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Carpinteria Valley Water District

PROPOSITION 218 NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearing

When: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.
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 at the date and location listed above to consider proposed changes to water rates and charges for fiscal years (FY) 2027, 2028, and 2029. The District is proposing adjustments to the following:

Volumetric Water Rates	**Basic and State Water Project Charges**
CAPP Volumetric Water Rates for Municipal and Industrial (M&I) Customers	**Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Charges for M&I Customers**
CAPP Charges for Agricultural (AG) Customers	**Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Charges for AG Customers**
CAPP Charges on Property Tax Bill	**Fire Service Charges**

Rising treatment costs, inflation, and major investments in local water-supply reliability are the primary drivers of these proposed changes. The proposed adjustments are summarized in this notice. Actual rates and charges adopted by the Board on June 10 may be lower than those shown here. As required by State law (Proposition 218), the proposed charges are based on a comprehensive rate study that used a rate model developed by an independent rate consultant to evaluate cost of service. The total bill resulting from the new rates may be higher or lower than in previous years, depending on each customer's water use and meter size. If you would like to understand how the proposed changes may affect your monthly bill, please contact the District at (805) 684-2816.

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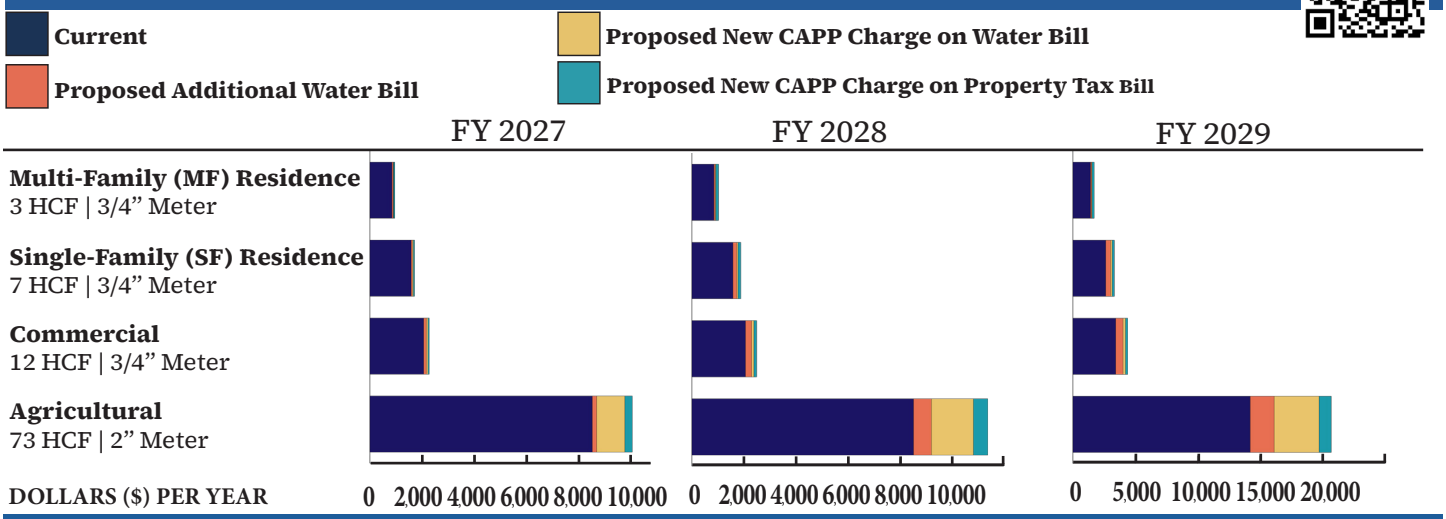
What are the proposed increases?

If approved, customers will see a new charge on their water bill and a new charge on their property tax bill to support the Carpinteria Advanced Purification Project (CAPP). The bars below illustrate the expected annual total in each fiscal year 2027, 2028, and 2029. The tables below show the equivalent monthly charges.

