MINUTES OF THE FISCAL POLICY COMMITTEE OF VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

October 3, 2023

A meeting of the Fiscal Policy Committee of Vista Irrigation District was held on October 3, 2023, at the offices of the District, 1391 Engineer Street, Vista, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair MacKenzie called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors present: Chair MacKenzie and Director Vásquez

Directors absent: None.

Staff present: Brett Hodgkiss, General Manager; Shallako Goodrick, Director of Administration; Randy Whitmann, Director of Engineering; Frank Wolinski, Director of Facilities and Operations; and Ramae Ogilvie, Assistant Board Secretary.

Other attendees: None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No public comments were presented.

5. DISTRICT FEES AND CHARGES OTHER THAN WATER RATES

See staff report attached hereto.

Director of Administration Shallako Goodrick stated that every year the District performs a nexus study and fee analysis to ensure that the fees and charges other than water rates accurately reflect the actual costs of services provided by the District. The proposed changes are necessary due to inflationary increases affecting the cost of labor, materials/parts and outside services. She noted that the proposed fee changes will increase revenue to the District by approximately \$190,000 which equally offsets the higher service costs.

Ms. Goodrick reviewed the Construction Fees stating that the proposed adjustments were primarily the result of increases in parts/materials, services and labor costs. She highlighted the parts/materials with the most significant cost increases (greater than 20 percent) and noted that the labor cost increase of 2.84 percent had less of an impact on these fees than the higher costs of parts/materials and outside services.

Ms. Goodrick reviewed the changes to the Engineering Fees stating that the Hydraulic Analysis with Schematic Layout Fee has been renamed Hydraulic Analysis Fee and a Water Supply Study Fee (new fee) has been added to provide a more detailed report for new development projects. She added that the Statement of Cost Fee and Updated Statement of Cost Fee have been renamed Construction Cost Estimate Summary Fee and Updated Construction Cost Estimate Summary Fee, respectively, and the Specifications Book Cost Fee has been deleted since the information can be accessed and printed from the District's

website. Ms. Goodrick reviewed the Capacity Fees, noting that the proposed 14.7 percent adjustment is the result of inflationary increases in the value of the District's net assets and estimated costs of future capital projects.

Ms. Goodrick reviewed the Customer Service Fees including the new Discontinuation Notice Fee to provide for the delivery of discontinuation notices via mail rather than by hand delivery to the property. She stated that this new fee would cover the cost of processing and mailing (via two-day delivery) the notice directly to the property address as required by Senate Bill 998. The Committee requested that "Mailed" be added to the new fee name to clarify what service the fee covers.

Ms. Goodrick stated that two new fees, Bid Protest Fee - Contract Under \$60,000 and Bid Protest Fee – Contract Over \$60,000, have been added to Miscellaneous Fees (new category) to cover the actual costs associated with the review of a bid protest by staff, legal counsel and if applicable, the Board of Directors (Contract Over \$60,000).

The Committee suggested adding wording to the staff report or fee summary that informs customers that the majority of the fee increases, specifically Construction and Engineering Fees, will not impact individual ratepayers. The Committee also requested that Engineering inform developers, contractors, etc. who have contacted the District about potential projects or who have projects underway of the upcoming public hearing on fees and charges other than water rates and provide them with a link on the District's website where more detailed information may be found.

The Committee recommended that the revised fees and charges other than water rates be presented for consideration by the Board at a public hearing on October 17, 2023.

6. COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None were presented.

7. COMMENTS BY GENERAL MANAGER

None were presented.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, at 10:00 a.m. Chair MacKenzie adjourned the meeting.

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ATTEST:

Ramae Ogilvie, Assistant Secretary Board of Directors VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT



Meeting Date: Prepared By: Approved By: Agenda Item: 5

October 3, 2023 Shallako Goodrick Brett Hodgkiss

SUBJECT: DISTRICT FEES AND CHARGES OTHER THAN WATER RATES

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: Review the proposed revisions to the District's fees and charges and recommend that the Board of Directors conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on revisions to the District's Rules and Regulations relative to fees and charges other than water rates.

<u>PRIOR BOARD ACTION</u>: At its October 19, 2022 meeting, the Board conducted a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on revisions to the District's Rules and Regulations relative to fees and charges other than water rates; no public comments, written or oral, were presented. After closing the public hearing, the Board adopted Resolution No. 22-37 revising Rules and Regulations of the District relative to fees and charges other than water rates.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT</u>: The revenue produced by these fees and charges is designed to recover the costs associated with the services provided by the District. Adoption of the new miscellaneous fees and charges will increase revenue to the District by approximately \$190,000 if the number and type of transactions remained similar to those in the past.

<u>SUMMARY</u>: Every year, the District performs a nexus study to ensure that its fees and charges accurately reflect the actual costs of providing services and only those costs. As a result, the District's fees and charges need revision to properly account for changes in the cost of labor, parts/materials, and outside services for the coming year. The fee summary schedule attached is a comprehensive list of fees and charges other than water rates. The proposed modifications to the fee summary result from changes in labor costs, parts/material costs, and costs of outside services.

The District's fees and charges are being presented to the Fiscal Policy Committee for review and comment prior to consideration by the full Board. After the Committee's review and recommendation, the Board will conduct a public hearing to receive comments prior to considering adoption of the revised fees and charges. The fees would become effective January 1, 2024.

<u>DETAILED REPORT</u>: Staff has performed detailed costs studies on all fees and charges. The proposed changes are necessary due to inflationary factors. The proposed fees are calculated using current costs for labor, parts/materials and outside services; a majority of the changes in this fee study are related to increases in labor costs and/or parts/materials costs. Staff will present the changes of individual fees at the Fiscal Policy Committee meeting. The proposed fees reflect the estimated cost of providing services in calendar year 2024.

