

## Water Rates in Santa Barbara County: February 2018

City/District or Company	Billing interval	Rate * structure	<u>Water Rates - - per hundred cubic feet</u>								Meter Fee & Charges
			Single Family Residential (SFR)		Multi Family Residential (MFR)		Commercial		Agriculture, Landscape, Recreation or Other		
			HCF Units	\$\$	HCF Units	\$\$	HCF Units	\$\$	HCF Units	\$\$	\$\$
Buellton	Monthly	Uniform	Per HCF	2.76	Per HCF	2.76	Per HCF	2.76	Per HCF	2.76	33.34
Carpinteria Valley Water District	Monthly	Block	Base	3.63	Base	3.63	Base	3.63	Agriculture Tier 1	1.91	*39.83 + 16.50 per 6 hcf + 3.00 + 4.20 per 6 hcf
			Peak	4.75	Peak	4.75	Peak	4.75	Tier 2	3.63 ***	**
Casmalia CSD	Monthly	Flat plus Uniform	≤3.45	90 flat	n/a	-	≤3.45	180 flat	n/a	-	None
			>3.45	0.10/cf			>3.45	0.10/cf			
Cuyama CSD	Monthly	Block	<4	0.76	<4	0.76	<4	0.76	<4	0.76	76.50
			≥4	0.76	≥4	0.76	≥4	0.76	≥4	0.76	
Golden State Water Co. (Orcutt, Santa Maria area)	Monthly	Block for S/MFR; Uniform for Comm'l & Irrig'n	0-15	2.830	0-15	2.830	Per HCF	2.830*	Per HCF	1.953 **	17.04/month, 1.149/hcf surcharge, 1.5% CPUC fee
			15-27	3.255	15-27	3.255					
			>27	3.743	>27	3.743					
Goleta Water District*	Monthly	Block and Uniform	≤6	4.85	Per HCF	5.63	Per HCF	5.63	Urban-Ag	1.94	≤6 = 15.16
			7-16	5.97					GWC-Ag**	1.46	7-16 = 31.29
			>16	6.57					Recycled Recreation	3.50	>16 = 47.57
									Landscape	5.63	
										5.63	

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			HCF Units	\$\$	HCF Units	\$\$	HCF Units	\$\$	HCF Units	\$\$	
Guadalupe	Monthly	Flat plus Uniform	0-6 ≥7	25.61 flat; 4.27 /hcf	0-6 ≥7	25.61 flat; 4.27 /hcf	0-6 ≥7	25.61 flat; 4.27 /hcf	0-6 ≥7	25.61 flat; 4.27 /hcf	None
La Cumbre Mutual Water Company	Bi-mthly	Block	≤30 31-60 61-90 >90	5.75 6.75 10.50 15.00	1-18 19-60 >60	5.75 6.75 10.50	Tier 1= 3-yr avg  Tier 2	5.75  10.50	Agriculture: Tier 1 ≤40  Tier 2 ≤870 hcf per year  Tier 3 >870 hcf per year	5.75  4.27  10.50	Meter fee bi-mthly: 14.00 if <u>annual</u> use ≤49hcf; 28.00 if <u>annual</u> use 50- 99hcf; 42.00 for >99hcf. Land fee of 29.00 per acre bi- monthly*
Lompoc	Monthly	Block for SFR; Uniform for others	0-10 10.1-20 20.1+	4.33 4.63 5.53	per hcf	4.33	per hcf	4.45*	per hcf	4.33 4.80 **	36.06 / 47.15 ****
Los Alamos CSD	Monthly	Flat Rate		3.17		3.17		3.17			3.17
Mission Hills CSD	Monthly	Block	1-100	2.27	n/a	-	1-100	3.32	n/a	-	¾” = 40.24 1” = 44.90
Montecito Water Dist.	Monthly	Block	≤25 26-60 61-120 >120	5.40 5.98 7.06 8.50	0-9 10-30 >30	5.40 5.98 7.06	Base=3 yr avg #hcf /mth  Over base	5.98  7.06	Agriculture: 2 0hcf /home Ag ≤870 Ag >870	5.40  3.00 5.40	44.59