To calculate your personalized bill, scan the QR code provided, or visit cvwd.net/water-rates

TYPICAL ANNUAL CHARGES FY 2027-2029 (water bill + property taxes)



TYPICAL MONTHLY CHARGES: FY 2027

Size	Type	Current Charges	Proposed Additional Water Bill Charges	Proposed New CAPP Charge on Water Bill	Proposed New CAPP charge on Property Tax Bill	Total Proposed
3/4"	MF Residence	$71	$4	$1	$4	$80
3/4"	SF Residence	$132	$4	$3	$4	$143
3/4"	Commercial	$172	$9	$5	$4	$190
2"	Agriculture	$711	$14	$90	$24	$839

TYPICAL MONTHLY CHARGES: FY 2028

Size	Type	Current Charges	Proposed Additional Water Bill Charges	Proposed New CAPP Charge on Water Bill	Proposed New CAPP charge on Property Tax Bill	Total Proposed
3/4"	MF Residence	$71	$4	$2	$9	$86
3/4"	SF Residence	$132	$12	$4	$9	$157
3/4"	Commercial	$172	$20	$7	$9	$208
2"	Agriculture	$711	$57	$135	$46	$949

TYPICAL MONTHLY CHARGES: FY 2029

Size	Type	Current Charges	Proposed Additional Water Bill Charges	Proposed New CAPP Charge on Water Bill	Proposed New CAPP charge on Property Tax Bill	Total Proposed
3/4"	MF Residence	$71	$4	$2	$9	$86
3/4"	SF Residence	$132	$20	$6	$9	$167
3/4"	Commercial	$172	$29	$10	$9	$220
2"	Agriculture	$711	$96	$180	$49	$1036

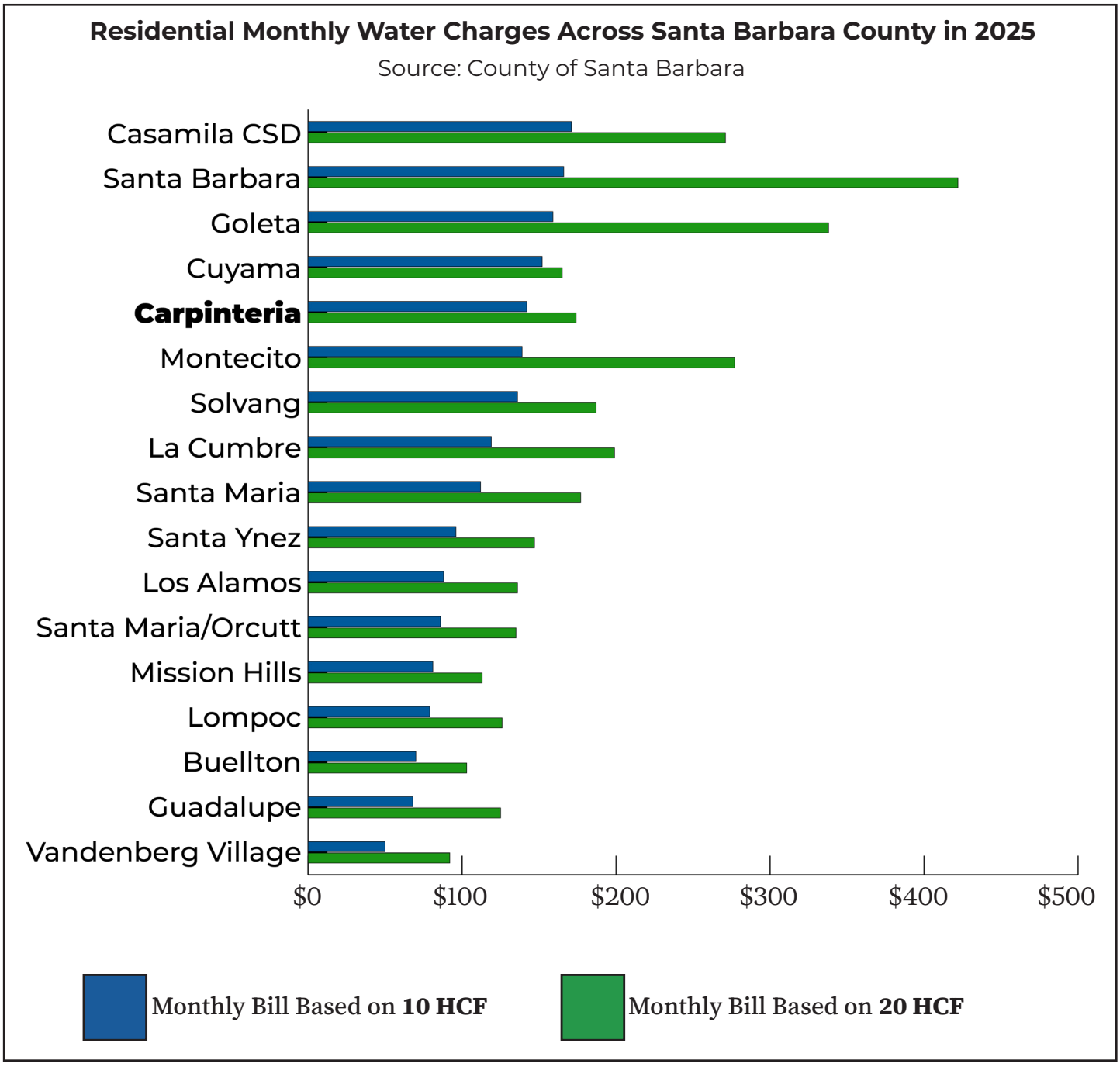
Numbers are rounded for presentation. See tables of rates and charges to calculate your specific bill.

