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## **Notice of Landscape, Agricultural, and Construction Water Rate Increase**

### **NOTICE OF INCREASED WATER RATES AND CHARGES EFFECTIVE FOR WATER BILLED IN JANUARY 2017**

Dear Customer,

An overall average rate increase of 5.0 percent was approved by the Otay Water District (the "District") as part of the annual budget adoption process completed in May 2016. **The new water rates and charges will apply to water billed beginning January 1, 2017. Depending on your billing cycle, the new rates and charges will apply to water used as early as the beginning of December 2016. This letter serves as a 30-day notice of rate increases.**

The District is a revenue-neutral public agency. To continue providing reliable high-quality service the District must implement rate increases and pass-through to its customers higher costs from wholesale water suppliers. One-hundred percent of this increase is a direct result of higher costs from suppliers that include the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD), San Diego County Water Authority (CWA), and the City of San Diego.

On September 4, 2013, the District adopted a five-year schedule of rates in compliance with applicable provisions of the law. This increase is within the limits approved in the five-year schedule of rates.

Rate increases cover the cost of acquiring imported water from the Colorado River and Northern California. Otay's Water wholesaler, CWA has raised its rates primarily due to higher costs from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, although they also incorporate higher costs for drought-proof water supplies from the Carlsbad Desalination Plant. CWA rates were also impacted by state-mandated reductions in water use that decreased sales more than earlier projections.

For its part, the District continues to work to reduce internal costs including reducing the number of full-time employees and institutes efficiency programs that help reduce the impact of higher rates from suppliers. The District also continually strives to be among the lower cost water service providers in San Diego County. For more information about District-wide efforts to streamline operations, go to [www.otaywater.gov](http://www.otaywater.gov) or contact us at [info@otaywater.gov](mailto:info@otaywater.gov).

Customers interested in learning ways in which they can reduce their water use to minimize the effects of this rate increase can visit the District's conservation pages at [www.otaywater.gov](http://www.otaywater.gov). The District provides information on rebates, incentives, water audits, and other resources to help customers save water.

In addition, the Water Conservation Garden in Rancho San Diego is open to the public and offers various conservation exhibits and classes to help you save water. Please visit the Water Conservation Garden, or go to [www.thegarden.org](http://www.thegarden.org).

## Consumption Blocks by Unit and System Fees by Meter Size

### Water Usage Fee<sup>1</sup> - Landscape, Agricultural, and Construction Water (3/4" to 1" meter)

Consumption Blocks (units) <sup>1</sup>	Current	New
0 - 54	\$4.78	\$5.68
55 - 199	\$4.83	\$5.74
200 or more	\$4.89	\$5.81

### Water Usage Fee<sup>1</sup> - Landscape, Agricultural, and Construction Water (1 1/2" to 2" meter)

Consumption Blocks (units) <sup>1</sup>	Current	New
0 - 144	\$4.78	\$5.68
145 - 355	\$4.83	\$5.74
356 or more	\$4.89	\$5.81

### Water Usage Fee<sup>1</sup> - Landscape, Agricultural, and Construction Water (3"+ meter)

Consumption Blocks (units) <sup>1</sup>	Current	New
0 - 550	\$4.78	\$5.68
551 - 1,200	\$4.83	\$5.74
1,201 or more	\$4.89	\$5.81

Meter Size	Current			New		
	System Fee <sup>2</sup>	MWD/CWA <sup>2</sup>	Total	System Fee <sup>2</sup>	MWD/CWA <sup>2</sup>	Total
3/4"	\$18.91	\$16.84	\$35.75	\$15.91	\$15.00	\$30.91
1"	\$26.71	\$31.24	\$57.95	\$22.47	\$27.84	\$50.31
1 1/2"	\$46.22	\$70.66	\$116.88	\$38.88	\$62.96	\$101.84
2"	\$69.61	\$120.17	\$189.78	\$58.55	\$107.08	\$165.63
3"	\$132.02	\$255.60	\$387.62	\$111.04	\$227.75	\$338.79
4"	\$202.24	\$409.32	\$611.56	\$170.10	\$364.72	\$534.82
6"	\$397.31	\$837.89	\$1,235.20	\$334.18	\$746.59	\$1,080.77
8"	\$631.37	\$1,353.09	\$1,984.46	\$531.05	\$1,205.65	\$1,736.70
10"	\$904.44	\$1,947.62	\$2,852.06	\$760.72	\$1,735.39	\$2,496.11

## Other Charges

	Current	New
Energy Charges <sup>3</sup>	\$0.072	\$0.044
Government Fee <sup>4</sup>	\$0.37	\$0.41
Fire Service < 3" meter <sup>5</sup>	\$24.69	\$20.77
Fire Service >4" meter <sup>5</sup>	\$33.27	\$27.98

## Footnotes

- This rate is a per unit charge. Customers outside the Otay Water District, an Improvement District, or using temporary meters pay two times this rate. One unit of consumption equals 748 gallons of water.
- These fees vary based on the meter size. The MWD/CWA fee is increasing to match the cost from the District's water suppliers. The System Fee pays for betterment, replacement, and maintenance of water system infrastructure, as well as operating expenses. The system fee is decreasing reflecting the lower funding of reserves.
- The Energy Charge represents the cost of energy required to pump each unit of water 100 feet in elevation. This is charged proportionately for every foot of elevation over 450 feet.
- This charge is a per unit charge in lieu of tax revenues paid by non-government customers.
- Fire Service requires a separate meter and is a monthly fee based on meter size.

*This information reflects only changes to rates. For a comprehensive listing, please see the Otay Water District's Code of Ordinances at [www.otaywater.gov](http://www.otaywater.gov).*