

**USER RATES FOR POTABLE WATER**

**Resolution No. 2023-131**

(Rates below include a SDCWA volumetric rate increase, effective January 1, 2024)

| CUSTOMER CLASS   |                | COST PER 1,000 GALLONS |
|--|----------------|------------------------|
| <b>Single Family Residential</b>                           |                |                        |
| Tier 1   | 0 to 7k gal *  | \$8.74                 |
| Tier 2   | 7 to 14k gal * | \$10.10                |
| Tier 3   | >14 k gal *    | \$10.73                |
| <b>Residential/Agricultural Use</b>                        |                |                        |
| Tier 1   | 0 to 7k gal *  | \$8.74                 |
| Tier 2   | >7 k gal *     | \$10.26                |
| <b>Multi-Family Residential</b>                            |                |                        |
| Tier 1   | 0 to 5k gal *  | \$8.71                 |
| Tier 2   | >5 k gal *     | \$10.12                |
| <b>Commercial, Industrial &amp; School</b>                 |                | \$9.82                 |
| <b>Irrigation and Landscape Maintenance District (LMD)</b> |                | \$10.19                |
| <b>SD Zoo Safari Park</b>                                  |                | \$9.82                 |
| <b>Special Unfiltered</b>                                  |                | \$8.60                 |
| <b>Agricultural Use (PSAWR) Tier 1</b>                     |                | \$6.48                 |
| <b>Agricultural Use (PSAWR) Tier 2</b>                     |                | \$6.33                 |

\* Based on a 30-day period of water use.

Water Rate Structure

The City of Escondido (City) periodically evaluates its water, wastewater, and recycled water rates to ensure that its revenues are sufficient to honor its commitment to long-term planning and appropriate infrastructure investment. This evaluation considers many factors that impact the cost of providing water service to the community. Among these factors are: the cost of imported water; requirements to maintain sufficient revenue to cover the City’s water debt service costs; the cost of operations, including employee and materials costs; the cost of future projects to maintain service reliability; and the cost of planned infrastructure maintenance and replacement.

- Critical costs and projects for the City’s Water System include:
  - Increasing the volume of imported water purchased from wholesale suppliers (more gallons imported due to fluctuating local supply);
  - future water line replacement and water treatment plant rehabilitation projects;
  - construction of a new dam at Lake Wohlford to replace the existing dam;
  - construction of a treated water connection to the Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District system, enabling Escondido to diversify its water supply sources;

These activities and investments are designed to increase service reliability, meet and exceed public health standards and goals, address new regulations, and further improve financial health.



**WATER SERVICE CHARGE**  
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| METER SIZE     | CITY OF ESCONDIDO WATER SERVICE<br>Effective January 1, 2024 | METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT READINESS TO SERVE<br>Effective August 1, 2023 | SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY INFRASTRUCTURE ACCESS<br>Effective January 1, 2024 | *TOTAL WATER SERVICE CHARGE |
|----------------|--|--|---|-----------------------------|
| 5/8" and 3/4"  | \$47.64  | \$1.80   | \$4.41  | \$53.85                     |
| 1"             | \$70.03  | \$2.89   | \$7.06  | \$79.98                     |
| 1 1/2"         | \$126.64   | \$5.41   | \$13.23   | \$145.28                    |
| 2"             | \$230.50   | \$9.39   | \$22.93   | \$262.82                    |
| 3"             | \$523.12   | \$17.33  | \$42.34   | \$582.78                    |
| 4"             | \$892.26   | \$29.60  | \$72.32   | \$994.18                    |
| 6"             | \$1,917.87   | \$54.14  | \$132.30  | \$2,104.31                  |
| 8"             | \$3,348.39   | \$93.85  | \$229.32  | \$3,671.56                  |
| 3/4" x 3"      | \$491.87   | \$18.59  | \$72.32   | \$582.78                    |
| 1" x 4"        | \$854.65   | \$29.29  | \$110.25  | \$994.19                    |
| 1 1/2" x 6"    | \$1,825.66   | \$58.59  | \$220.06  | \$2,104.31                  |
| 3/4" x 3" x 6" | \$1,812.27   | \$71.98  | \$220.06  | \$2,104.31                  |
| 1" x 4" x 8"   | \$3,203.15   | \$114.72   | \$353.68  | \$3,671.56                  |
| 2" x 6"        | \$1,819.78   | \$64.47  | \$220.06  | \$2,104.31                  |
| 2" x 8"        | \$3,228.38   | \$89.50  | \$353.68  | \$3,671.56                  |
| Detector Check | \$47.44  | N/A  | N/A   |                             |

\* City of Escondido Water Service Charge, Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Readiness to Serve Charge, and San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) Infrastructure Access Charge are combined and listed as a single Water Service Charge on your water bill.

