

**San Benito County Water District  
Rates and Charges**

San Benito County Water District uses rates and charges to recover current operating, maintenance and interest costs related to water service from current users as required of a public enterprise agency, and as authorized by the voters of San Benito County Water District Zone 6 on November 8, 1977.

**SAN FELIPE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM  
(Blue valve customers - Zone 6)  
Water Year 2023-2024**

**Water Charges**

***Rate Basis:***

*The basis for the water charges are the operations and maintenance costs associated with the delivery of San Felipe Water. These costs include the District's share of the operations and maintenance costs for the United States Bureau of Reclamation Central Valley Project, the San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority, the Reach 1 facility maintained by the Santa Clara Valley Water District as well as the District's own operation and maintenance costs. Also included are interest costs related to water service from the Central Valley Project.*

	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>Unit of Measure</b>
Agricultural	\$294.00	per acre foot
Agricultural Full Cost (RRA Section 205(a)(3))*	\$294.00	per acre foot
Agricultural Full Cost (RRA Section 202(3))*	\$294.00	per acre foot
Non-Agricultural (Municipal & Industrial)	\$753.00	per acre foot

*\*Full cost is applicable to certain forms of ownership as determined by federal regulations. Those regulations are dealt with through the United States Bureau of Reclamation land registration process as administered by the District.*

**Power Charge**

***Rate Basis:***

*The basis for the power charge is the cost of pumping, transmission and distribution power associated with delivery of water to customers. These costs include pumping associated with the United States Bureau of Reclamation pumping facilities, District pumping stations for specific subsystems, and power costs associated with San Justo Reservoir and the San Felipe Distribution system.*

	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>Unit of Measure</b>
Subsystem 2	\$ 40.20	per acre foot
Subsystem 6H	\$ 40.20	per acre foot
Subsystem 9L	\$ 94.00	per acre foot
Subsystem 9H	\$ 94.00	per acre foot
All other subsystems	\$ 40.20	per acre foot

**Regulatory Overuse Charge**

Water used over the allocation(s) will be billed the regulatory overuse charge. This regulatory charge is to encourage conservation and discourage overuse, and is the current spot market rate, with a maximum of \$2,000 per acre foot. This Regulatory Overuse Charge is subject to change based on water supply.

## STANDBY AND AVAILABILITY CHARGE – Zone 6

**Rate Basis:**

*The Standby & Availability charge being all or a portion of the capital costs and fixed maintenance, repair and replacement costs of the distribution system.*

The current Standby & Availability charge is \$6.00 per acre, per year. This charge is applicable only to parcels of land that receive or are eligible to receive water service from the San Felipe Distribution System either by direct delivery or by special agreement and is based on the fact that water is available to those particular parcels of land. The District Act enables the District to charge a maximum of \$10.00 per acre, per year. The District Act authorizes the District to set an annual Standby & Availability charge, by resolution, on or before the first day of July in any calendar year. This charge is collected for the District by the County of San Benito and is itemized on the tax statement as *SAN BENITO-STANDY-BY*.

## GROUNDWATER CHARGES (Well customers – Zone 6)

**Rate Basis:**

*The groundwater charge is based on the costs reasonably borne by the District in providing the water supply service in the period of charge. A groundwater extraction charge is assessed on all wells in Zone 6.*

	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>Unit of Measure***</b>
Water Primarily for Municipal and Industrial Purposes	\$ 13.75	per acre foot
Water Primarily for Agricultural Purposes	\$ 13.75	per acre foot

*\*\*\*If a water producing facility is not measured with a water measuring device, the acre foot consumption is based on the following:*

<i>Base water per residence</i>	<i>.10 acre feet</i>
<i>Inside water use</i>	<i>.05 acre feet per person per residence or dwelling unit</i>
<i>Outside water use for Irrigation</i>	<i>Water areas up to 2.0 acres, .09 acre feet per 1000 square feet of watered land.  Water areas 2.0 acres and greater, generally accepted unit water duties based on crop type and irrigation method as determined by the District.</i>
<i>Outside water use for livestock watering</i>	<i>.02 acre feet per animal unit up to 10 and .01 acre feet per animal unit for each unit above 10</i>

## RECYCLED WATER CHARGES (Zone 6)

**Rate Basis:**

*The basis for the water rates and charges are the operations and maintenance costs associated with the delivery of recycled water. These include water supply, water quality and infrastructure.*

	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>Unit of Measure</b>
Recycled Water Rate	\$ 294.00	per acre foot
Power Charge	\$ 101.10	per acre foot

Minimum Annual Purchase of water for each parcel (applied to water charge) \$700.00

**TAXES**  
**(All Parcels within Zone 6)**

*The tax assessing ability of the District is authorized by the California Water Code, Appendix 70, Sections 70-1 through 70-40, known as the San Benito County Water District Act.*

**Land Tax:**

\$0.25 per \$100.00 of assessed land value for all parcels within Zone 6 to pay for the construction, operating, maintenance and capital repayment of the distribution system and the District's share of the San Felipe Division Facilities. This tax is collected for the District by the County of San Benito and is itemized on the tax statement as *SB WATER-SAN FELIPE*.

**DISTRICT SERVICE FEES**

The District established the following service fees for the activities listed below:

Non-Sufficient Fund Fee	\$ 37.00
Closing and Valve Shut-off	\$ 93.00
Re-open Valve / New Customer Account	\$ 93.00
Process Two-Party Water Transfer	\$ 65.00
Fire Protection Fee	\$157.00
New Meter Facility Construction Fee:	
1. New Meter	Cost of meter
2. Inspection Fee	3% of total construction cost

***District fees are reviewed and updated annually.***