Need Assistance?

The District offers bill assistance to qualified low-income customers and provides payment plans to help customers get back on track with their accounts. To learn whether you qualify for bill assistance or a payment plan, please contact the District at (805) 684-2816.

How do Carpinteria's water bills compare to other agencies?

The graph below shows that in 2025, Santa Barbara and Goleta had higher water bills than Carpinteria Valley Water District (CVWD). The blue bars illustrate the monthly bill for a customer using 10 HCF of water—an amount typical for a home with several thousand square feet of landscaping. The green bars show the bill for a customer using 20 HCF, which is more typical of a larger estate, commercial business, or small agricultural operation.



If you need this Proposition 218 Notice in an alternative format to ensure accessibility, CVWD can provide options and assistance at no cost. Please call (805) 684-2816 for additional information.

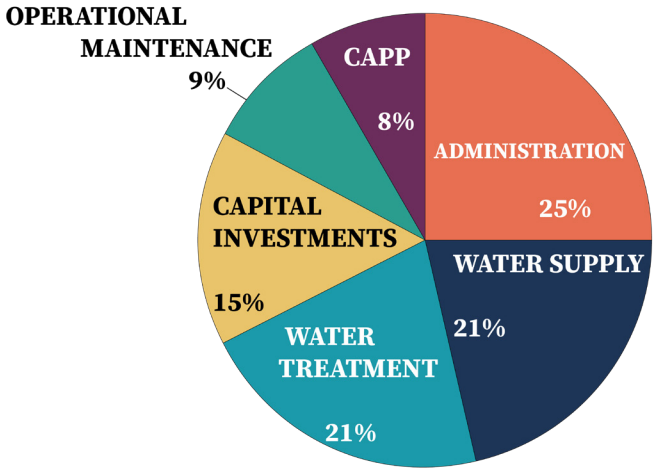
El Distrito es bilingüe, para información sobre los aumentos, favor de llamar a la oficina (805) 684-2816

Why does the District need to increase rates?

To ensure water supply reliability.

In response to the recent extreme drought and projected climate change, the District is investing in three major capital projects designed to strengthen the local water supply during future prolonged drought. Together, the Carpinteria Advanced Purification Project, the Smillie Well Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project, and the Casitas Intertie Project provide robust, locally controlled additions to the District's water supply portfolio.

Where Each Dollar Goes



To prepare for emergencies.

The District is making improvements to safeguard critical infrastructure during natural disasters. For example, the District is transitioning from delivered disinfection chemicals to on-site generation, which helps prevent delays during supply chain disruptions and reduces hazardous-material exposure and environmental risk. These improvements help ensure the District maintains a resilient and reliable water system.