**City of Escondido (City) – Water Service Charge**

The City of Escondido Water Service Charge includes fixed water service costs such as maintenance of storage facilities, pipeline repair, meter reading, billing, and monitoring of water quality. It also includes fixed service charges from the San Diego County Water Authority that are passed through from the City to its customers, including charges for Metropolitan Water District Capacity, Supply Reliability, Customer Service, and Storage.

**Metropolitan Water District (MWD) - Readiness to Serve Charge**

The Metropolitan Water District imports water from two sources, the Colorado River and Northern California. MWD then sells this water to its member agencies, including the San Diego County Water Authority. The Readiness to Serve Charge from MWD, effective August 1, 2023, is passed through from the City of Escondido to its customers.

**San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) – Infrastructure Access Charge**

Historically, the City of Escondido has purchased about 75% of its water from the San Diego County Water Authority, with the balance supplied by local water. The Infrastructure Access Charge from SDCWA, effective January 1, 2024, is passed through from the City of Escondido to its customers.

**WATER CONNECTION FEES**

**ALL USES EXCLUDING SPECIAL RESIDENTIAL CONNECTIONS LISTED BELOW  
(based on water meter size)**

| <b>WATER METER</b> | <b>CONNECTION FEE</b><br>(Effective: July 1, 2009) | <b>SDCWA SYSTEM CAPACITY CHARGE</b><br>(Effective: January 1, 2024) | <b>WATER METER INSTALLATION FEE</b>         |
|--------------------|--|---|---|
| 5/8" and 3/4"      | \$4,690  | \$5,700   | (See Water Meter Installation Fees, page 4) |
| 1"                 | \$7,930  | \$9,120   |   |
| 1.5"               | \$15,640   | \$17,100  |   |
| 2"                 | \$25,340   | \$29,640  |   |
| 3"                 | \$46,780   | \$54,720  |   |
| 4"                 | \$78,940   | \$93,480  |   |
| 6"                 | \$157,890  | \$171,000   |   |
| 8"                 | \$252,620  | \$296,400   |   |

**SPECIAL RESIDENTIAL CONNECTIONS**

| <b>TYPE</b>  | <b>FEE</b> | <b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b> |
|--|------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Attached Dwelling Units</b> (per dwelling unit) includes single-family dwellings, townhouses, condominiums, apartments, triplexes, duplexes | *\$3,510   | July 1, 2009          |
| <b>Mobile Home</b> (in mobile home park)   | *\$3,510   | July 1, 2009          |
| <b>Senior Housing Project</b>  | *\$2,340   | July 1, 2009          |
| <b>Single Family Detached</b> (Equivalent Dwelling Unit base fee)<br>(1 water connection right = 1 EDU)  | \$4,690    | July 1, 2009          |

\* Based upon a common meter installation. If a separate meter is proposed for each dwelling unit, tenant, or business, connection fee is determined by the meter size.

### WATER METER INSTALLATION FEES

Meters and meter boxes for new connections may be purchased only upon the issuance of a building permit, except for agricultural uses.

| METER SIZE / SERVICE                      | METER AND METER BOX OR METER DROP-IN | FULL SET INSTALLATION | EFFECTIVE DATE |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 3/4"                                      | \$415                                | \$4,000               | July 1, 2020   |
| 1"  | \$500                                | \$4,550               | July 1, 2020   |
| 1 1/2"                                    | \$1,115                              | \$5,250               | July 1, 2020   |
| 2"  | \$1,500                              | \$6,000               | July 1, 2020   |
| 3"  | \$3,500                              |                       | July 1, 2020   |
| 4"  | \$4,800                              |                       | July 1, 2020   |
| 6"  | \$7,900                              |                       | July 1, 2020   |
| New Service Turn On                       | \$55                                 |                       | July 1, 2020   |
| New Service Turn On / After Hours         | \$180                                |                       | July 1, 2020   |
| Meter Calibration Test                    | \$125                                |                       | July 1, 2020   |
| Water Detector Check                      | \$63.51                              |                       | March 1, 2020  |
| New Line Bacti Retest                     | \$200                                |                       | July 1, 2020   |
| New Line Bacti Retest - Additional Sample | \$26                                 |                       | August 1, 2010 |
| Temporary Meter Set and Removal           | \$125                                |                       | July 1, 2020   |