Staff proposes to add four new fees, rename three fees and delete one fee. The Hydraulic Analysis with Schematic Layout has been renamed to Hydraulic Analysis, and a new fee, Water Supply Study, has been added to provide a more robust level of reporting for new development projects. While the Hydraulic Analysis provides a brief summary page of the analysis results with a schematic layout, which is adequate for some projects, the Water Supply Study expands this to include a several page report with figures summarizing the project details, the District's planning and design criteria, estimated demands, analysis results, and facility requirements. Two new fees, Bid Protest Fee – Contract under \$60,000 and Bid Protest Fee – Contract over \$60,000 (requiring Board review), have been added to Miscellaneous Fees (new category); the labor and legal review costs are covered by these fees. The final new fee, Discontinuation Notice Fee, will replace the Delinquent Door Hanger Fee. This new fee covers the cost of processing and mailing (two-day delivery) the notice to the property address; the fee amount is less than the Delinquent Door Hanger Fee and strictly complies with the requirements of Senate Bill 998.

The Statement of Cost and Update Statement of Cost fees have been renamed Construction Cost Estimate Summary and Update Construction Cost Estimate Summary respectively. The Specifications Book Cost fee has been removed since the information can be accessed on the District's website and printed.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Fee Analysis Executive Summary
- Proposed Fee Summary
- Strikeout version of amended sections of the Rules and Regulations



Fees and Charges other than Water Rates

Vista Irrigation District (District) has over 100 different fees and charges that are collected for the provision of services. Every year, the District performs a nexus study and fee analysis to ensure that its fees and charges accurately reflect the actual costs of providing services and only those costs. As a result, the District's fees and charges need to be increased or decreased to properly account for changes in the cost of labor, materials, and outside services for the coming year. Below are brief description of the most common components used in the calculation of fees and charges and explanations as to why fees and charges are increasing by service category (e.g. Construction, Engineering, Customer Service and Water Conservation). Attached is a Proposed Fee Summary that shows each of the fees and charges, the amount of increase or decrease and a brief note of factors contributing to the increase or decrease in a fee or charge. The data and detailed fee calculations are available to the public for public review at the District office.

Fee Components

The calculation of individual fees and charges is based on identified cost centers, such as labor, parts and materials and contract services. Labor costs are fully burdened to include taxes, benefits, equipment and assets, support staff and supervision, computers and other related overhead costs. Actual costs are used for all parts, materials and outside services; these costs are based on contract pricing, inventory values, last order cost or a request for quote from a vendor. Fees and charges can increase or decrease depending on changes to these cost centers as well as labor hours associated with providing a service.

Parts and Materials - inventory part costs are taken directly from the District's inventory system at Fiscal Year-end and based on the average actual cost of an item. Non-inventory part costs are based on the last purchase of an item or a quote from a vendor. The District procures parts and materials via a competitive bidding process to ensure it gets the items at the lowest price.

Material Burden - this cost represents the burden on material costs for the labor to obtain, store and distribute the materials. The material burden rate is calculated every five years and is based on the labor costs to operate and stock the warehouse. The material burden percentage is currently 25%.

Service Burden - this cost represents the burden on outside service contracts costs for labor to negotiate, prepare, execute and administer an agreement through completion. The service burden is calculated every five years. The District procures outside services via a competitive bidding process to ensure it gets the items at the lowest price. The services burden is currently at 8%.

Outside Services – the District contracts with third-party parties to provide certain services, such as paving and traffic control. The cost associated with said services is included in various construction related fees and pricing set forth in the contract. Costs can change annually due to new contracts being negotiated or pricing being adjusted for inflation (as specified in the contract terms).

Labor Rate – the labor rate is equal to the average non-management employee's salary plus burden, including taxes, benefits, equipment and assets, support staff and supervision, liability insurance, computers, supplies and other related overhead costs. The labor rate is calculated annually based on actual costs, capturing negotiated salary increases capped at 4% (generally based on the U.S. Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers – San Diego, California) as well as changes in benefit and other burden related costs. The fully burdened labor rate, which incorporated adjustments to salary, benefit and other burden related costs, increased by 2.84%.

Labor Time – the District completes a full time and motion study for all fee and charges every other year. In years that the time and motion study is not undertaken, the time component of labor costs remains constant, unless adjustments are necessary due to changes in process. When a time and motion study is performed, the time estimates to complete tasks associated with a fee or charge are reviewed and adjusted, if necessary, to ensure they reflect the average actual time to complete said task.

Fee Increase Summary

Construction Fees

Construction fees are comprised of labor, parts/materials and outside services costs. Labor cost increases are explained in the Fee Components section. Part costs have increased significantly due to supply chain challenges and market conditions. Examples of the most significant increases during the prior year are shown in the table below.

		Percentage
Class Code	Description	Increase
Angle Ball	Angle Ball Mtr Valve 1" Flare Swl Mtr Nut Lockwing	29%
Bolt Kit	Nut Bolt Gasket Kit 6"-8" (6" gasket) 3/4 x 3 1/4	41%
Bolt Kit	Nut Bolt Gasket Kit 4" (4" gasket)	35%
Concrete	Concrete 60lb bag	21%
Corp Stop	Corp Stop 1" MIP X Flare	22%
Fire Hydrant	Fire Hydrant 6x4x2.5	23%
Gate Valve	Gate Valve 8" FL R/W	35%
Gate Valve	Gate Valve 4" FL R/W	32%
Gate Valve	Gate Valve 6" FL R/W	23%
Misc	Wire 10 Copper	23%
Pipe	Pipe 6" PVC DR-14 C900	39%
Pipe	Pipe 4" PVC DR-14 C900	31%
Тее	Tee 2" Copper	55%
Wrench	Wrench Fire Hydrant	34%
Zinc Anode	Zinc Anode bag 30lb	60%

Key Inventory Items: Year-Over-Year Increase 20% and over

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Engineering Fees

Most Engineering Fees are comprised of labor cost, the exceptions being Annexation, Detachment and Capacity Fees. Labor cost increases are explained in the Fee Components section.

Customer Service Fees

Customer Service Fees are mainly comprised of labor costs, which are explained in the Fee Components section. The Return Check fee also includes bank fees, and the Damaged Curb Stop fees include parts.

Miscellaneous Fees

Miscellaneous Fees are mainly comprised of labor costs, which are explained in more detail in the Fee Components section of this summary. The Bid Protest Fees also include costs associated with legal counsel's time to review bid protest documents.

Water Conservation Fees

Water Conservation Fees are mainly comprised of labor costs, which are explained in the Fee Components section.