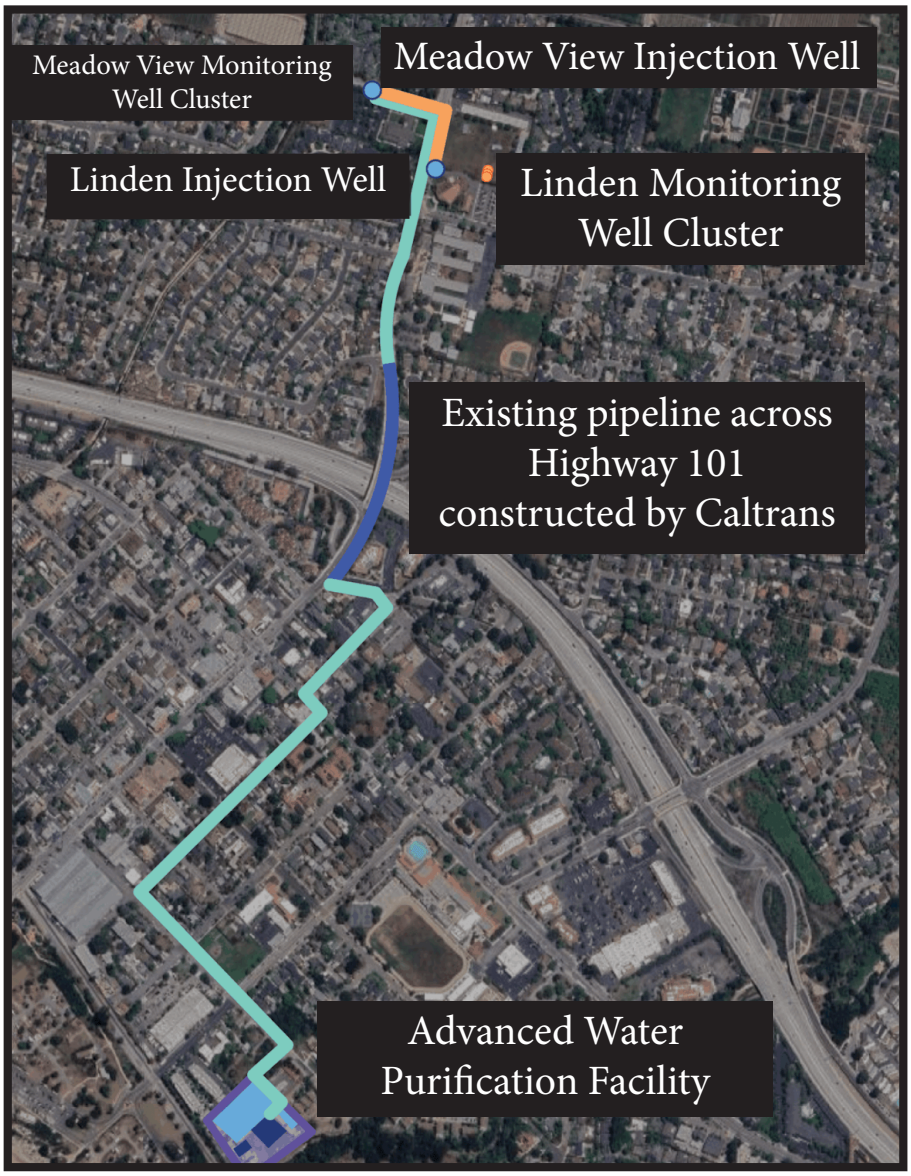
To repair and replace infrastructure.

The District is proactively maintaining its infrastructure to prevent costly failures and ensure a reliable supply of water to your home. By rehabilitating Headquarters Well—its most productive local groundwater source—the District is safeguarding its most cost-effective water supply. In addition, the District is inspecting aging pipelines to prevent emergency breaks and upgrading the remote monitoring system for its wells to reduce long-term operational costs and prevent equipment failures. These proactive investments enhance system reliability, protect public health, and support fiscal responsibility.

To comply with water regulations.

Imported water from Lake Cachuma and the State Water Project must be treated at the Cater Treatment Plant to protect public health. To ensure continued compliance with water quality standards, the Cater Treatment Plant is constructing a Clearwell reservoir to provide adequate disinfection of treated water. This project—combined with inflationary pressures—will increase the District's water treatment costs.