### MISCELLANEOUS WATER FEES

| SERVICE   | FEE                 | EFFECTIVE DATE   |
|---|---------------------|------------------|
| Past Due Letter Notification for Nonpayment                     | \$1.50              | March 1, 2015    |
| Late Penalty / All Fees Not Paid within 19 Days of Billing      | 10 % of balance due | December 1, 1994 |
| Door Hanger Notification of Shut-off for Nonpayment             | \$35.00             | July 1, 2020     |
| Shut-off / Turn-on Fee if paid prior to 2:00 pm                 | \$45.00             | July 1, 2020     |
| Shut-off / Turn-on Fee if paid after 2:00 pm                    | \$75.00             | July 1, 2020     |
| Cut Lock / Lock Only  | \$175               | August 1, 2010   |
| Cut Tabs – Angle Water Meter Stops:                             |                     |                  |
| • 5/8" x 3/4"   | \$450               | July 1, 2020     |
| • 1"  | \$475               | July 1, 2020     |
| • 1 1/2"  | \$825               | July 1, 2020     |
| • 2"  | \$875               | July 1, 2020     |
| Door Hanger Notification of Shut-off for Backflow Noncompliance | \$35.00             | July 1, 2020     |
| Shut-off / Turn-on Fee for Backflow Noncompliance               | \$75.00             | July 1, 2020     |

**WASTEWATER RATES**  
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**Effective January 1, 2024**

**Residential Wastewater Rates**

Residential wastewater charges include a fixed charge, and a flow (wastewater generated) charge based on the customer’s monthly water consumption average during the winter. Annually, flow volume is established for customers by determining the average monthly winter water use for each residence, from December through March. The customer’s winter average figure is then multiplied by the flow volume charge on each month’s bill. A new winter water use average is established for each residence the following year. The wastewater flow charge is capped at 10,000 gallons per month.

| <b>CUSTOMER CLASS</b>     | <b>UNIT</b>           | <b>FIXED CHARGE</b> | <b>FLOW VOLUME<br/>COST PER 1,000 GALLONS</b> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---|
| Single Family Residential | Per unit/mo.          | \$6.73              | \$8.95  |
| Multi-Family Dwelling     | Per dwelling unit/mo. | \$6.73              | \$8.95  |
| Mobile Home               | Per mobile home/mo.   | \$6.73              | \$8.95  |

**Commercial Wastewater Rates**

Commercial and industrial wastewater charges include a fixed charge, and a variable flow (wastewater generated) charge based upon the customer’s monthly water consumption. The parameters used to set the Low, Medium, and High categories are based on historical data and commercial user strength characteristics. Low strength is considered normal strength of discharge, and High strength has a high strength discharge. Medium strength is the middle point of the two.

| <b>CUSTOMER CLASS</b>   | <b>UNIT</b>                                     | <b>CATEGORY</b> | <b>FIXED CHARGE</b> | <b>FLOW VOLUME<br/>COST PER 1,000 GALLONS</b> |
|---|---|-----------------|---------------------|---|
| Car Wash<br>Hotel / Motel without Dining<br>Repair Shop / Service Station<br>Laundromat<br>Hospital<br>All Other Commercial | Per unit/mo.                                    | Low             | \$6.73              | \$7.55  |
| Hotel / Motel with Dining<br>Commercial Laundry<br>Industrial   | Per acct./mo.<br>Per acct./mo.<br>Per acct./mo. | Medium          | \$6.73              | \$13.24                                       |
| Grocery Store with Meat Dept.<br>Restaurant   | Per acct./mo.<br>Per acct./mo.                  | High            | \$6.73              | \$18.92                                       |
| Discharges to Brine Line  | Per acct./mo.                                   |                 |                     | \$0.85  |

