricing applies to all consumption in excess of Tier 2 use.

### **Table II - Notes on Basic and State Water Project Charges**

The Basic component funds costs associated with meter maintenance, customer service, and billing. The State Water Project component funds 100% of the District's SWP debt obligation. Implementation of these monthly service components varies by meter size account class.

**For all individually metered dwelling units or structures**, the Basic component and SWP component are charged by meter size.

**For all dwelling units classified as Multi-Family (MFR)** (i.e., individually metered) the SWP component is adjusted to the service level of approximately half of a ¾" meter. The Basic component is equal to the full charge on a ¾" meter.

**For all dwelling units classified as Master Meter Residential (MMR)** the SWP component is adjusted to the service level of approximately half of a ¾" meter per dwelling unit. The Basic component for master meter accounts is charged by meter size.

**For all dwelling units classified as Hospitality** the SWP component is adjusted to the service level of approximately ¼ of a ¾" meter per dwelling unit. The Basic component for master meter accounts is charged by meter size.

### **Table III - Notes on Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Charges**

The Capital Improvement Program or **CIP** charge pays the District's non-SWP debt obligations and capital project costs that help the District meet drinking water quality standards set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and enforced by the California State Water Board. These charges are based on 5-year average monthly water use, subject to a minimum of 4 HCF and a maximum of 250 HCF per month.

### **Table IV - Notes on Agricultural Operation & Maintenance (AG O&M) Charges**

The **AG O&M** charge appears only on the bills of agricultural accounts. This charge funds the portion of costs that are collected from other customer classes through the **CIP** charge. These charges fund non-SWP debt obligations and capital projects for repair and replacement of water system infrastructure that is necessary to maintain the District's level of service. These charges are based on meter size.

### **Table V - Notes on Charges for Fire Service**

Charges for **Fire Service** recover costs associated with providing private fire protection. These charges are based on fire-line size.

### **Table VI - Drought Rates and Charges**

The proposed rate structure will include **fixed and variable drought surcharges** for stage 1 and stage 2 drought conditions. These charges recover revenue losses from demand reduction, water supply costs related to groundwater basin recovery. Other drought related costs include variable costs associated with State Water deliveries, costs associated with the Lake Cachuma EFP Secure Pipeline Project, and costs associated with supplemental water supply purchases.