	 Current Fee	Proposed Fee	\$ Char		% Change	Comments
Construction Fees:						
5∕s" Meter Full Install	\$ 6,670	7,355	\$	685	10.3%	Parts, paving, trucking and labor costs increased
5⁄8" Meter Hook On	683	691		8		Labor costs increased
5/8" Service Outlet *	5,987	6,664		677	11.3%	Parts, paving, trucking and labor costs increased
3/4" Meter Full Install	6,693	7,368		675		Parts, paving, trucking and labor costs increased
³ / ₄ " Meter Hook On	706	704		(2)		Parts cost decreased and labor costs increased
³ / ₄ " Service Outlet *	5,987	6,664		677		Parts, paving, trucking and labor costs increased
1" Meter Full Install	6,840	7,550		710		Parts, paving, trucking and labor costs increased
1" Meter Hook On	853	886		33		Parts and labor costs increased
1" Service Outlet *	5,987	6,664		677	11.3%	Parts, paving, trucking and labor costs increased
1 ¹ / ₂ " Meter Full Install	9,194	9,627		433		Parts, paving and labor costs increased
1½" Meter Hook On	1,966	1.684		282)		Parts cost decreased and labor costs increased
1 ¹ / ₂ " Service Outlet *	7,228	7,943	,	715		Parts, paving, trucking and labor costs increased
2" Meter Full Install	9,084	9,873		789		Parts, paving, trucking and labor costs increased
2" Meter Hook On	1,856	1,930		74		Parts and labor costs increased
2" Service Outlet *	7,228	7,943		715		Parts, paving, trucking and labor costs increased
Fire Hydrant Full Install *	21,182	23,519		337		Parts, paving, trucking and labor costs increased
Fire Hydrant Upgrade *	8,303	9,419		116		Parts and labor costs increased
4" Fire Service Connection *	13.686	14,654	,	968		Parts, paving, trucking and labor costs increased
6" Fire Service Connection *	14,475	15,051		576		Parts, paving, trucking and labor costs increased
8" Fire Service Connection *	15,863	17,443		580		Parts, paving, trucking and labor costs increased
10" Fire Service Connection *	18,080	19,819		739	9.6%	Parts, paving, trucking and labor costs increased
Air Vent, Blow Off, and Gate Valve for Fire Service	4,651	5,562		911		Parts and labor costs increased
Commercial Irrigation Service Conversion Fee	2,266	2,364		98		Parts and labor costs increased
Backflow Device Set-up	282	290		8	-	Labor costs increased
Reset Pressure Valve	223	230		7		Labor costs increased
1" Construction Meter Deposit With Backflow Device	1,426	1,756		330	-	Parts and labor costs increased
Refundable Amount	887	1,155		268	30.2%	Refund amount increases as part costs increase
1" Construction Meter Deposit With Spanner and Backflow Device	1,449	1,786		337		Parts and labor costs increased
Refundable Amount	906	1,180		274		Refund amount increases as part costs increase
3" Construction Meter Deposit With Backflow Device	4,803	5.607		804		Parts and labor costs increased
Refundable Amount	3,359	4,014		655		Refund amount increases as part costs increase
Unauthorized Taking of District Water	2,889	3,032		143		Water rate and labor costs increased
Relocate Construction Meter	188	193		5		Labor costs increased
Unauthorized Construction Meter and Backflow Device Move Penalty	374	384		10		Labor costs increased
Subdivision Construction Meter Deposit	9,070	10,342	1.	272	14.0%	Parts and labor costs increased
Refundable Amount	6,946	7,969		023		Refund amount increases as part costs increase
Meter Service Lateral Termination	2,165	2,335		170		Parts and labor costs increased
Temporary Offsite Service *	8,313	8.664		351		Parts and paving costs increased and plumber costs decreased
Plus: Per Foot Frontage Charge	76	82		6		Parts, paving and labor costs increased
Temporary Service Agreement Conversion *	9,270	9,648		378		Parts and paving costs increased and plumber costs decreased
Plus: Per Foot Frontage Charge	76	82		6		Parts, paving and labor costs increased
Temporary Service Agreement Conversion Excluding Tieback & Permit *	7,650	8,352		702		Parts, paving and labor costs increased
Plus: Per Foot Frontage Charge	76	82		6		Parts, paving and labor costs increased
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	Current	Proposed	\$	%	
	Fee	Fee	Change	Change	Comments
Cancellation of Meter Application	288	296	8	2.8%	Labor costs increased
Meter Downsize from ¾"	588	604	16	2.7%	Labor costs increased
Meter Downsize from 1"	588	604	16	2.7%	Labor costs increased
Meter Downsize from 1 ¹ / ₂ "	1,037	1,061	24	2.3%	Parts and labor costs increased
Meter Downsize from 2"	1,318	1,344	26	2.0%	Parts costs decreased and labor cost increased

* The cost of permit associated with this fee will be determined at the time of application. The cost of permit is dependent upon its jurisdiction.

