

Adopted Water Charges for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (effective July 1, 2022)

Type of Charge	Agricultural Water (per AF)	Non-Agricultural Water (per AF)
<b>Basic User/Groundwater Production Charge</b>		
Zone W-2	\$36.85	\$1,724.00
Zone W-5	\$36.85	\$513.00
Zone W-7	\$36.85	\$582.50
Zone W-8	\$36.85	\$368.50
<b>Surface Water <sup>1</sup></b>		
<b>Surface Water Master Charge</b>	\$47.10	\$47.10
<b>Total Surface Water Charges by Zone <sup>1</sup></b>		
Zone W-2 Deliveries	\$83.95	\$1,771.10
Zone W-5 Deliveries	\$83.95	\$560.10
Zone W-7 Deliveries	\$83.95	\$629.60
Zone W-8 Deliveries	\$83.95	\$415.60
<b>Treated Water</b>		
Contract <sup>2</sup>	N/A	\$1,839.00
Non-contract <sup>3</sup>	N/A	\$1,924.00
<b>Recycled water</b>		
Gilroy	\$64.25	\$493.00

Notes

1. Total surface water charge by zone is the sum of the basic user charge by zone plus the surface water master charge.
2. Treated Water Charge is the sum of Basic User charge for Zone W-2 (\$1,724/AF) plus the Contract Treated Water Surcharge (\$115/AF).
3. The charge for non-contract deliveries is the sum of the Basic User charge for Zone W-2 (\$1,724/AF) and the treated water surcharge for non-contract water (\$200/AF) for usage greater than 100% of contract amount.

AF = acre feet

Ag = agricultural

Non-Ag = municipal and industrial



# 2024-25 Proposed Water Charges

## Content

As the county's primary water wholesaler, Valley Water makes sure there is enough safe, clean water for homes and businesses. To finance this monumental task, Valley Water collects revenue, primarily from property taxes, well owners, agricultural water customers and [water retailers, such as San Jose Water Company](#).

Most county residents do not pay a bill directly to Valley Water, instead they pay their [local water retailers](#). The cost local residents pay the retailers, however, is affected by the cost to Valley Water of supplying that water.

Valley Water's major costs include operations, debt service, capital improvements to the treatment and delivery system, and water purchases from outside the county.

To avoid large charge increases in any year, Valley Water develops 10-year projections so that charges can be increased gradually when needed.

**Each year Valley Water conducts a public review process to set water charges for the coming year.**

[Information about the recent process is here](#)

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## What are the proposed water charges?

Valley Water is a water wholesaler. The following charges reflect what water retailers and agricultural users pay for wholesale or well water.

The "[2024-25 Protection and Augmentation of Water Supplies](#)" or PAWS 2024 Report, presents the financial and water supply information that forms the basis for the fiscal year 2023-2024 wholesale water charges. Valley Water released the PAWS 2024 Report on February 23, 2024, in compliance with the District Act and other legal requirements as part of its wholesale water rate-setting process. The PAWS 2024 Report includes staff recommended water charges for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Questions about retail water charges should be addressed to the appropriate [retail water agency](#).

		Dollars Per Acre Foot		
		FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	Proposed Maximum FY 2024-25
Zone W-2 (North County)	<b>Basic User/Groundwater Production Charge</b>			
	Municipal and Industrial	1,724.00	1,974.00	2,229.00
	Agricultural	36.85	36.85	39.80
	<b>Surface Water Charge</b>			
	Surface Water Master Charge	47.10	54.00	61.00
	Total Surface Water, Municipal and Industrial*	1,771.10	2,028.00	2,290.00
	Total Surface Water, Agricultural*	83.95	90.85	100.80
	<b>Treated Water Charges</b>			
	Contract Surcharge	115.00	115.00	115.00
	Total Treated Water Contract Charge**	1,839.00	2,089.00	2,344.00
Non-Contract Surcharge	200.00	200.00	200.00	
Total Treated Water Non-Contract Charge***	1,924.00	2,174.00	2,429.00	
Zone W-5 (Llagas Subbasin)	<b>Basic User/Groundwater Production Charge</b>			
	Municipal and Industrial	513.00	543.50	579.00
	Agricultural	36.85	36.85	39.80
	<b>Surface Water Charge</b>			
	Surface Water Master Charge	47.10	54.00	61.00
	Total Surface Water, Municipal and Industrial*	560.10	597.50	640.00
	Total Surface Water, Agricultural*	83.95	90.85	100.80
	<b>Recycled Water Charges</b>			
Municipal and Industrial	493.00	523.50	559.00	
Agricultural	64.25	67.20	70.15	
Zone W-7 (Coyote Valley)	<b>Basic User/Groundwater Production Charge</b>			
	Municipal and Industrial	582.50	657.50	750.50
	Agricultural	36.85	36.85	39.80
	<b>Surface Water Charge</b>			
	Surface Water Master Charge	47.10	54.00	61.00
	Total Surface Water, Municipal and Industrial*	629.60	711.50	811.50
Total Surface Water, Agricultural*	83.95	90.85	100.80	
Zone W-8 (Uvas/ Chesbro)	<b>Basic User/Groundwater Production Charge</b>			
	Municipal and Industrial	368.50	398.00	430.00
	Agricultural	36.85	36.85	39.80
	<b>Surface Water Charge</b>			
	Surface Water Master Charge	47.10	54.00	61.00
Total Surface Water, Municipal and Industrial*	415.60	452.00	491.00	
Total Surface Water, Agricultural*	83.95	90.85	100.80	

\*Note: The total surface water charge is the sum of the basic user charge (which equals the groundwater production charge) plus the water master charge

\*\*Note: The total treated water contract charge is the sum of the basic user charge (which equals the groundwater production charge) plus the contract surcharge

\*\*\*Note: The total treated water non-contract charge is the sum of the basic user charge (which equals the groundwater production charge) plus the non-contract surcharge

## Notes

1. Total surface water charge by zone is the sum of the basic user charge by zone plus the surface water master charge.
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