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			per hcf	\$\$	per hcf	\$\$	per hcf	\$\$	per hcf	\$\$	
Santa Barbara	Monthly	Block	1-4 5-16 ≥17	4.44 12.96 23.98	1-4 Per DU*  5-8 Per DU  ≥9 Per DU	4.44  12.96  23.98	Base**= past avg off- peak hcf's  Above base amt	6.52  23.91	Recr'n <no budget >no budget  Ag'l <no budget >no budget  Comm'l or Res'l Irrig'n <no budget >no budget ***	4.11 23.98  3.01 23.98  12.96 23.98	25.89
Santa Maria	Monthly	Block	1-5 6-10 11-15 >15	3.786 4.491 5.249 5.976	1-5 6-10 11-15 >15	3.786 4.491 5.249 5.976	1-5 6-10 11-15 >15	3.786 4.491 5.249 5.976	1-5 6-10 11-15 >15	3.786 4.491 5.249 5.976	34.73
Santa Ynez River WCD ID#1	Monthly	Uniform	Per HCF	4.80	Per HCF	4.80	Per HCF	4.80	<u>Agriculture</u> No dwelling:	1.04	39.86 for non-Ag meter
									Res'l/Ag 1 <sup>st</sup> 125 hcf	4.80	105.86 for smallest Ag meter: 2 inches
									Over 125 hcf	1.98	
Solvang	Monthly	Block	1-16 >16	3.45 4.05	Per HCF	3.75	Per HCF	3.75	Per HCF	3.75	75.43 5/8" 113.15 3/4"
Vandenberg Village CSD	Monthly	Block	1-10 11+	1.83 2.75	1-10 11+	1.83 2.75	1-10 11+	1.83 2.75	Landscape	1.83	17.04

\*Footnotes - - to Water Rates in Santa Barbara County; February 2018:

A “**Uniform Rate**” exists when water is priced at one single rate (dollars per hundred cubic feet, HCF) for all water used.

A “**Block Rate**” exists when water is priced at a different rate (\$/HCF) for each volume or “block” of water used, with rates increasing with each higher volume. A customer’s bill will include multiple rates if multiple blocks of water are used.

A “**Flat Rate**” exists when the charge is the same regardless of the amount of water used. “**Flat plus uniform**” describes a standard charge up to a specified volume of use, plus a charge per unit for each additional unit of water used.

**Carpinteria Valley WD**’s water rate structure uses a unique customer-specific, usage-based block rate for all residential, commercial, industrial, and public authority accounts. The first block (Base tier) is the customer’s *5-year December-through-March average monthly consumption*. (There is a minimum Base of 6 HCF). The second block (Mid-level tier) is equal to 20% of the Base tier amount. Any water consumption above the second block falls into the Peak block.

\* The smallest meter in the District is  $\frac{3}{4}$ ”

\*\*The District has imposed a temporary drought surcharge of \$3.00 for a  $\frac{3}{4}$ ” meter and \$0.70 per HCF (minimum 6 HCF or \$4.20)

\*\*\* City of Carpinteria Parks pays \$3.63 per HCF flat rate; other landscape meters pay single-family tiered rates.

**Golden State Water Company**, as a private water company, is regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) which has assigned certain surcharges, credits, and fees that are in addition to the normal water rate and meter charges.

\* = for Commercial: 16.63/month, 1.149/hcf surcharge, 1.5% CPUC fee.

\*\* = for Limited Metered Irrigation Service: 74.85/month, 1.149/hcf surcharge, 1.5% CPUC fee. (Limited Metered Irrigation Service is only for the unincorporated area known as Lake Marie Ranches located in the former Lake Marie Service Area. Service charge is for  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch meter.