What projects are currently underway?



Carpinteria Advanced Purification Project

Over the past few decades, the District and its customers have seen how unpredictable surface water supplies can be during droughts, as allocations from the State Water Project and Lake Cachuma have become increasingly variable and unreliable. When surface water is limited, the District must rely heavily on groundwater pumped from the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin to meet customer demand. However, groundwater takes years to recharge and depends on consistent winter rainfall—conditions that are never guaranteed.

The Carpinteria Advanced Purification Project (CAPP) will provide a locally managed and reliable water supply every day, including during prolonged droughts and water-supply shortages. The CAPP charge on property-tax bills will be based on meter size, not acreage. In addition to supporting a drought-resilient supply, CAPP may generate revenue through opportunities such as local groundwater banking or water-exchange agreements. The project is funded by a $50 million State Revolving Fund loan at a 1.7% interest rate, with 38% of the project cost covered by grants.

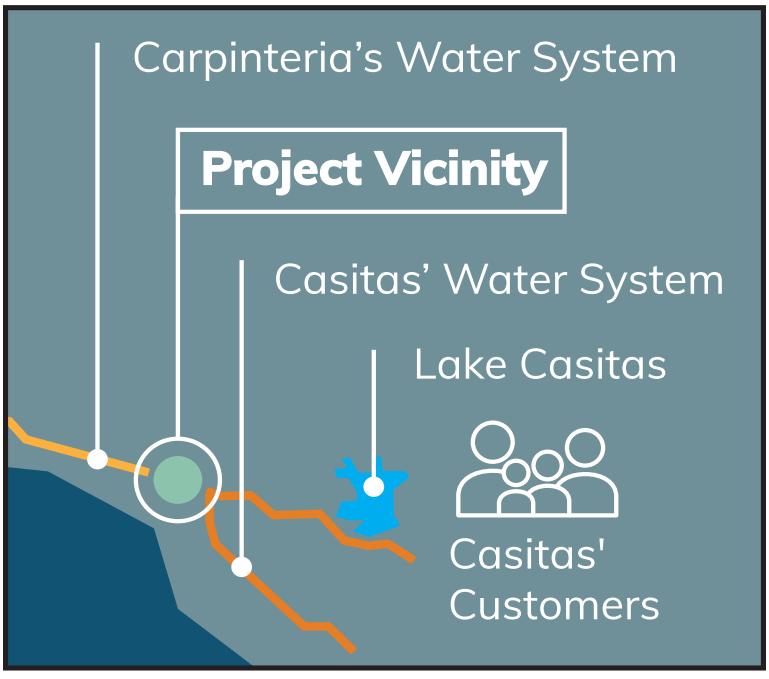
CAPP | Carpinteria Advanced Purification Project
Replenishing Our Groundwater for the Future

Want more info on CAPP? Use the QR code or visit cvwd.net/capp to learn more.

Smillie Well Aquifer Storage and Recovery

The District is replacing the unreliable and failing Smillie Well. The new well will increase the District's monthly production capacity by 27%, allowing the District to meet customer demand during a Stage 2 drought using groundwater alone, if necessary. This is especially important because imported water supplies—such as the State Water Project and Lake Cachuma—can become unreliable during extended droughts. The new well will also support aquifer storage and recovery, meaning the District will be able to both inject and extract groundwater. This capability allows the District to store water in wet years for use during dry years, further strengthening long-term water supply reliability.

Carpinteria-Casitas Partnership Intertie Project



Carpinteria Valley Water District and the Casitas Municipal Water District are partnering on construction of a pipeline to connect the two systems. This connection will allow Casitas to move State Water Project water through Carpinteria's pipelines. In return, Casitas will compensate the District for use of its system, creating a new source of revenue for the District. This will be a bidirectional pipeline that could be used to deliver water to the District in an emergency.

To stay updated on what's going on at CVWD, visit CVWD.net.

