



San Gabriel County Water District

Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Water Rate Adjustments

The San Gabriel County Water District (District) will hold a public hearing on **February 24, 2025**, at **4:00 p.m.** at the **San Gabriel Mission Playhouse, 320 S. Mission Dr., San Gabriel, CA 91776**, to consider adjusting the water rates and charges. If adopted, the new rates will be implemented on March 1, 2025, with each subsequent adjustment occurring on January 1st through calendar year (CY) 2029.

About the District

The District provides water service to approximately 45,000 customers, primarily in the City of San Gabriel, and portions of Rosemead, and nearby unincorporated areas of the County. The District is currently able to meet water demand using 100% local groundwater from the Main San Gabriel Basin and Raymond Basin. The District owns and maintains approximately 84 miles of pipelines, 3 reservoirs with 12.8 million gallons of storage capacity, 6 active wells, and services approximately 9,700 connections.

Reasons for the Proposed Rate Adjustments

The District's costs to operate, maintain, and replace the water system continue to increase.

1. ***Rising Costs:*** The District has not increased rates since CY 2019. As you have experienced, the price of supplies, materials, labor, insurance, and utilities has increased drastically in recent years, above expected inflation.
2. ***Infrastructure Investments:*** Significant investments are required to maintain the District's infrastructure. These projects allow the District to replace aging mainlines and pumps, optimize investment in local water supplies through a new treatment facility, and prepare for emergencies to ensure safe, reliable drinking water.
3. ***Meet State Standards:*** Due to new State drinking water standards, groundwater must be tested and treated to a higher standard, which is more costly.

The District works continuously to provide high-quality water and excellent customer service at the most reasonable cost. Rates and charges cover only the cost of providing service to customers, including water treatment and delivery system maintenance and upgrades. As a special district, we are not legally allowed to make a profit. The District hired an independent consulting firm to develop a financial plan and perform a cost-of-service study. The proposed rates are based on this analysis which is detailed in the Rate Study Report available online at sgcwg.com/customer-service/#RateStudy.

Proposed Water Rates and Charges

The District's current water rate structure consists of variable and bi-monthly fixed charges. Fixed charges vary by meter size, and variable rates reflect a two-tiered rate structure for all customers. In addition, the District passes through a charge by the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority (Authority). The District has no control over the costs from the Authority, and any increases or decreases by the Authority will be passed through to customers when known as authorized by California Government Code 53756.

Proposed Variable Rates (\$/HCF)

The variable rate is based on the amount of water a customer uses each billing cycle. The existing 2-tiered rate structure charged tier 1 for groundwater and tier 2 for imported water. However, with reductions in water usage over the years, the District can cover water demand entirely by groundwater. Therefore, the proposed rate structure consists of a uniform rate for each unit¹ of water consumed.

Proposed Variable Rates (\$/HCF)							
\$/HCF	Existing Tiers	Existing Rate	CY 2025	CY 2026	CY 2027	CY 2028	CY 2029
Effective Date		1/1/2024	3/1/2025	1/1/2026	1/1/2027	1/1/2028	1/1/2029
All Customers							
Tier 1	(0-30 HCF)	\$2.04	\$2.58	\$2.71	\$2.85	\$3.00	\$3.15
Tier 2	(31+HCF)	\$3.87	\$2.58	\$2.71	\$2.85	\$3.00	\$3.15

¹ One unit of water = one hundred cubic feet (HCF), or 748 gallons

Bi-Monthly Fixed Charge (\$/Bi-month/meter)

The bi-monthly fixed charge funds fixed operations, such as staffing, and maintenance costs, including water infrastructure enhancements and replacements. Also included in the fixed charge is the water cleanup cost charged by the Authority. The bi-monthly fixed charge is based on the size of your meter.