			Current Fee	Proposed Fee	\$ Change	% Change	Comments
Engineering Fees:							
Hydraulic Analysis		\$	1,199	943	\$ (256)	(21.4%)	Removed schematic layout
Water Supply Study			-	1,487		· · /	New Fee
Construction Cost Estimate Summary	/		530	545	15	2.8%	Labor costs increased
Update Construction Cost Estimate S	Summary		236	243	7	3.0%	Labor costs increased
Plan Check (per Sheet)	•		544	560	16	2.9%	Labor costs increased
As-Built Deposit (per Sheet)			522	536	14	2.7%	Labor costs increased
Refundable Amount (per Sheet)			522	536	14	2.7%	Labor costs increased
Construction Agreement			1,970	1,975	5	0.3%	Labor costs increased
Water Availability Letter			330	339	9	2.7%	Labor costs increased
Water Availability Letter Update			154	158	4	2.6%	Labor costs increased
Private Ownership Agreement			919	945	26	2.8%	Labor costs increased
Grant of Right of Way (to Public)			819	842	23	2.8%	Labor costs increased
Quitclaim/Cancellation of Recorded D	Documents		957	984	27	2.8%	Labor costs increased
Encroachment Permit			849	872	23	2.7%	Labor costs increased
Joint Use Agreement			909	939	30	3.3%	Labor and legal costs increased
Exchange Meter Agreement			459	472	13	2.8%	Labor costs increased
Fire Flow Analysis			259	230	(29)	(11.2%)	Labor time decreased
Annexation Fee (per Acre)			7,557	7,559	2	0.0%	Inflation on value of net assets
Annexation/Administration			2,552	2,624	72	2.8%	Labor costs increased
Detachment Fee (per Acre)			-	-			No charge
Detachment/Administration			2,552	2,624	72	2.8%	Labor costs increased
5∕8" Capacity Fee	Current # of meters:	5,540	5,295	6,076	781	14.7%	Inflation on value of net assets and increase estimated costs of future capital
¾" Capacity Fee	Current # of meters:	17,032	7,943	9,114	1,171	14.7%	Inflation on value of net assets and increase estimated costs of future capital
1" Capacity Fee	Current # of meters:	2,900	13,238	15,190	1,952	14.7%	Inflation on value of net assets and increase estimated costs of future capital
1 ¹ / ₂ " Capacity Fee	Current # of meters:	1,314	26,476	30,380	3,904	14.7%	Inflation on value of net assets and increase estimated costs of future capital
2" Capacity Fee	Current # of meters:	890	42,361	48,608	6,247	14.7%	Inflation on value of net assets and increase estimated costs of future capital
3" Capacity Fee	Current # of meters:	55	84,723	97,216	12,493	14.7%	Inflation on value of net assets and increase estimated costs of future capital
4" Capacity Fee	Current # of meters:	24	132,379	151,900	19,521	14.7%	Inflation on value of net assets and increase estimated costs of future capital
6" Capacity Fee	Current # of meters:	13	264,758	303,800	39,042	14.7%	Inflation on value of net assets and increase estimated costs of future capital
8" Capacity Fee	Current # of meters:	2	423,614	486,080	62,466	14.7%	Inflation on value of net assets and increase estimated costs of future capital
10" Capacity Fee	Current # of meters:	1	608,944	698,740	89,796	14.7%	Inflation on value of net assets and increase estimated costs of future capital
12" Capacity Fee	Current # of meters:	0	1,138,461	1,306,340	167,879	14.7%	Inflation on value of net assets and increase estimated costs of future capital
Meter Service Lateral Inspection			787	810	23	2.9%	Labor costs increased
RPDA/Meter Inspection			646	665	19	2.9%	Labor costs increased
RPDA/Meter and Lateral Inspection V	Vithout Shutdown		1,492	1,535	43	2.9%	Labor costs increased
RPDA/Meter and Lateral Inspection V	Vith Shutdown		2,479	2,550	71	2.9%	Labor costs increased
Fire Hydrant Inspection			1,058	1,088	30		Labor costs increased
Fire Hydrant and Lateral Inspection w			1,904	1,958	54	2.8%	Labor costs increased
Fire Hydrant and Lateral Inspection w	vith Shutdown		2,327	2,393	66	2.8%	Labor costs increased

		Current Fee	Proposed Fee	\$ Change	% Chan		Comments
Customer Service Fees:		100	100	onunge	onan	ige	oonnon o
Late Penalty	\$	16	17	\$	16.	.3%	Labor costs increased
Delinguent Door Hanger		75	77		2 2.	.7%	Labor costs increased
Discontinuation Notice		-	45				New Fee
Delinquent Lock		169	175	(3 3.	.6%	Labor costs increased
Delinquent Lock Hardship *		54	57	;	35.	.3%	Change in Consumer Price Index
After Hours Lock or Unlock		186	191	į	5 2.	.7%	Labor cost increased
After Hours Unlock Hardship *		162	171	ę	95.	.6%	Change in Consumer Price Index
Broken Lock		186	191	į	5 2.	.7%	Labor costs increased
Pulled Meter		186	191	į	52.	.7%	Labor costs increased
Tax Roll		99	104	ļ	5 5.	.1%	Labor costs increased
Returned Check		40	41		1 2.	.5%	Labor costs increased
Voluntary Lock or Unlock		71	73	2	2 2.	.8%	Labor costs increased
Meter Bench Test		470	483	1:	3 2.	.8%	Labor costs increased
5⁄8" Damaged Curb Stop		927	953	20	3 2.	.8%	Labor costs increased
¾" Damaged Curb Stop		927	953	20	3 2.	.8%	Labor costs increased
1" Damaged Curb Stop		954	1,019	6	56.	.8%	Labor costs increased
Miscellaneous Fees:							
Bid Protest Fee- Contract Under \$60k		-	350				New Fee
Bid Protest Fee- Contract Over \$60k		-	603				New Fee
Water Concernation Ecol							
Water Conservation Fees:	•	0.40	055	<u>م</u>		0 0/	
Second Water Citation within 12 Months	\$	248	255				Labor costs increased
Third Water Citation within 12 Months		495	498				Labor costs increased
Four or More Water Citations within 12 Months		743	741	(2			Labor costs decreased
1" and Smaller Flow Restrictor Installation & Removal		328	337				Labor costs increased
1 ¹ / ₂ " and 2" Flow Restrictor Installation & Removal		620	643	23	3.	.7%	Parts and labor costs increased

* Hardship: 200% below the Federal Poverty Line

4.4 RATES, SERVICE CHARGES AND FEES

Adoption Date:	10/19/2022
Action:	Approved by the VID Board of Directors, Min. Order. 22-10-108; Res. 22-37.

4.4.1 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish water rates and service related charges for services provided by the District.

- 4.4.2 Water Rate Definitions
 - A. Billing Period

There are six Billing Periods per year, approximating two months each, which may vary by days from one period to another.

B. Service Charge

A flat charge to each account, based on meter size, which recovers the fixed costs of the District operations.

C. San Diego County Water Authority (CWA) Fee

A flat fee charged by the CWA to each account based on meter size, which recovers CWA's infrastructure access charge.

D. Willful Misrepresentation

Purposeful presentation of a material fact for the purpose of securing a rate, allotment or special benefit for an unqualified account.

