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**QUICK REFERENCE FOR FEES AND CHARGES**

Effective January 1, 2019 (For Water Used Beginning November 1, 2018)

**I. BILLING**

**1. Regular**

Bills are rendered bimonthly on all permanent meters. For payment of current and past due bills, see the policies and procedures manual.

**2. Temporary Meters**

Bills are rendered monthly on all temporary meters.

**II. CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE**

**1. Base Charge**

All permanent meter installations shall be subject to the following base charges whether or not water is used:

Meter Size	Each Billing
5/8"	\$ 49.32
3/4"	\$ 49.32
1"	\$ 72.08
1½"	\$ 128.95
2"	\$ 197.19
3"	\$ 413.29
4"	\$ 731.75
6"	\$ 1,493.81
8"	\$ 3,199.88

Base charges for initial and closing bills may be prorated on a daily basis.

**2. Fire Service Lateral Charge** will be billed a fixed bimonthly base charge based on the size of the fire service lateral serving the property and no commodity charge.

Lateral Size	Each Billing
3/4"	\$ 10.03
1"	\$ 13.37
2"	\$ 26.73
4"	\$ 53.45
6"	\$ 80.17
8"	\$ 106.89
10"	\$ 133.62

**3. Commodity Charge** is a unit charge for the amount of water used. This charge includes water purchases, treatment, pumping and other costs attributable directly to the amount of water used.

(Commodity Charge continued)

a. Domestic class will be billed based on the units used in each of the following tiers:

Units	01/01/19 Cost Per Unit	03/01/19* Cost Per Unit
0-14	\$4.78	\$4.82
15-34	\$5.61	\$5.65
35+	\$6.99	\$7.03

b. Multi-Family class will be billed per unit for all units used.

01/01/19 Cost Per Unit	03/01/19* Cost Per Unit
\$5.43	\$5.47

c. Government and commercial classes will be billed per unit for all units used.

01/01/19 Cost Per Unit	03/01/19* Cost Per Unit
\$5.49	\$5.53

d. Irrigation class will be assigned a water budget and will be billed based on the units used in each of the following tiers:

Units	01/01/19 Cost Per Unit	03/01/19* Cost Per Unit
Up to 100% of Budget	\$5.61	\$5.65
101% + of Budget	\$6.99	\$7.03

\*Reflects the increase in the cost of water from the district's water wholesaler, the San Diego County Water Authority.

**4. Temporary Meter Charge**

Any person requesting a temporary water meter for construction or other purposes shall pay temporary meter charges and for the water used.

- a. Deposit . . . . . \$2,953.00
- b. Cost of Installation . . . . . \$161.00
- c. Temporary Meter Commodity Charge:

01/01/19 Cost Per Unit	03/01/19* Cost Per Unit
\$5.49	\$5.53

d. Monthly Base Charge . . . . . \$206.65  
(1/2 of the 3" base charge)

The following items shall be deducted from the meter deposit charge when the meter is removed from service:

- a. Final read and removal costs . . . . . \$85.00
- b. The fee for each meter relocation since the last billing period . . . . . \$161.00
- c. Any unpaid water charges.
- d. The cost of any repairs required, materials lost or damaged and missing meters since the last billing period.
- e. Unauthorized Meter Relocation . . \$197.00

**III. INSTALLATION CHARGES**

**1. Charges for Meter**

- a. Meter Costs and Installation Fees

Size	Installation Fees	Meter Cost	Total
3/4"	\$120.00	\$143.00	\$263.00
1"	\$120.00	\$199.00	\$319.00
1-1/2"	\$143.00	\$505.00	\$648.00
2"	\$143.00	\$726.00	\$869.00

The district will be reimbursed the actual cost for the installation, abandonment and/or relocation of meters and laterals. A deposit based upon a field estimate will be collected to cover the associated costs of the work.

- Reduction of meter size on existing lateral will be equal to the applicable meter cost and meter installation fee.
- Increase in meter size will be equal to the applicable meter cost and installation fee, plus the difference between the applicable Helix Water District capacity fees and San Diego County Water Authority charge for the existing meter size and the proposed meter size.

**2. Charges for Fire Hydrants and Fire Service Laterals**

Fire hydrants and fire service laterals installed by district forces shall be at actual cost.

**3. Capacity Fee/Charge**

The current Helix Water District capacity fee and San Diego County Water Authority capacity charge will be collected as required.

**4. Encroachment Permits**

A fee will be collected for encroachment permits issued to the district by other agencies.

**IV. SERVICE CHARGES**

- 1. Shutoff Fee \$ 47.00
- 2. Service Call Charge \$ 26.00
- 3. Same Day Service Call Charge \$ 47.00
- 4. Charge for Returned Payments \$ 33.00
- 5. Meter Reinstatement Fee \$114.00
- 6. After Hours Unlock Fee \$164.00
- 7. Shutoff Fee for Backflow Noncompliance \$144.00
- 8. Metered Unauthorized Usage \$ 56.00

**V. DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE**

- 1. Service may be discontinued by the district when charges remain unpaid beyond the due date, or at the customer's request.
- 2. The district may remove meters where service has been discontinued for one year. A meter restoration fee will be required to reinstate the meter.
- 3. If a customer has more than one water account, any active account may be subject to disconnection for unpaid charges from a terminated account of the customer.

**VI. RESTORATION OF SERVICE**

- 1. When the customer applies for restoration of service, any unpaid water charges accrued previously in his/her name must be paid.
- 2. If the meter has been removed, all of the following additional comments will apply:
  - a. A charge (as noted in section IV, item 5) will be made for reinstallation of a meter and a deposit may be required.
  - b. If the existing lateral is no longer usable, or cannot be reasonably located, the standard lateral installation charge must be paid.
  - c. Connection fees shall be charged to customers in cases where the owners of the land to be served have not previously contributed to the cost of construction of an existing water main.
  - d. All delinquent district assessments must be paid.
  - e. The district reserves the right to change the size of the meter to conform to the rates and rules.