Proposed Rates & Charges (continued on next page)

Proposed water rates and service charges effective with the July billing period.
A detailed explanation of these rates and charges is available at this QR code or at cvwd.net/water-rates:

VOLUMETRIC WATER RATES ($/HCF)

HCF = hundred cubic feet of water use
PZ I = Pressure Zone I | PZ II = Pressure Zone 2

	Current			Proposed FY 2027			Proposed FY 2028			Proposed FY 2029		
	Base	PZ I	PZ II	Base	PZ I	PZ II	Base	PZ I	PZ II	Base	PZ I	PZ II
Residential, Multi-Family, Master Meter, Landscape												
Tier 1 (6 HCF)	$5.19	$5.58	$5.96	$6.44	$6.83	$7.18	$6.82	$7.23	$7.60	$7.17	$7.60	$7.99
Tier 2 (7-16 HCF)	$5.39	$5.78	$6.16	$6.73	$7.12	$7.47	$7.13	$7.54	$7.91	$7.49	$7.92	$8.31
Tier 3 (>16 HCF)	$6.37	$6.76	$7.14	$7.58	$7.97	$8.32	$8.03	$8.44	$8.81	$8.44	$8.87	$9.26
Commercial, Industrial, Public Authority, Hospitality												
Base	$5.21	$5.60	$5.98	$6.43	$6.82	$7.17	$6.81	$7.22	$7.59	$7.16	$7.59	$7.98
Peak	$6.29	$6.68	$7.06	$7.37	$7.76	$8.11	$7.81	$8.22	$8.59	$8.21	$8.64	$9.03
Agriculture												
Uniform	$2.47	$2.86	$3.24	$2.63	$3.02	$3.37	$2.79	$3.20	$3.57	$2.93	$3.36	$3.75
REQ	$26.01			$36.31			$38.46			$40.42		
Temporary Meters												
Uniform	$5.48	$5.87	$6.25	$6.83	$7.22	$7.57	$7.23	$7.64	$8.01	$7.60	$8.03	$8.42

CAPP VOLUMETRIC RATES FOR M&I CUSTOMERS ($/HCF)

Current	Proposed FY 2027	Proposed FY 2028	Proposed FY 2029
N/A	$0.41	$0.62	$0.83

CAPP CHARGES FOR AGRICULTURAL CUSTOMERS (MONTHLY)

Meter Size	Current	Proposed FY 2027	Proposed FY 2028	Proposed FY 2029
3/4”	N/A	$16.86	$25.29	$33.72
1”	N/A	$28.10	$42.14	$56.19
1 1/2”	N/A	$56.20	$84.29	$112.39
2”	N/A	$89.91	$134.86	$179.81
3”	N/A	$196.68	$295.01	$393.35
4”	N/A	$354.02	$531.03	$708.04
6”	N/A	$730.52	$1095.77	$1461.03

CAPP CHARGES ON PROPERTY TAX ROLL

Annual Charges

Meter Size	Current	Proposed FY 2027	Proposed FY 2028	Proposed FY 2029
3/4”	N/A	$53.91	$103.86	$110.80
1”	N/A	$89.85	$173.09	$184.66
1 1/2”	N/A	$179.70	$346.19	$369.32
2”	N/A	$287.52	$553.90	$590.92
3”	N/A	$628.95	$1211.66	$1292.64
4”	N/A	$1132.12	$2180.99	$2326.74
6”	N/A	$2336.12	$4500.45	$4801.22

Equivalent Monthly Charges - for illustration only

Meter Size	Current	Proposed FY 2027	Proposed FY 2028	Proposed FY 2029
3/4”	N/A	$4.49	$8.65	$9.23
1”	N/A	$7.49	$14.42	$15.39
1 1/2”	N/A	$14.98	$28.85	$30.78
2”	N/A	$23.96	$46.16	$49.24
3”	N/A	$52.41	$100.97	$107.72
4”	N/A	$94.34	$181.75	$193.90
6”	N/A	$194.68	$375.04	$400.10

BASIC & STATE WATER PROJECT CHARGES (MONTHLY)

MFR = Multi-Family Residential | MMR = Master Meter Residential | HOS = Hospitality | *** = By Meter Size