- 4.4.3 Water Rates and Service Related Charges
 - A. Pass Through of Wholesale Water and Water-Related Service Fees and Charges

All San Diego County Water Authority (CWA) fees and charges for wholesale water and water-related services shall be passed through to Vista Irrigation District customers. The automatic pass through of costs is for a period of five years, terminating on December 31, 2026. These pass throughs shall be calculated by dividing the total billings from CWA for usage charges by the quantity of budgeted water sales.

B. Annual Water Rate Adjustment

Effective each July 1, the District's water rates will be adjusted to reflect inflationary costs. Such increases shall be calculated as an increase equal to

the amount of the increase in the U.S. Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers – San Diego, California for the previous calendar year ended. These adjustments shall be reflected on invoices sent on or after July 1 of each of the following years: 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026.

C. Water Rate Structure

The District has established a water rate structure consisting of three tiers for all water usage except for participants in the Special Agricultural Water Rate (SAWR). Participants in SAWR will be billed at a flat rate. Monthly water allocations for the three tiered rates will be determined by meter size according to the following table.

	Monthly Allocation				
Meter Size	<u>Tier 1</u>	Tier 2	Tier 3		
⁵ / ₈ "	0-4	5-42	43+		
3/4"	0-6	7-60	61+		
1"	0-15	16-150	151 +		
$1^{1}/_{2}$ "	0-30	31-300	301+		
2"	0-48	49-480	481+		
3"	0-96	97-960	961+		
4"	0-150	151-1,500	1,501+		
6"	0-300	301-3,000	3,001+		
8"	0-480	481-4,800	4,801+		
10"	0-690	691-6,900	6,901+		

D. Water Usage Charge

Water use will be charged according to the following table, however the Tier 3 rate will only be imposed during times of water delivery cutbacks imposed by the San Diego County Water Authority. When no water delivery cutbacks are imposed by the Water Authority, Tier 3 usage will be billed at the Tier 2 rate.

Tier	Rate Per Unit*
Tier 1	\$ 4.99
Tier 2	5.46
Tier 3**	5.46

Agricultural Water Programs

Program	Rate Per Unit*
SAWR	\$ 4.31
Domestic usage	5.30

- * 1 unit = 748 Gallons
- ** Tier 3 usage will be billed at the tier 2 rate when no delivery cutbacks are imposed.

E. Service Charge

Meter Size	Monthly Charge
⁵ / ₈ "	\$36.66
³ /4" or ³ /4" x 1"	48.37
1"	71.47
11/2"	129.73
2"	199.39
3"	385.21
4"	594.14
6"	1,407.07
8"	1,871.82
10"	2,800.92

F. San Diego County Water Authority (CWA) Fee

<u>Meter Size</u>	Monthly Charge
5/8"	\$4.24
³ / ₄ " or ³ / ₄ " x 1"	4.24
1"	6.78
11/2"	12.72
2"	22.05
3"	40.70
4"	69.54
6"	127.20
8"	220.48
10"	330.72

G. Locked Meters

The Service Charge and other fixed charges on locked meters shall be twenty-five percent (25%) of the regular charges for that account.

H. Construction Water

All construction water delivered via a construction meter shall be billed at the highest water rate tier and applicable Service Charge.

I. Fire Connection Services

Fire protection connection services, both metered and unmetered, shall be charged the Service Charge applicable to a 5/8" meter. All water used through the detector meter or a metered connection shall be billed at the Water Usage Charge for water.

J. Agricultural Water Programs

A discounted Water Usage Charge will be applied to each individual qualifying agricultural account in an amount equal to the agricultural water

rate and/or other reduced charges from the San Diego County Water Authority (CWA). The District will use a melded rate, based on the agricultural water rates and other reduced charges for treated and untreated water, as the discount. Adjustments to the agricultural program rates will be concurrent with any adjustments to CWA agricultural water rates and other charges for treated and untreated water. Resolution No. 21-43 are hereby made a part of these Rules and Regulations by reference.

- 4.4.4 Service Related Charges
 - A. Non-Scheduled or Special Meter Readings

When requested by a customer, the District will make a special reading of a meter. For water billings based upon special readings, the above Service Charge and other fixed charges, and the Billing Period will be divided by the number of days in that billing period. The Service Charge and other fixed charges to be billed will be based on the number of days that the customer has received service since the last regularly scheduled meter reading. The same method will be used in prorating the number of units in all rate tiers.

B. Meter Bench Test

When requested by a customer, the District will bench test or, in the case of large meters, trailer test meters at a cost of $\frac{483.00}{470.00}$ per test.

C. Ownership of Fire Hydrants

The VID entered into agreements with the City of Vista and the Vista Fire Protection District concerning the installation and maintenance of fire hydrants. These agreements are incorporated into these Rules and Regulations by this reference. The main segments of the agreement require VID to supply water at no charge for fire suppression and training and to relocate, reconstruct or replace fire hydrants at its expense. VID is responsible for the cost of all fire hydrant repairs and maintenance, including those brought about by traffic accidents or vandalism. Minor maintenance is the responsibility of the Fire Agency, as is annual inspections. This agreement is renewed yearly and may be canceled with a 30-day written notification by any of the parties.

- D. Service Installations During Construction (Construction Meters)
 - 1. 1" Construction Meters with Backflow Device

1" Construction Meters with Backflow Device may be issued to the applicant for a maximum of 30 days. The 1" Construction Meter with Backflow Device without a spanner wrench shall require a \$1,756.00 \$1,426.00 deposit, of which \$1,155.00 \$887.00 is refundable upon return of the meter in good condition within 35 days. The 1" Construction Meter with Backflow Device and a spanner wrench shall require a \$1,786.00 \$1,449.00 deposit, of which \$1,180.00 \$906.00 is

refundable upon return of the meter and spanner wrench in good condition within 35 days. Water usage shall not be billed, but shall be deducted from the refundable deposit at the then current domestic water rate. The cost of necessary repairs to the meter will also be deducted from the deposit. The refund will be forfeited if the meter is not returned within 35 days.