Proposed Fixed Charge (\$/Bi-Monthly)						
Meter Size	Existing Charge	CY 2025	CY 2026	CY 2027	CY 2028	CY 2029
Effective Date	1/1/2024	3/1/2025	1/1/2026	1/1/2027	1/1/2028	1/1/2029
5/8"	\$44.47	\$49.03	\$51.49	\$54.07	\$56.78	\$59.63
3/4"	\$44.47	\$62.06	\$65.17	\$68.44	\$71.87	\$75.47
1"	\$64.61	\$88.10	\$92.51	\$97.14	\$102.01	\$107.12
1 1/2"	\$114.67	\$153.19	\$160.86	\$168.91	\$177.36	\$186.24
2"	\$175.58	\$348.50	\$365.94	\$384.24	\$403.46	\$423.64
3"	\$365.57	\$673.99	\$707.70	\$743.09	\$780.26	\$819.28
4"	\$644.90	\$1,324.99	\$1,391.25	\$1,460.83	\$1,533.88	\$1,610.58
6"	\$1,417.53	\$1,975.99	\$2,074.80	\$2,178.55	\$2,287.49	\$2,401.88
8"	N/A	\$2,626.99	\$2,758.34	\$2,896.27	\$3,041.10	\$3,193.16

Bi-Monthly Dedicated Fireline Charge (\$/Bi-month/line)

For dedicated fire protection customers, the charge recovers a portion of the base costs related to customer service and District overhead.

Proposed Dedicated Fire Line Charge (\$/Bi-Monthly)						
Connection Size	Existing Charge	CY 2025	CY 2026	CY 2027	CY 2028	CY 2029
Effective Date	1/1/2024	3/1/2025	1/1/2026	1/1/2027	1/1/2028	1/1/2029
5/8"	\$40.65	\$22.99	\$24.14	\$25.35	\$26.62	\$27.96
3/4"	\$40.65	\$22.99	\$24.14	\$25.35	\$26.62	\$27.96
1"	\$40.65	\$22.99	\$24.14	\$25.35	\$26.62	\$27.96
1 1/2"	\$40.65	\$22.99	\$24.14	\$25.35	\$26.62	\$27.96
2"	\$40.65	\$22.99	\$24.14	\$25.35	\$26.62	\$27.96
3"	\$60.96	\$22.99	\$24.14	\$25.35	\$26.62	\$27.96
4"	\$81.26	\$22.99	\$24.14	\$25.35	\$26.62	\$27.96
6"	\$121.89	\$22.99	\$24.14	\$25.35	\$26.62	\$27.96
8"	\$162.50	\$22.99	\$24.14	\$25.35	\$26.62	\$27.96

How to Submit a Written Protest: Any property (parcel) owners or customers of record may submit a written protest to the proposed rate adjustments; however, only one protest will be counted per identified parcel. Any written protest must:

1. State that the identified property owner or tenant is opposed to the proposed water rate adjustments
2. Provide the location of the identified parcel (by street address, assessor's parcel number, or customer account number)
3. Include the name and **signature** of the property owner or tenant submitting the protest.

Written protests must be received by 4:00 p.m. on February 24, 2025, and before the conclusion of the public hearing. Written protests received after the deadline, even if postmarked earlier, cannot be accepted. Any protest submitted via e-mail or other electronic means will not be accepted as a valid written protest.

Written protests may be mailed or hand-delivered to:

San Gabriel County Water District
Attn: Board Secretary – Water Rate Hearing
8366 Grand Ave, Rosemead, CA 91770

The District Board will accept and consider all written protests and will hear and consider all oral comments to the proposed rate adjustments at the Public Hearing. Oral comments at the Public Hearing will not qualify as valid protests unless accompanied by a written protest. Upon the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the District Board will consider adoption of the proposed rates as described in this notice. If written protests against the proposed rates are not presented by a majority of the property owners or tenants of the identified parcels subject to the proposed rate adjustments, the District Board will be authorized to adopt the new rates. Details regarding the proposed water rates and charges are available at the District offices (location noted above) or on the District's website at sgcwg.com/customer-service/#RateStudy. If you have any questions regarding the proposed rates or the amount of the water service charges that may be imposed on your property, please contact the District at (626) 287-0341.

Please note that a 120-day statute of limitations applies to any judicial action or proceeding challenging new, increased, or extended water rates or charges should the proposed adjustments be adopted.