Rate changes are currently pending. New rates were supposed to be effective 1/1/2017.

**Goleta Water District**

\*As of July 1, 2017, a Stage III Drought surcharge of \$2.79 per HCF applies uniformly to all customers except for recycled water users that are subject to the Recycled Water Rates set forth above.

\*\* “GWC-Ag” represents Goleta West Conduit System Agricultural.

**La Cumbre Mutual Water Company**’s bi-monthly meter charge is \$42.00 if annual usage is greater than 99 hcf. If annual usage is less than or equal to 49 hcf, the bi-monthly charge is \$14.00; if annual usage is 50 to 99 hcf, the bi-monthly charge is \$28.00.

La Cumbre’s bi-monthly land charge is \$29 per acre calculated to each one thousandth of an acre. For the cost comparison table below, the calculation assumes the parcel is  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre in order to be similar to residential properties in other areas.

**Lompoc**

\* = City has a separate rate for Industrial customers: uniform rate at \$4.33/hcf.

\*\* = Lompoc doesn’t provide any water to agriculture. The \$4.33 rate listed in the Ag/Landscape column is the Industrial Rate and the \$4.80 rate is for Institutional and Landscape customers.

\*\*\* = Monthly water service rates and charges increase as the size of the water meter increases; monthly fee for a 1 inch meter is \$69.31.

**Los Alamos CSD**'s water service charges were changed from a tiered rate system to a flat rate system effective August 1, 2016.

**Montecito**'s rates do not reflect the Water Shortage Emergency (WSE) surcharge which was approved by the Board of Directors in March 2015 (and made effective with the May 2015 billing period). The current WSE Surcharge is set at \$3.45 per HCF. The surcharge is temporary and will remain in effect until water conditions have returned to normal and drought related costs have been recovered.

**Santa Barbara** uses a typical inclining block rate structure for residential customers, but a different structure applies to commercial customers. The commercial account structure is similar to Carpinteria Valley Water District's rate structure. In FY14, the City implemented a water budget structure for irrigation customers, whereby Tier 1 water use is determined based on ET data and landscaped area.

\*DU = dwelling unit

\*\*Base = average off peak (Jan - June) usage

\*\*\*Monthly irrigation budgets are based on the irrigated area and real time weather data (Eto data).

Charges for *commercial* accounts with **La Cumbre Mutual Water Company, Montecito Water District, Carpinteria Valley Water District, and the City of Santa Barbara** are calculated using a 'base' or 'tiered' amount of water usage per time period, which varies by district.

*[Information was compiled by Santa Barbara County Water Agency in January – March 2018. Phone contact is (805)-568-3541.]*

**Example Comparison of Residential Water Charges**  
**For 10 HCF and 20 HCF Monthly Water Usage (February 2018)**  
(For Single Family Residential Rates; for a 5/8 x 3/4 in. meter; on a 1/4 acre parcel)

