

NOTICE of PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, April 24, 2025 | 6 p.m.

Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District, 560 Magnolia Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223

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Concerning proposed changes to water rates and service charges

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District (BCVWD) is considering a water rate and service charge increase. You are receiving this Notice because our records indicate that you are a water customer and/or owner of a property within the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District. This Notice describes the proposed increase and explains how you can participate in the rate-setting process.

If adopted, the increased rates will become effective on all rates and charges on any bill where the billing period ends after May 1st 2025, and annually thereafter on January 1, for a period of five years effective 2025-2029.

The public hearing will be conducted per California Constitution Article XIII D, Section 6 (also known as "Proposition 218"). This notice is being sent to all owners and customers of record whose parcels receive water service from Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District, who would be subject to the proposed rates and charges.



The term "Property Owner", and/or "Customer", as used in this Notice, includes any affected person or entity that has a right to lawful possession and/or occupancy of property and who is responsible for payment of water service charges.

At the date, time, and location specified above, the Board of Directors will conduct a Public Hearing to consider proposed increases to water rates and service charges. The proposed adjustments will be applicable to all parcels that receive water service from BCVWD. The Public Hearing will be for hearing public testimony and receiving written protests on the proposed rate increase. Only one protest per parcel is permitted. The Board may continue the hearing without further written notice.

Please refer to the "How Can I Participate?" section of this document for instructions on submitting a formal written protest against the proposed action. You may also appear at the public hearing at the date and time specified above.

More information about the proposed rate changes, including the full rate study and a bill estimator tool, is available on the BCVWD website at www.bcvwd.gov. Staff are also available to answer questions. You can call **951-845-9581** or email info@bcvwd.gov



BCVWD At-A-Glance

BCVWD ensures the long-term health and sustainability of water sources, plans for future growth and maintains assets such as pipes and pumps.

 Service Population **65,000**

 Service Area **28 square miles**


 Pipelines, Pressure Zones, Wells and Reservoirs

BCVWD serves its rate payers from **24 wells** and **14 reservoirs** through a multitude of pipelines ranging from **4 to 24 inches** in diameter located within **11 pressure zones**

Sources Of Supply

- » State Water Project
- » Local Sources such as the Little San Geronio Creek (Edgar Canyon)
- » Expanding to add recycled water (partnering with City of Beaumont)

 Active Service Connections **22,156**

 BCVWD has increased water storage capacity from **7 million to 25 million gallons**

Why am I receiving this notice?

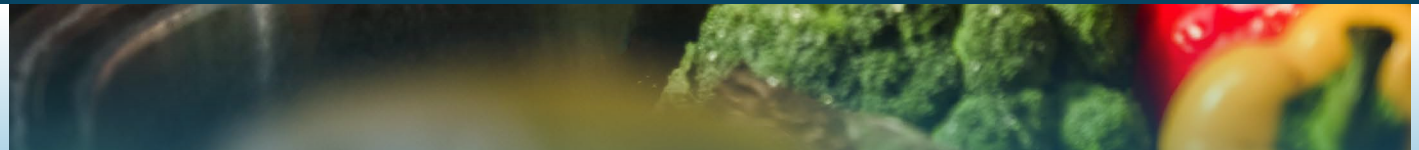
BCVWD is proposing a 5-year rate adjustment sufficient to pay for the increased cost of imported water and electricity, water supply and delivery system improvements, and to maintain appropriate debt service coverage levels necessary for anticipated bonds and credit standing, fairly and equitably allocated across all Property Owners and/or Customers.

BCVWD's most recent 5-year rate increase plan was implemented in 2020, making BCVWD due for another rate and fee analysis. A new analysis was conducted by an independent financial expert over the last 11 months (since April 2024). Upon request, a copy of the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District 2024 Water Rate Study may be obtained at the BCVWD District Office located at **560 Magnolia Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223** or by visiting BCVWD's website at **bcvwd.gov**



What would change?

The proposed rate changes would increase the fixed bi-monthly service charge and volumetric commodity rates. Information detailing the increases can be found in the BCVWD Notice of Public Hearing or online at **bcvwd.gov**.



Why are rate increases necessary?

As a result of a detailed budget analysis, the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District 2024 Water Rate Study revealed the need for new rates based on the following factors:



District system repairs and upgrades such as well replacements, booster pump stations, and pipeline replacements



Rising electricity and operations costs



Increase in materials and maintenance costs



Should the actual cost of any of these components (excluding the pass-through charges) be less than their projected cost over the five years, the excess revenues will be allocated to the Capital Replacement Reserves for projects as shown in the BCVWD Capital Improvement Plan.