2. 3" Construction Meters with Backflow Device (For a maximum of one year; new application required after one year)

A <u>\$5,607.00</u> <u>\$4,803.00</u> deposit shall be required on all construction meters with backflow device, \$4,014.00 \$3,359.00 of the deposit is refundable upon return of the meter and backflow device in good condition. All construction water shall be billed at the highest water rate tier and applicable Service Charge. Moving a construction meter and backflow device from one location to another shall cost \$193.00\$188.00 per move. The charge for an unauthorized construction meter and backflow device move shall be- \$384.00\$374.00. The meter and backflow device may be recalled for repeated offenses. Resetting the pressure-sustaining valve shall cost- \$230.00\$223.00. Developers must use construction meters and backflow devices for landscaping, road grading or construction purposes. Prior to placing the new water system in service, construction water must be obtained from a construction meter served by the existing water distribution system. When the new water distribution system has progressed to the point that it may be placed into service, all service outlets shall be locked. The developer may then make application for subdivision construction water for onsite work.

3. Subdivision Construction Meters

An \$10,342.00\$9,070.00 deposit shall be required on a Subdivision Construction Meter. \$2,373.00\$2,124 of that deposit is retained for administration and testing for a net refundable deposit of \$7,969.00\$6,946 if the meter is returned in good condition.

4.4.5 Administrative/Document Fees

The following fees shall be charged to customers and/or applicants where applicable:

<u>\$</u>
<u>\$ 1,975.00</u>
\$ 2,552.00
\$ <u>842.00</u> 819.00

Private Ownership Agreement (Document)	\$ <u>945.00</u> 919.00
Quitclaim/Cancellation of Recorded Documents	\$ <u>984.00</u> 957.00
Encroachment Permit	\$ <u>872.00</u> 849.00
Joint Use Agreement	\$ <u>939.00</u> 909.00
Exchange Meter Agreement	\$ <u>472.00</u> 459.00
Water Availability Letter Update	\$ <u>339330154</u> .00
Water Availability Letter Update	\$ <u>158154330</u> .00

4.4.6 Annexation/Detachment (Change of Boundaries) Per Acre Fees

A. Annexation Fees (See Sec. 3.1)

<u>\$7,559.00</u> \$7,557.00 per acre.

B. Detachment Fee (See Sec. 3.1)

\$0 per acre

4.4.7 Backflow Device Charges

New backflow device installations will be investigated and monitored with a set-up fee of <u>\$290</u>\$282.00. The District will not be responsible for testing and repairs to such devices once they are entered on the monitoring system. (See "Cross Connection Control," Section 6.3.)

4.4.8 Collection of Connection Fees

For water meters purchased on or after January 1, 2018 that abut an existing water main or are determined to be a "Permanent Offsite Service" per Section 3.8.6 (Temporary and Permanent Offsite Water Services), the cost of connecting service is included as part of the "Capacity Fee" established in Section 4.4.16.

Connection fees shall be collected for the following cases:

A. Temporary Offsite Service (see Section 3.8.6)

In addition to the charges otherwise provided by these regulations, the cost for providing a Temporary Offsite Service will be- $\frac{88,664.00}{88,313.00}$, plus an additional charge of $\frac{82.00}{76.00}$ per foot of frontage.

The cost of permit associated with a Temporary Offsite Service is dependent upon its jurisdiction and will be determined at the time of its application.

B. Permanent Water Service resulting from a Temporary Service Agreement (TSA)

Conversion from a temporary offsite service to a permanent onsite service to satisfy the terms and conditions of a TSA shall be $\frac{\$9,648.00\$9,270.00}{\$9,270.00}$ plus

an additional charge of \$2.00 \$76.00 per foot of the pro-rata share of pipeline costs. frontage.

Conversion from a temporary offsite service to a permanent onsite service excluding private plumbing tieback to satisfy the terms and conditions of a TSA shall be \$8,352.00\$7,650.00 plus an additional charge of \$82.00\$76.00 per foot of the pro-rata share of pipeline costs. frontage.

The cost of permit associated with a Permanent Water Service resulting from a Temporary Service Agreement (TSA) is dependent upon its jurisdiction and will be determined at the time of its application.

C. Connection to "Pipeline Extensions Constructed by Developers" (See Section 3.8.7 C).

Connection fee shall be established in a payback agreement between the District and Developer.

- 4.4.9 Engineering Service Fees
 - A. Hydraulic Analyseis-with Schematic Layout

The District's hydraulic model is used to perform analyses and provide planning and design information for projects and ranges in the level of effort as follows:

Fire Flow Analysis – provides the available fire flow at a specific location in the system. A fire flow analysis does not review or determine system improvements that may be necessary to meet the specified fire flow requirement. The fee is-\$230.00\$259.00.

<u>Hydraulic Analysis – provides a review of a project for impacts on the existing system and identifies offsite improvements that may be necessary to maintain service levels in the system. Includes a Upon request by landowner or his agent, the District shall perform a hydraulic analysis to determine required facilities, including pipeline sizes, and shall provide applicant with a-summary page of the results and a schematic layout of the project and facilities. The fee is required facilities to serve the proposed project. The cost for providing hydraulic analysis with schematic layout is <u>\$943.00</u>\$1,199.00.</u>

Water Supply Study – required for most new projects prior to plan checking improvement plans, a water supply study provides an analysis of the project and reports the requirements for conformance with the District's planning and design criteria, including estimation of demands based on land-use, requirements for any proposed new facilities including pipeline sizes, and impacts to the existing system and need for offsite improvements. Includes a detailed summary report and figures to show schematic layout of required facilities to serve the proposed project. The fee is \$1,487\$1,48959.00 for projects with minor pipeline extensions. Costs for large and/or more complex projects shall be performed on a time and materials basis through a deposit as determined necessary by the District.

B. Statement of Construction - Cost Estimate

After the hydraulic analysis with schematic layout has been done by the District, upon request by landowner or his agent, the District will<u>P</u>-provide a statement of cost which shall provide the applicant with a detailed cost of constructing <u>waterline said</u>-facilities using District forces (when available). <u>CThe cost for providing a statement of cost will isbe \$545.00</u>\$530.00 and - The statement of cost is effective for 30 days. <u>Updating a statement of cost</u>

- C. Updated Statement of Cost
 - <u>aAff</u>ter 30-days have elapsed, an updated statement of cost will be required. The cost for an updated statement of cost is will be \$243.00\$236.00</u>.
- D. Fire Flow Analysis
- The cost for providing fire flow analysis only will be \$259.00.
- \underline{CE} . Plan Check

The District will check all improvement and grading plans, and if acceptable, will approve said improvement and grading plans. The fee for plan checking will be <u>\$560.00</u><u>\$544.00</u> per sheet excluding all sheets not pertaining to or impacting showing water lines or appurtenancesDistrict facilities.- Plan checking for larger and/or more complex projects shall be performed on a time and materials basis through a deposit as determined necessary by the District.