<b>Agency</b>	<b>10HCF</b>	<b>20HCF</b>	<b>Calculation for 10HCF</b>	<b>Calculation for 20HCF</b>
	<b>\$\$</b>	<b>\$\$</b>	<b>(# hcf x \$rate) + fees &amp; charges</b>	<b>(# hcf x \$rate) + fees &amp; charges</b>
<b>Buellton</b>	<b>60.94</b>	<b>88.54</b>	$(10 \times 2.76) + 33.34$	$(20 \times 2.76) + 33.34$
<b>Carpinteria Valley WD*</b>	<b>121.65*</b>	<b>169.15*</b>	$(9 \times 3.63) + (1 \times 4.75) + 39.83 + 3.00 + (12 \times 2.75) + (12 \times 0.70)$	$(9 \times 3.63) + (11 \times 4.75) + 39.83 + 3.00 + (12 \times 2.75) + (12 \times 0.70)$
<b>Casmalia</b>	<b>155.50</b>	<b>255.50</b>	$(90.00 \text{ for } 3.45\text{hcf}) + (655 \text{ cu ft} \times 0.10)$	$(90.00 \text{ for } 3.45\text{hcf}) + (1655 \text{ cu ft} \times 0.10)$
<b>Cuyama</b>	<b>84.10</b>	<b>91.70</b>	$(10 \times 0.76) + 76.50$	$(20 \times 0.76) + 76.50$
<b>Golden State Water</b>	<b>52.98</b>	<b>90.83</b>	$((10 \times (2.830 + .686)) + 17.04) \times 1.015$	$((15 \times (2.830 + .686)) + (5 \times (3.255 + .686))) + 17.04) \times 1.015$
<b>Goleta WD</b>	<b>111.07</b>	<b>216.25</b>	$(6 \times (4.85 + 2.68)) + (4 \times (5.97 + 2.68)) + 31.29$	$(6 \times (4.85 + 2.68)) + (10 \times (5.97 + 2.68)) + (4 \times (6.57 + 2.68)) + 47.57$
<b>Guadalupe</b>	<b>42.69</b>	<b>85.39</b>	$25.61 + (4 \times 4.27)$	$25.61 + (14 \times 4.27)$
<b>La Cumbre Mutual WC*</b>	<b>89.13</b>	<b>146.63</b>	$(10 \times 5.75) + 28.00 + (0.5 \times 29 \times 0.25 \text{ acre})$	$(20 \times 5.75) + 28.00 + (0.5 \times 29 \times 0.25 \text{ acre})$
<b>Lompoc</b>	<b>79.36</b>	<b>125.66</b>	$(10 \times 4.33) + 36.06$	$(10 \times 4.33) + (10 \times 4.63) + 36.06$
<b>Los Alamos</b>	<b>31.70</b>	<b>63.40</b>	$(10 \times 3.17)$	$(20 \times 3.17)$
<b>Mission Hills</b>	<b>62.94</b>	<b>85.64</b>	$(10 \times 2.27) + 40.24$	$(20 \times 2.27) + 40.24$
<b>Montecito</b>	<b>98.59</b>	<b>152.59</b>	$(10 \times 5.40) + 44.59$	$(20 \times 5.40) + 44.59$
<b>Santa Barbara</b>	<b>121.41</b>	<b>295.09</b>	$(4 \times 4.44) + (6 \times 12.96) + 25.89$	$(4 \times 4.44) + (12 \times 12.96) + (4 \times 23.98) + 25.89$
<b>Santa Maria</b>	<b>76.12</b>	<b>132.24</b>	$(5 \times 3.786) + (5 \times 4.491) + 34.73$	$(5 \times 3.786) + (5 \times 4.491) + (5 \times 5.249) + (5 \times 5.976) + 34.73$
<b>Santa Ynez ID#1</b>	<b>87.86</b>	<b>135.86</b>	$(10 \times 4.80) + 39.86$	$(20 \times 4.80) + 39.86$
<b>Solvang</b>	<b>109.93</b>	<b>138.28</b>	$(10 \times 3.45) + 75.43$	$(13 \times 3.45) + (7 \times 4.05) + 75.43$
<b>Vandenberg Village</b>	<b>35.34</b>	<b>62.84</b>	$(10 \times 1.83) + 17.04$	$(10 \times 1.83) + (10 \times 2.75) + 17.04$

**\*Footnotes**

Some bills may include additional taxes or one-time charges.  
Carpinteria charges are customized to each account. The two Carpinteria example calculations in this table use a monthly mean of 12 hcf and a winter mean water use of 9 hcf for SFR customers for the last 5 years. See footnotes on previous pages.  
La Cumbre's calculation assumes the property is 1/4 acre to compare with typical residential property in other areas.  
One hundred cubic feet (HCF) = 748 gallons; 10 HCF = 7,480 gals.