



Understanding your water rates

The Pico Water District Board of Directors remains committed to providing safe and reliable water service at reasonable rates. The currently adopted five-year rate schedule spans from FY 2024-FY 2028 and a recent cost of service review determined current revenue is not sufficient to cover the costs of providing water to customers for the remaining two years. An independent financial consultant recommends rate adjustments to improve treatment to meet evolving health and safety standards, make critical equipment upgrades and maintain long-term financial stability for Pico Water District.

Why are changes needed?



Replacement of aging infrastructure*



New treatment system to remove per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)*



Rising operations and maintenance costs



Long-term financial stability



**Projected capital improvement project (CIP) costs are significant, amounting to \$8.2 million in total over the next five years. All five-year CIP is assumed to be cash funded (i.e., no new debt financing).*

Planning for the future

To ensure we can provide a safe and reliable water supply into the future, Pico Water District will consider a five-year schedule of water rates and charges that will stabilize finances. If approved, the new rates will go into effect on March 1, 2024, with annual adjustments on January 1 of each year through 2028.

How to Participate

The public is welcome to attend a public hearing with the Board of Directors on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Pico Park Community Center, located at 9528 Beverly Blvd., Pico Rivera, CA 90660-2102. The Board will vote on the new rates at this hearing. Members of the public can participate in person or by Zoom meeting:

JOIN THE LIVE ZOOM MEETING: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9521779948?pwd=dGNxcXh3YitEc2NlVVdrUzVvNm4rZz09>

MEETING ID: 952 177 9948

PASSCODE: 421745

Or listen in using this information and dialing +1 (669) 900-6833

For more information about the hearing or how to file a protest, please visit www.PicoWaterDistrict.net or contact the District office at (562) 692-3756.



ONLINE BILL ESTIMATOR TOOL

Would you like to see how the proposed rate adjustments would impact you? A simple online tool can help!

Visit picowaterdistrict.net/billestimator and enter your water meter size and water use based on your latest bill to generate an estimate of what your bill would look like under the proposed new rates.

More information about these proposed changes can be found online at www.picowaterdistrict.net.

How water bills are calculated



Pico Water District bills have two components: **monthly fixed charges** and the **volumetric rate**. The monthly fixed charges are based on water meter size and cover costs such as account servicing expenses, debt payments, most general and administrative costs and a portion of maintenance expenses. The volumetric rate is a fixed monthly rate based on how much water passes through a customer's meter. This covers the costs of water treatment and distribution, maintenance, conservation programs a portion of general and administrative costs and for water to replenish groundwater supplies. Under the proposed rate adjustment, both the monthly fixed charges and volumetric rate would change annually. The fixed monthly infrastructure charge would adjust according to meter size and continue to be one set charge regardless of how much water a customer receives.

MONTHLY CHARGES	CURRENT	PROPOSED FIVE-YEAR WATER RATE SCHEDULE				
Meter Size	2023	Effective Mar 1, 2024	Effective Jan 1, 2025	Effective Jan 1, 2026	Effective Jan 1, 2027	Effective Jan 1, 2028
FIXED WATER SERVICE CHARGES (All water meters)						
Single Family Residential	\$18.23	\$28.39	\$34.07	\$38.16	\$42.74	\$47.87
5/8-inch meter	\$18.23	\$28.39	\$34.07	\$38.16	\$42.74	\$47.87
1-inch meter	\$40.35	\$61.21	\$73.46	\$82.28	\$92.16	\$103.22
1.5-inch meter	\$77.20	\$115.91	\$139.10	\$155.80	\$174.50	\$195.44
2-inch meter	\$121.44	\$181.55	\$217.86	\$244.01	\$273.30	\$306.10
3-inch meter	\$224.66	\$334.71	\$401.66	\$449.86	\$503.85	\$564.32
4-inch meter	\$372.12	\$553.51	\$664.22	\$743.93	\$833.21	\$933.20
6-inch meter	\$740.74	\$1,100.51	\$1,320.62	\$1,479.10	\$1,656.60	\$1,855.40
FIXED MONTHLY INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGES (Potable water meters only)						
Single Family Residential (all meter sizes)	\$6.50	\$4.35	\$5.22	\$5.85	\$6.56	\$7.35
5/8-inch meter	\$6.50	\$4.35	\$5.22	\$5.85	\$6.56	\$7.35
1-inch meter	\$6.50	\$10.86	\$13.04	\$14.61	\$16.37	\$18.34
1.5-inch meter	\$6.50	\$21.72	\$26.07	\$29.20	\$32.71	\$36.64
2-inch meter	\$6.50	\$34.75	\$41.70	\$46.71	\$52.32	\$58.60
3-inch meter	\$6.50	\$65.16	\$78.20	\$87.59	\$98.11	\$109.89
4-inch meter	\$6.50	\$108.60	\$130.32	\$145.96	\$163.48	\$183.10
6-inch meter	\$6.50	\$217.19	\$260.63	\$291.91	\$326.94	\$366.18
VOLUMETRIC RATES PER CCF*						
Potable Water	\$2.12	\$2.72	\$3.27	\$3.67	\$4.12	\$4.62
Recycled Water	\$2.39	\$2.57	\$3.09	\$3.47	\$3.89	\$4.36
FIXED MONTHLY PRIVATE FIRE CHARGES (Dedicated private fire connections only)						
1.5-inch connection	\$14.75	\$11.16	\$13.40	\$15.01	\$16.82	\$18.84
2-inch connection	\$23.60	\$15.12	\$18.15	\$20.33	\$22.77	\$25.51
4-inch connection	\$44.25	\$53.85	\$64.62	\$72.38	\$81.07	\$90.80
6-inch connection	\$73.74	\$141.85	\$170.22	\$190.65	\$213.53	\$239.16
8-inch connection	\$147.46	\$293.63	\$352.36	\$394.65	\$442.01	\$495.06
10-inch connection	\$339.16	\$521.94	\$626.33	\$701.49	\$785.67	\$879.96

*One hundred cubic feet of water



Understanding pass-through adjustments

Since Pico Water District obtains 100% of its water supply from groundwater, the District is required by law to contribute to groundwater replenishment efforts. These rates are based on the current fee schedule approved by the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) and volumetric rates for recycled water set by Central Basin Municipal Water District (CBMWD). If WRD or CBMWD make any rate adjustments, those additional charges would be passed along to Pico Water District customers through adjustments to the Variable Rate. Prior to initiating any pass-through adjustment, the District will notify all customers at least 30 days prior to implementation.



QUESTIONS? For more information or assistance understanding the proposed new rates, please contact Joe D. Basulto, General Manager, at (562) 692-3756.