	Current			Proposed FY 2027			Proposed FY 2028			Proposed FY 2029		
	Basic	SWP	Total	Basic	SWP	Total	Basic	SWP	Total	Basic	SWP	Total
3/4"	$11.08	$39.09	$50.17	$12.15	$36.53	$48.68	$12.87	$38.69	$51.56	$13.52	$40.66	$54.18
1"	$14.89	$65.15	$80.04	$17.05	$60.88	$77.93	$18.06	$64.48	$82.54	$18.98	$67.76	$86.74
1 1/2"	$24.44	$130.28	$154.72	$29.29	$121.76	$151.05	$31.02	$128.97	$159.99	$32.60	$135.53	$168.13
2"	$35.89	$208.44	$244.33	$43.97	$194.81	$238.78	$46.57	$206.35	$252.92	$48.94	$216.85	$265.79
3"	$72.17	$455.93	$528.10	$90.48	$426.15	$516.63	$95.84	$451.38	$547.22	$100.71	$474.34	$575.05
4"	$125.63	$820.67	$946.30	$159.02	$767.07	$926.09	$168.43	$812.48	$980.91	$177.00	$853.81	$1030.81
6"	$253.55	$1693.43	$1946.98	$323.02	$1582.84	$1905.86	$342.14	$1676.54	$2018.68	$359.54	$1761.82	$2121.36
MFR	$11.08	$18.23	$29.31	$12.15	$19.54	$31.69	$12.87	$20.71	$33.58	$13.52	$21.76	$35.28
MMR	***	$18.23		***	$19.54		***	$20.71		***	$21.76	
HOS	***	$9.94		***	$14.46		***	$15.32		***	$16.10	

CIP CHARGES FOR M&I CUSTOMERS ($/HCF)

	Current	Proposed FY 2027	Proposed FY 2028	Proposed FY 2029
Rate per HCF	$6.45	$6.01	$6.37	$6.69
Minimum - 4 HCF	$25.80	$24.04	$25.48	$26.76
Maximum - 250 HCF	$1612.50	$1502.50	$1592.50	$1672.50

O&M CHARGES FOR AGRICULTURAL CUSTOMERS (MONTHLY)

Meter Size	Current	Proposed FY 2027	Proposed FY 2028	Proposed FY 2029
3/4"	$48.92	$48.38	$51.24	$53.85
1"	$81.51	$80.64	$85.41	$89.75
1 1/2"	$163.01	$161.27	$170.82	$179.51
2"	$260.81	$258.03	$273.30	$287.20
3"	$570.50	$564.43	$597.84	$628.25
4"	$1026.88	$1105.98	$1076.12	$1130.86
6"	$2118.94	$2096.46	$2220.55	$2333.50

FIRE SERVICE CHARGES (MONTHLY)

Meter Size	Current	Proposed FY 2027	Proposed FY 2028	Proposed FY 2029
2"	$14.06	$6.70	$7.10	$7.46
3"	$30.61	$10.31	$10.92	$11.48
4"	$59.19	$16.52	$17.50	$18.39
6"	$161.76	$38.84	$41.14	$43.23
8"	$338.66	$77.32	$81.90	$86.07
10"	$604.77	$135.21	$143.21	$150.49

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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.

Notes on Volumetric Water Rates
For Commercial, Industrial, Public Authority, and Hospitality customers the structure of the rates are unchanged and are as follows:

- The Base Tier is based on the account's five year (December to March) water consumption.
- The Peak Tier pricing applies to all consumption in excess of the Base Tier

For Agricultural Customers 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 (REQ) per dwelling unit. The REQ fee covers drinking water treatment related costs equivalent to 9 HCF per month.

For Residential and Landscape Customers 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 customer class.
- Tier 3 pricing applies to all consumption in excess of Tier 2 use.

Notes on CAPP Volumetric Water Rates for Municipal and Industrial (M&I) Customers
For M&I customers, which is all customers except Agricultural customers, all water use is charged at a uniform rate per HCF. This rate on customer water bills pays for operation and maintenance costs of the Carpinteria Advanced Purification Project (CAPP).

Notes on CAPP Fixed Charges for Agricultural Customers
For Agricultural customers, this fixed charge is based on meter size and pays for operation and maintenance costs of the Carpinteria Advanced Water Purification Project.