**School / Church Wastewater Rates**

| <b>CUSTOMER CLASS</b>      | <b>UNIT</b>       | <b>COST PER UNIT</b> |
|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| High School                | Per student/yr.   | \$26.28              |
| Elementary / Middle School | Per student/yr.   | \$13.20              |
| Church                     | Per 100 seats/mo. | \$35.00              |

**Strength Based / Calculated Wastewater Rates**

| <b>CUSTOMER CLASS BASED</b>     | <b>UNIT</b>             | <b>COST PER UNIT</b> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| High Strength Use               | Per 1,000 gallons / mo. | \$22.47              |
| BOD – Biochemical Oxygen Demand | Per pound / mo.         | \$1.16               |
| TSS – Total Suspended Solids    | Per pound / mo.         | \$1.16               |

**Wastewater Rate Structure**

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- Critical projects and costs for the City’s Wastewater System include:
  - sewer lift station replacement and repairs;
  - sludge digester cleaning and rehabilitation;
  - construction of recycled water pump station improvements and recycled water distribution expansion projects, including several miles of additional distribution mains;
  - continuing the repair and replacement program for at-risk wastewater collection pipelines; replacing pipelines to address capacity issues identified in the Wastewater Master Plan; and replacing aging laboratory and plant equipment;

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**WASTEWATER CONNECTION FEES**

| USES  | CHARGE             | EFFECTIVE DATE               |
|---|--------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Detached Single-Family Dwelling</b> (per unit)   | \$7,500            | July 1, 2009                 |
| <b>Attached Dwelling Units</b> (per dwelling unit) includes single-family dwellings, townhouses, condominiums, apartments, triplexes, duplexes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Units with 3 or more bedrooms</li> <li>• Units with less than 3 bedrooms</li> </ul> | \$7,500<br>\$5,625 | July 1, 2009<br>July 1, 2009 |
| <b>Mobile Home</b> (in mobile home park)  | \$5,625            | July 1, 2009                 |
| <b>Senior Housing Project</b>   | \$3,750            | July 1, 2009                 |
| <b>Hotel</b> (per room)   | \$2,250            | March 3, 2007                |
| <b>Motel</b> (per room)   | \$2,925            | March 3, 2007                |
| <b>Convalescent Home</b> (per bed)  | \$938              | March 3, 2007                |
| <b>Assisted Care Facility</b> (per bed)   | \$1,875            | March 3, 2007                |
| <b>R.V. Park</b> (per space)  | \$1,875            | March 3, 2007                |
| <b>Commercial, Industrial</b> (per EDU)<br>(minimum 1 "Equivalent Dwelling Unit")   | \$7,500            | July 1, 2009                 |

**WASTEWATER PERMITS**

| USES   | CHARGE         | EFFECTIVE DATE    |
|--|----------------|-------------------|
| Grease Control - Food Service Establishments | \$160 per year | September 1, 2009 |
| Control - Automotive Service Establishments  | \$160 per year | September 1, 2009 |

**USER RATES FOR RECYCLED WATER**  
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| <b>RECYCLED WATER</b> | <b>COST PER 1,000 GALLONS</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Commodity Rate        | \$4.61                        |

**RECYCLED WATER SERVICE CHARGE**

The monthly service charge for recycled water is the same as the City of Escondido’s potable water service charge for corresponding meter sizes (see page 2, “City of Escondido Water Service”).

| <b>METER SIZE</b> | <b>MONTHLY CHARGE</b> |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1"                | \$67.60               |
| 1 1/2"            | \$121.79              |
| 2"                | \$221.30              |
| 3"                | \$502.08              |
| 4"                | \$855.98              |
| 6"                | \$1,840.49            |

**INTERIM POTABLE WATER RATE (IPWR)**  
**Agricultural Recycled Water Agreements**  
**Effective August 1, 2023**

The IPWR was authorized by the City Council (Resolution No. 2017-41) to provide an interim potable water rate to Escondido’s agricultural customers until the City’s Recycled Water and Potable Reuse Program and its associated infrastructure are completed. To qualify for the IPWR, agricultural customers must meet certain criteria before entering into an agreement with the City certifying their intent to use advanced-treated recycled water when it is made available. The agreement stipulates that an increase to the IPWR will occur annually, effective March 1.

| <b>RECYCLED WATER</b> | <b>COST PER 1,000 GALLONS</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Agricultural Rate     | \$2.84                        |