BCVWD is dedicated to providing safe and reliable water services in a cost-effective manner, while protecting water resources and the public's health. The proposed changes would ensure sufficient funds for the ongoing operation, repairs and maintenance of BCVWD's facilities, and an adequate long-term water supply for the region.

Key System Repairs and Upgrades

BCVWD has been fulfilling its 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) since it was adopted by the Board of Directors in 2017. This plan includes constructing new District facilities, enhancing existing infrastructure, and ensuring long-term water resilience for the Beaumont-Cherry Valley region.

Some ongoing projects that will continue into 2025 include bolstering the District's emergency preparedness, drilling new wells, constructing and enhancing booster pump stations, replacing aging pipelines, and replacing outdated technology for monitoring system devices.

While many of these repairs and upgrades are costly, they are essential to allow the District to continue delivering high-quality water to its customers year-round. BCVWD's routine infrastructure maintenance and improvements ensure that there are no service interruptions, especially during possible emergencies, including wildfires.



Did you know?

According to state law, BCVWD cannot charge more than the actual cost of providing water service. As a not-for-profit government agency, BCVWD is not legally allowed to make a profit.

Proposed New Water Rates

Understanding your water bill

Your water bill is calculated based on a rate structure that includes a fixed bi-monthly service charge based on the size of the customer's meter and a volumetric commodity charge based on the amount of water used by the customer.

The bi-monthly service charge on your bill is used to pay for the costs of services that don't fluctuate, like pipe and system maintenance, capital projects, distribution, meters, and service.

Your bill also contains pass-through charges for the cost of imported water and the cost of energy to pump water. BCVWD bills most accounts on a bi-monthly basis. This means each bill customers receive includes charges for two months of service.



The **volumetric charge** is used to pay for the amount of water each customer actually uses.



For **single-family customers**, there are three tiers of use within the volumetric charge and the cost of water increases based on how much you consume.



The **pass-through charges** reflect the true cost of imported water and the energy it takes to provide water to your home or business.

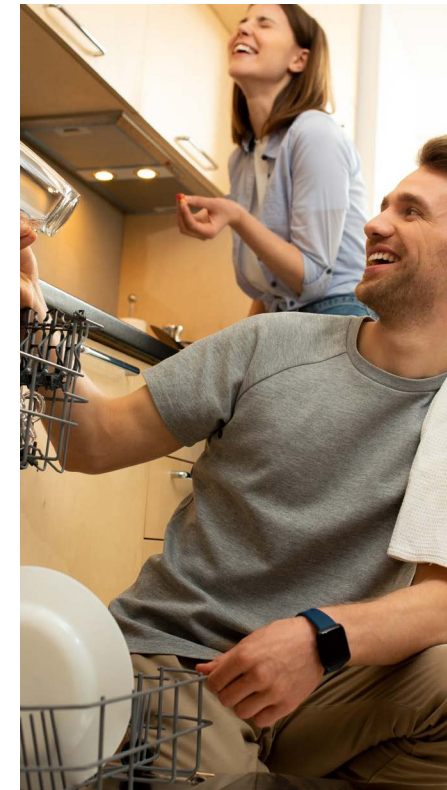
Bi-Monthly Meter Service Charge

These are the fixed rates charged on each bi-monthly bill based on meter size

Meter Size	Current Charge	Proposed 2025	Proposed 2026	Proposed 2027	Proposed 2028	Proposed 2029
5/8"	\$29.63	\$34.08	\$39.20	\$45.08	\$51.85	\$59.63
3/4"	\$40.83	\$46.96	\$54.01	\$62.12	\$71.44	\$82.16
1"	\$63.25	\$72.74	\$83.66	\$96.21	\$110.65	\$127.25
1 1/2"	\$119.32	\$137.22	\$157.81	\$181.49	\$208.72	\$240.03
2"	\$186.59	\$214.58	\$246.77	\$283.79	\$326.36	\$375.32
3"	\$399.61	\$459.56	\$528.50	\$607.78	\$698.95	\$803.80
4"	\$713.55	\$820.59	\$943.68	\$1,085.24	\$1,248.03	\$1,435.24
6"	\$1,464.75	\$1,684.47	\$1,937.15	\$2,227.73	\$2,561.89	\$2,946.18
8"	\$3,146.54	\$3,618.53	\$4,161.31	\$4,785.51	\$5,503.34	\$6,328.85
10"	\$4,716.20	\$5,423.63	\$6,237.18	\$7,172.76	\$8,248.68	\$9,485.99
12"	\$5,949.50	\$6,841.93	\$7,868.22	\$9,048.46	\$10,405.73	\$11,966.59

