

## **City of Santa Barbara Policy on Recycled Water Fees**

- Generally, recycled water connection fees and water and sewer buy-in fees are the same as for potable water.
- New connections to the recycled water system may be eligible for exemption from connection and buy-in fees in cases where the proposed use of recycled water displaces an existing use of potable water from the City's distribution system.
- Extensions of the recycled water system mains will be evaluated for feasibility by the Public Works Director.
- Because recycled water is served from an entirely separate system, recycled water meters are not installed on the same manifold as potable water meters.
- For single-family residential properties, the water buy-in fee will be waived for the installation of a recycled water meter. The only fee for such installations would be the applicable service connection fee. This would apply to both existing and proposed single-family residences.

*Note: If the single-family residence has 7000 sq ft of landscaping, pay back period (additional meter charge offset by reduced rate for recycled water) would be approximately 2.5-3 years. See current City water rates for savings calculations.*