<u>D</u>F. As-Built Drawings

The District requires all final As-Built drawings to be submitted at the end of the project. A deposit of \$536.00 per sheet is collected at the beginning of the project. After acceptance of As-Built drawings and the project by the District, the deposit will be refunded.

EG. Meter Service Lateral Inspection

The cost for inspecting a service lateral and meter assembly (2 inches and less) connected to a District pipelineour main by an outside contractor will be \$810.00\$787.00. RPDA inspection costs shall be used for larger service laterals and meters (3 inches and above).

<u>F</u>H. RPDA Inspection

The costs associated with inspection of a Reduced Pressure Detector Assembly (RPDA), or service laterals and meters 3 inches or larger, areis as follows:

RPDA/meter inspection	\$ <u>665.00</u> 646.00
RPDA/meter and lateral inspection without shutdown	\$ <u>1,535.00</u> 1,492.00
RPDA/meter and lateral inspection with shutdown	\$ <u>2,550.00</u> 2,479.00

GI. Water Supply Assessment Time and Materials Basis (Deposit)

Costs for items not covered in the fee schedule or under circumstances determined by the District where the level of effort The fee for preparation of a water supply study is too variable or likely greater than allowed for in the fees will be based on actual costs through collection of a deposit. Items include, but not limited to, complex hydraulic analyses and plan checks, water supply assessments, reimbursement agreements, construction of waterline facilities by District forces and miscellaneous inspection work. and is dependent upon the number of hours spent by District staff preparing the study. The charge will be based on actual costs.

4.4.10 Fire Hydrant Installations

Full installations include up to 30 feet of pipe. Any pipe required for the installation over and above the 30 feet allowed in the flat rate for full installation shall be at additional costInstallations over 30 feet in length shall be performed on a time and materials basis through a deposit. The cost of permit associated with fire hydrant installations will be determined at the time of application. The cost of permit is dependent upon its jurisdiction.

	Full Installation Upgrade	\$ \$	<u>23,519.00</u> 21,182.00 <u>9,419.00</u> 8,303.00
The co	st associated with inspection of a Fire Hydrant is as follo	ows:	
	Fire Hydrant inspection Fire Hydrant and lateral inspection without shutdown Fire Hydrant and lateral inspection with shutdown	\$ \$ \$	$\frac{1,088.00}{1,958.00}$ $\frac{1,958.00}{2,393.00}$ $\frac{1,904.00}{2,327.00}$
4.4.11	Fire Service		
	 4" Fire Service Connection 6" Fire Service Connection 8" Fire Service Connection 10" Fire Service Connection 	\$	<u>14,654.00</u> 13,686.00 <u>15,051.00</u> 14,475.00 <u>17,443.00</u> 15,863.00 <u>19,819.00</u> 18,080.00

Fire service connection installations include up to 30 feet of pipe. <u>Installations over 30 feet</u> in length shall be performed on a time and materials basis through a depositAny pipe required for the installation over and above the 30 feet allowed shall be at an additional cost. When an in-line gate valve, air vent and blow-off is required, a fee of \$5,562.00 4,651.00 will be charged. The cost of permit associated with fire service connections will be determined at the time of application. The cost of permit is dependen_{\bar{z}}t upon its jurisdiction. It is the responsibility of the applicant to purchase and install the RPDA.

4.4.12 Water Meter Fees

A. Water Meter Fees

⁵ /8" Hook-on Meter	\$ <u>691.00</u> 683.00
Service Outlet	\$ <u>6,664.00</u> 5,987.00
Full Installation	\$ <u>7,355.00</u> 6,670.00

The smallest meter size allowable shall be a $^{3}/_{4}$ " meter. A $^{5}/_{8}$ " meter is only allowed for installation in condominiums, and mobile home subdivisions where each unit is metered separately or in similar low demand non-landscaping uses as approved by the District General Manager.

(Resolution No. 4191, Last Revision 2/16/83: Resolution 83-15)

³ / ₄ " Hook-on Meter	\$ <u>704.00</u> 706.00
Service Outlet	\$ <u>6,664.00</u> 5,987.00
Full Installation	\$ <u>7,368.00</u> 6,693.00
1" Hook-on Meter	\$ <u>886.00</u> 853.00
Service Outlet	\$ 6,664.005,987.00
Full Installation	\$ 7,550.006,840.00
1 ¹ /2" Hook-on Meter	\$ <u>1,684.00</u> 1,966.00
Service Outlet	\$ <u>7,943.00</u> 7,228.00
Full Installation	\$ <u>9,627.00</u> 9,194.00
2" Hook-on Meter	

3" or larger sized meters by time and materials estimate only.

The cost of permit associated with water meter installations will be determined at the time of application. The cost of permit is dependent upon its jurisdiction.

B. Cost for Reduction of Meter Size

Reduction of a meter size shall be performed by the District upon written request by the owner. The owner shall be responsible for the cost of labor and parts associated with the reduction of a meter size. However, there shall be no charge to the owner for the cost of the new meter. Owner shall retain equity in the meter based on the smaller size.

The costs associated with reduction of a meter size are as follows:

Meter downsize from ³ / ₄ "	\$ <u>604.00</u> 588.00
Meter downsize from 1"	\$ <u>604.00</u> 588.00

Meter downsize from $1^{1/2}$ "	\$ <u>1,061.00</u> 1,037.00
Meter downsize from 2"	\$ <u>1,344.00</u> 1,318.00

The reduction of a meter size from 3" or larger sized meter is by <u>time and</u> <u>materials</u>estimate only.

C. Refunds for Discontinued Meters

There are no refunds for discontinued meters.

D. Collection of Capacity Fee on Behalf of the San Diego County Water Authority

This District will not accept any otherwise eligible application for meter service installation unless it is accompanied by payment of the applicable capacity fee imposed by the San Diego County Water Authority. These fees are in accordance with the schedule authorized by the San Diego County Water Authority, which may be changed by that agency from time to time. This District is acting only as a collection agent for these fees.