Pass-Thru Surcharges

SGPWA Importation Charges	\$0.72	\$0.81	\$0.86	\$0.92	\$0.98	\$1.04
SCE Power Charges	\$0.42	\$0.56	\$0.60	\$0.64	\$0.68	\$0.72



Proposed New Water Rates

Proposed Potable and Non-Potable Commodity Rates

(\$ per ccf – hundred cubic feet, or 748 gallons)

These are the rates for water consumption based on tiers of use. The current and proposed rate structure for the Potable Commodity Rate for Single-Family Residential Customers has three tiers which impose higher rates as the level of consumption increases. The tiers are designed to recover the incremental costs to BCVWD of serving more water to those who place higher demands and greater burdens on BCVWD’s water system and resources.

Due to the varying consumption needs among all other customers, the Potable and Non-Potable Commodity Rate is a uniform rate per ccf of water delivered during a billing period.

Bi-Monthly Private Fire Service Charges (based on meter size)

Fire Meter Size	Current Charge	Proposed 2025	Proposed 2026	Proposed 2027	Proposed 2028	Proposed 2029
4"	\$58.02	\$66.73	\$76.74	\$88.26	\$101.50	\$116.73
6"	\$154.84	\$178.07	\$204.79	\$235.51	\$270.84	\$311.47
8"	\$321.84	\$370.12	\$425.64	\$489.49	\$562.92	\$647.36
10"	\$573.06	\$659.02	\$757.88	\$871.57	\$1,002.31	\$1,152.66
12"	\$921.22	\$1,059.41	\$1,218.33	\$1,401.08	\$1,611.25	\$1,852.94



Quantitative Use Charge (\$/hcf)

Customer Class	Tiers	Bi-monthly Tiers & Rates (ccf)			Proposed 2025	Proposed 2026	Proposed 2027	Proposed 2028	Proposed 2029
		Current Tiers	Current Rates	Proposed Tiers					
Single Family	Tier 1	0-16	\$0.88	0-16	\$1.02	\$1.18	\$1.36	\$1.57	\$1.81
	Tier 2	17-34	\$1.09	17-34	\$1.26	\$1.45	\$1.67	\$1.93	\$2.22
	Tier 3	35+	\$1.80	35+	\$2.07	\$2.39	\$2.75	\$3.17	\$3.65
Multi-Family	Uniform	Uniform	\$1.35	Uniform	\$1.56	\$1.80	\$2.07	\$2.39	\$2.75
Commercial / Industrial	Uniform	Uniform	\$1.27	Uniform	\$1.47	\$1.70	\$1.96	\$2.26	\$2.60
Landscape Irrigation	Uniform	Uniform	\$1.41	Uniform	\$1.63	\$1.88	\$2.17	\$2.50	\$2.88
Schedule Irrigation	Uniform	Uniform	\$1.41	Uniform	\$1.63	\$1.88	\$2.17	\$2.50	\$2.88
Construction	Uniform	Uniform	\$1.56	Uniform	\$1.80	\$2.07	\$2.39	\$2.75	\$3.17
Non-Potable	Uniform	Uniform	\$1.07	Uniform	\$1.24	\$1.43	\$1.65	\$1.90	\$2.19
Fire Service	Uniform	Uniform	\$1.56	Uniform	\$1.80	\$2.07	\$2.39	\$2.75	\$3.17

Adjustments to Pass-Through Charges

Provided that any such rates shall not increase by an amount that exceeds the cost of providing water service:

State Project Water (purchased through the SGPWA): BCVWD purchases a great deal of its water replenishment supply from the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA). The pass-through charges for State Water Project water may be increased as necessary by BCVWD by an amount equal to any increases for the cost of water purchased from the SGPWA upon 30 days' notice.

SCE Power Charge: To account for energy increases in BCVWD costs in providing water service, the bi-monthly pass-through service charge may be increased as necessary by BCVWD by an amount equal to any incremental increase imposed on BCVWD for the cost of energy purchased from Southern California Edison upon 30 days' notice.



How will the new rates impact my bill?

If approved, a water bill for a typical single-family residence with a 5/8-inch meter using 30 units of water (22,440 gallons) during a bi-monthly billing period will increase by approximately \$15.97.

For an estimate of how this would impact you specifically, visit the BCVWD bill estimator tool online at www.bcvwd.gov. Customers can also call **951-845-9581** or email info@bcvwd.gov with questions.

