



Public Works Department
Water Resources Division

Summary of Planned Rate Modifications - FY 2010

Water Rates

- 3.5 % increase across-the-board on monthly service charge and water usage charge, consistent with Water Fund financial plan.
- Re-institute availability of 1½" meter to provide more flexibility in sizing meters to demand. Fees to be proportional to flow rate, as true for other meter charges.
- Authorize the collection of a fee for unauthorized water use detected on fire lines and other private main connections, pending development of a process for reading fire line meters periodically.
- Provide authority for Director to approve reduced allotment billing for low-occupancy, special needs, publicly owned housing projects in lieu of separately metered dwelling units, subject to inclusion of comprehensive water conservation features and individual metering by building or other elements.
- Potential addition of fees for services provided by Finance Department, Utility Billing Office (e.g. fees for disconnect notice, late payment, meter read verification)

Sewer Rates

- 4.0% increase across-the-board on monthly base charge and usage charges, consistent with Wastewater Fund financial plan.
- Modify fee for damage to City mains during installation or repair of laterals to be the greater of \$200 per lineal foot or \$300 per hour for repair by City Wastewater Collection crews.
- Establish miscellaneous fees for services by Wastewater Collection crews:
 - \$300 per hour for two-person crew and Vactor truck for overflow response.
 - \$200 per request fee for priority request
 - \$200 per hour for two-person crew and CCTV van for identifying lateral location

Water and Sewer Buy-in Fees

- Modify the buy-in fee calculation methodology to exclude depreciation from the calculation of net assets of the respective funds, with the goal of more accurately capturing the value of fund assets (primarily capital facilities) to which new customers buy into.
- Eliminate buy-in fees on recycled water connections and redistribute equivalent amounts to potable water buy-in fees.
- Allow 50% discount on sewer buy-in for septic tank abandonment to expire as scheduled.
- Clarify that common area meters for multi-family residential properties (e.g. irrigation meters and laundry rooms) do not pay buy-in fee in addition to the fees assessed per dwelling unit.