E. Cancellation of Meter Application or Service Change

The cost for canceling a meter application or service change after it has been submitted and processed will be- $\frac{$296.00$288.00}{$288.00}$.

F. Service Lateral Termination

The cost for terminating a meter service lateral will be- $\frac{2,335.00}{2,165.00}$.

G. Commercial Irrigation Service Conversion

The cost for converting an existing domestic commercial service lateral into a dedicated combination irrigation and domestic service will be \$2,364.00

4.4.13 District Overhead

A 25% material burden factor will be applied to all bills rendered for parts or material furnished by the District. In addition, an 8% services burden will be applied to all bills rendered that require the District to administer a contract.

4.4.14 Fees Related to Payment of Bills

A. Delinquent Bills and Meters Locked for Non-Payment

All water bills are due and payable upon presentation. If unpaid pursuant to Sections 2.2.3 and 2.2.4, the bill becomes delinquent. If not paid by the penalty date, the service becomes subject to discontinuance and will be

charged a fee of \$17.0016.00. Prior to discontinuing a service, a reminder is given to the customer by attaching a door hanger or mailing a <u>discontinuation notice</u>. The fee charged for a door hanger will be \$77.0075.00. The fee charged for a mailed discontinuation notice will be \$45. Returned check charge will be \$41.0040.00.

Pursuant to Water Code 25806, unpaid water charges may be added to and become a part of the annual assessment levied upon the real property. The cost for reporting delinquent accounts that are added to the property tax roll will be \$104.0099.00.

Services that are locked for non-payment of water bills will be charged an additional $\frac{175.00168.00}{57.0054.00}$; customers who qualify for the Delinquent Lock Hardship fee will be charged $\frac{57.0054.00}{54.00}$; To unlock a meter after hours, there will be a charge of $\frac{191.00186.00}{186.00}$; customers who qualify for the Afterhours Unlock Hardship fee will be charged $\frac{171.00162.00}{162.00}$.

-Broken District locks shall be billed at the rate of $\frac{191.00186.00}{186.00}$ per lock. If a meter is pulled for delinquency, there will be a minimum charge of $\frac{191.00186.00}{191.00186.00}$.

The fees charged for repairing damaged curb stops are as follows:

5/8" damaged curb stop:	\$ <u>953.00</u> 927.00
³ /4" damaged curb stop:	\$ <u>953.00</u> 927.00
1" damaged curb stop:	\$ <u>1,019.00</u> 954.00

The fee for repairing damaged curb stops larger than 1" is variable and is dependent upon the number of hours spent by District staff and parts used. The fee will be based on actual costs.

B. Meters Locked by Request of Owner

Upon written request by owner, the meter will be locked as a convenience to the customer by the District for a charge of $\frac{73.0071.00}{100}$ and subsequently unlocked for an additional $\frac{73.0071.00}{191.00186.00}$. To lock or unlock a meter after hours, there will be a charge of $\frac{191.00186.00}{191.00186.00}$.

Locked meters will be charged a bi-monthly Readiness-to-Serve charge based on twenty-five percent (25%) of the Readiness-to-Serve charge for that account.

Locking of meters at the request of the owner does not relieve the owner of the responsibility for payment for any water used through the meter or for any damage resulting therefrom. All water registered through the meter after the District has locked the meter shall be paid for by the customer.

4.4.15 Specification Books

Purchase of District Standard Specifications for the Construction of Pipelines shall be \$76.00. The purchase covers the updating of the specifications for one year from the date of purchase.

4.4.1<u>5</u>6 Capacity Fees

For all potable water meters installed and for all reclaimed water meters (excepting those areas subject to the contract with Buena Sanitation District dated May 19, 1981), the following charges shall be made:

<u>Meter Size</u>	Capacity Fee			
⁵ / ₈ "	\$ <u>6,076.00</u> 5,295.00			
3/4"	\$ <u>9,114.00</u> 7,943.00			
1"	\$ <u>15,190.00</u> 13,238.00			
$1^{1}/_{2}$ "	\$ <u>30,380.00</u> 26,476.00			
2"	\$ <u>48,608.00</u> 42,361.00			
3"	\$ <u>97,216.00</u> 84,723.00			
4"	\$ <u>151,900.00</u> 132,379.00			
6"	\$ <u>303,800.00</u> 264,758.00			
8"	\$ <u>486,080.00</u> 423,614.00			
10"	\$ <u>698,740.00</u> 608,944.00			
12"	\$ <u>1,306,340.00</u> 1,138,461.00			

These fees are not refundable. If the size of the meter is increased, the difference in capacity fees between the new and old meter at the current prices will be paid. There is no refund of the capacity fees if the meter is reduced in size.

The Board of Directors will waive all capacity fees when installing individual meters at multiple<u>-family</u> residences served by an existing single meter and will request that the San Diego County Water Authority will also waive their capacity fees for the customer.

4.4.1 <u>6</u> 7	Water Conservation Fees	
2	Second water citation within 12 months	\$ <u>255.00</u> 248.00
	Third water citation within 12 months In addition, a flow restrictor may be installed for up to five d	<u>498.00</u> 4 95.00 /s.
	Four or more water citations within 12 months In addition, a flow restrictor may be installed or service may	<u>741.00</u> 743.00 e discontinued.
	1" and smaller flow restrictor installation & removal	\$ <u>337.00</u> 328.00
-	1 ¹ / ₂ " and 2" flow restrictor installation & removal	\$ <u>643.00</u> 620.00

These fees will be added to the water account and will be subject to Section 2.2 - Billing Procedures.

4.4.1<u>7</u>8 Unauthorized Taking of District Water

If it is determined there has been an unauthorized use of District water through an illegal hook-up, the fee for this unauthorized taking of District water will be $\frac{3,032.002,889.00}{2,889.00}$.

4.4.18 Miscellaneous Fees

A bid protest will be charged a fee for contracts under \$60,000 of \$350. For contracts over \$60,000 the fee will be \$603 to also cover the costs of taking the bid protest to the Board of Directors for consideration.