Typical Bill Calculation (30 ccf Bi-monthly)

Description	Existing Bill	Proposed 2025
Single-Family with 5/8" meter	\$93.17	\$109.14



How can I participate?

Written protests will be accepted in person or by regular mail at the BCVWD District Office, **560 Magnolia Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223** during office hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Emailed or faxed protests will NOT be accepted.

The content of the written protest should include:

- 1. Printed name of protester**
- 2. Clear indication that the document is a protest**
- 3. Residence or business address or parcel number (APN) within the BCVWD's service area**
- 4. Signature of protester**

Any Property Owner and/or Customer may appear at the Public Hearing and orally protest the proposed rate increases, or submit to BCVWD, at any time before the end of the Public Hearing, a written protest against the proposed rate increases. Oral protests will not qualify as a protest unless accompanied by a written protest, but the Board of Directors welcomes input from the community during the Public Hearing.

Any Property Owner and/or Customer may submit a protest. Only one protest per address/parcel will be accepted. Protests received prior to the Public Hearing will be opened and tallied. Copies of protests received prior to close of business on **Wednesday, April 9, 2025**, will be available at the Public Hearing. For further information or to withdraw a protest, contact the Executive Assistant at **951-845-9581**.

To be counted, any written protest must be received by BCVWD no later than the end of the Public Hearing. Protest tabulation will be finalized at the close of the Public Hearing on **Thursday, April 24, 2025**, or on a date specified by the Board of Directors following the Public Hearing.

Community Meeting

An informational Community Meeting will take place at **6 p.m. on Thursday, April 10**, at the BCVWD District Office, located at **560 Magnolia Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223**.

Objections: Pursuant to Assembly Bill 2257, if BCVWD complies with the new requirements in Government Code section 53759.1, then any property owner or ratepayer desiring to bring a judicial action or proceeding to review, invalidate, challenge, set aside, rescind, void, or annul the water rates must submit an objection regarding the proposed water rates to the Board of Directors' attention prior to the deadline established by the Board. Any judicial action or proceeding shall be subject to the requirements set forth in Government Code section 53759.2.

If you wish to file an objection, please submit a letter addressed to Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District Attn: Executive Assistant, 560 Magnolia Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223.

Requirements for a Valid, Written Objection: (i) A clear statement that it is an objection to the proposed water rates. Objections must be filed separately from protests. (ii) The name of the record owner or customer of record and the assessor's parcel number or service address associated with the objector's parcel that is subject to the proposed water rate increase. (iii) The specific subsections of California Constitution Article XIII D, Section 6(b) or any other applicable law that the objector believes would be violated by the approval of the proposed water rates. (iv) A detailed explanation, with references to the Water Rate Study, legal authority, and any additional data or evidence that the objector chooses to present, that would enable BCVWD to understand the grounds for the objector's claim that the proposed rates do not comply with Proposition 218 or any other applicable law. An objection may also include expert analysis in support of the objection. However, if such analysis is included, the objector must also include the expert's contact information and a statement of their qualifications. (v) The objector's original signature.

To be valid, all written objections must include the information identified above and be received by the Executive Assistant by 5:00 p.m. on April 9, 2025. Failure to timely object in writing bars any right to challenge the proposed water rates through a legal proceeding and any such action may be limited to issues identified in the challenger's objection.

If any of the requirements for a valid, written objection are not met, then the objection will be deemed invalid and will not be considered by BCVWD. Objections must be submitted separately from protests and any written submission labeled as both a protest and an objection shall be deemed invalid. Before or during the Public Hearing, the Board of Directors shall consider and BCVWD shall respond in writing to, any timely, valid written objections. BCVWD's responses shall explain the substantive basis for retaining or altering the proposed water rates in response to written objections, and, if applicable, the grounds for not making any amendments in response to a valid, written objection.

In exercising its legislative discretion, the Board of Directors shall determine whether: a. The written objections and the BCVWD's response warrant clarifications to the proposed water rates. b. To reduce the proposed water rates. c. To further review the proposed water rates before determining whether clarification or reduction is needed. d. To proceed with the protest hearing and consider adopting the rates, to continue it, or to abandon the proposal.



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560 Magnolia Avenue
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Important Information About Your Rates and Service Charges

Hours of Operation and Contact

Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed on Fridays)

Phone: 951-845-9581 **Email:** info@bcvwd.gov

Online: www.bcvwd.gov

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*This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act, by contacting the Administrative Assistant at **951-845-9581**. Requests for disability-related modifications or accommodations required to facilitate meeting participation, including requests for auxiliary aids, services or interpreters require different lead times, ranging from five business days to two weeks. Please provide as much advance notice as possible in order to assure availability.*