

SECTION 28

CONNECTION FEES AND CHARGES FOR POTABLE OR RECYCLED WATER SERVICE

28.01 COLLECTION OF FEES AND CHARGES

A. Fees and Charges to be paid by the Customer.

The following fees and charges shall be paid by the customer to connect to a District water system for potable water or recycled water service; these are in addition to the fees and charges in Section 9 and 25. Fees and charges shall include, but not be limited to, District fees, San Diego County Water Authority fees, and charges for work performed by District personnel on behalf of the customer. These charges may include the installation by District personnel of a water service lateral, and inspections required due to the requirement of a back flow device. These charges may also include a meter fee, installation fee (where laterals exist), lateral fee, meter box fee, and excavation permit fee.

B. Basis for Determination of Connection Fees and Charges.

The fees and charges shall be determined as follows:

For permanent water meters, including potable or recycled irrigation service, the total water connection fee shall be determined on the basis of the demand to be placed on the District water system. The extent of demand will be determined on the basis of the size of the water meter, as set forth in Section 27 of the Code. For individually metered residential fire service, as outlined in Section 38.03 of the Code, the size and fee would be set based on water use requirements without additional fire capacity. The water connection fee will be determined by multiplying the demand factor for the meter size, as set forth below, by the total of the District-wide capacity fee.

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Demand Factor</u>
3/4"	1
1	2-1/2
1-1/2"	5
2"	8
3"	16
4"	25
6"	50
8"	80
10"	115

1. The District-wide capacity fee shall constitute the "base rate." For fees or charges after October 1, 2014, the base rate shall be adjusted quarterly for fluctuations in construction costs, as measured by the *Engineering News Record Construction Cost Index for the Los Angeles Region*. The ENR Construction Cost Index of 10,739.43 (as of June 1, 2014) shall be deemed the "base index." The adjustment shall be in an amount equal to the percentage change in the ENR Construction Cost Index from the base index for the period from June 1, 2014 to the date of payment. (See Appendix A, Section 28 for fees.)

2. The District-wide new water supply fee shall constitute the "base rate." For fees or charges after October 1, 2014, the base rate shall be adjusted quarterly for fluctuations in construction costs, as measured by the *Engineering News Record Construction Cost Index for the Los Angeles Region*. The ENR Construction Cost Index of 10,739.43 (as of June 1, 2014) shall be deemed the "base index." The adjustment shall be in an amount equal to the percentage change in the ENR Construction Cost Index from the base index for the period from June 1, 2014 to the date of payment. (See Appendix A, Section 28 for fees.)

28.02

INSTALLATION CHARGES FOR WATER METER AND WATER SERVICE LATERALS

The determination of the water meter or service lateral size shall be based upon the information provided by the customer as detailed in Section 27 of the Code. The meter fees and installation charges are set forth in Appendix A, Section 28.

Where a new water lateral is required, a customized, written estimate of the District's costs will be prepared.

The customer shall deposit the estimated costs with the District prior to commencement of the work. If actual costs incurred by the District are less than the amount deposited, the District shall refund the excess to the customer. If the actual costs incurred exceed the amount deposited, the customer shall reimburse the District for the additional costs.

- A. The meter fees and installation charges shall be set effective September 1, 2012, and then adjusted in the same manner as capacity fees as described in Section 28.01 B.1 above (See Appendix A, Section 28 for fees).

28.03

METER FEE REFUND

- A. If a water meter/service has been paid for but not installed, a customer may receive a refund of the District's capacity fee and charges. If San Diego County Water Authority capacity fees have been paid to San Diego County Water Authority, the customer shall request a refund from San Diego County Water Authority.
- B. If the customer wants to change the meter/service size, they will be credited with the number of equivalent dwelling units they have previously purchased and will be refunded any balance per Section 28.03 A, above. If additional equivalent dwelling units are required, the customer will be charged based on 28.01 and 28.02.
- C. If a water meter/service has been previously paid and installed, and the customer requests a different meter size, the customer shall pay for the new meter and installation fees, plus any differential in capacity and new water supply fees as described in Section 28.03 B above.