Notes on CAPP Charges on Property Tax Roll
Property owners within the District's service area will see a charge for the CAPP project on their property tax bills. The charge will be based on the customer's meter size. This charge on property tax bills pays for capital costs associated with the Carpinteria Advanced Purification Project (CAPP).

Notes on Basic and State Water Project Charges
The Basic charge funds costs associated with meter maintenance, customer service, and billing. The State Water Project charge funds 100% of the District's SWP debt

obligation. The structure of these monthly service charges is unchanged and are as follows.

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

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

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

For other customer classes the SWP and Basic charges are based on meter size.

Notes on Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Charges for M&I Customers
The CIP charge pays the District's non-SWP debt obligations and capital project costs 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 structure of this charge is unchanged. These charges are based on each account's five-year average monthly water use, subject to a minimum of four HCF and a maximum of 250 HCF per month per dwelling unit.

Notes on Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Charges for AG Customers
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, which funds non SWP debt obligations and capital projects for repair and replacement of water system infrastructure necessary to maintain the District's level of service. The structure of this charge is unchanged and is based on meter size.

Notes on Fire Service Charges
Monthly Service Charges for Fire Service recover costs associated with providing private fire protection. The structure of this charge is unchanged and is based on fire line size.

Photo of Lake Cachuma. CVWD receives 50-70% of its water from the Cachuma Project, which stores water in Lake Cachuma from the Santa Ynez River.

How to Participate

Under California law, customers may formally oppose the proposed rate adjustment by submitting a written **protest**, or may submit an **objection** stating specific grounds for claiming the rates do not comply with Proposition 218. Both property owners and customers may submit a written protest and/or objection. Only one written protest per identified parcel will be counted. Owners of multiple parcels should specify all the parcels for which they are submitting a protest and/or objection.

How to Submit a Protest
To be valid, written protests must include:

- Statement that you protest the increase in water rates and charges.
- Customer or property owner first and last name.
- Service address, account number, or assessor's parcel number.
- Original signature of the customer or property owner.

You may mail or deliver your written protest to:

General Manager
Carpinteria Valley Water District
1301 Santa Ynez Avenue
Carpinteria, CA 93013

Or hand-deliver your written protest to the Board of Directors at the June 10 Public Hearing at Carpinteria City Hall. Written protests must be received before the close of the public hearing on Wednesday, June 10, 2026. If mailed, protests must arrive no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 10, 2026. Faxed or email protests cannot be accepted.

Public Hearing Participation
All members of the public may speak at the Public Hearing regarding the proposed rate adjustments. However, only written protests count toward the majority protest calculation. The District will count all written protests at the close of the Public Hearing.

120-Day Statute of Limitations
The proposed rate adjustments are subject to the 120-day statute of limitations under Government Code Section 53759. Any judicial action challenging the rates or the procedure used to adopt them must be filed within 120 days after the effective date of the adjustments.

If a majority of property owners and customers submit valid protests, the proposed rates and charges cannot be adopted.

How to Submit an Objection
To be valid, written objections must include:

- Statement of which rate or charge you are objecting to.
- Customer name.
- Service address, account number, or assessor's parcel number.
- Original signature of the customer or property owner.
- Clear indication that it is an objection and explanation of the specific grounds for claiming the District has not complied with Proposition 218 in sufficient detail to allow the District to determine whether any changes to the proposed rates are necessary.

Note: A general statement such as "this violates Proposition 218" without any explanation is not sufficient. Additionally, a general statement that the rates are too high is insufficient to constitute a legal objection.

You may mail or deliver your written objection to:

General Manager
Carpinteria Valley Water District
1301 Santa Ynez Avenue
Carpinteria, CA 93013

Written objections must be received no later than Monday, June 8, 2026 by 5:00 p.m. Please note the deadline for objections (Monday, June 8) is prior to the public hearing date (Wednesday, June 10). This enables the District to review objections and provide a response at the hearing. Failure to submit a timely objection will bar the right to challenge the rates or charges through a legal proceeding. Faxed or emailed objections cannot be accepted.

All timely objections received will also be counted as protests. Objections received after the deadline, but before the close of the public hearing, will only be considered and counted as protests.

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