



Root Creek Water District
P.O. Box 27950
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**NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF
PUBLIC HEARING
November 13, 2023 at 11:00 am
ON PROPOSED RATES, FEES, AND
ASSESSMENTS**

Overview

The Root Creek Water District (District) sustainably manages surface water and groundwater resources to provide available water supply for agricultural and municipal customers within the District. The District imports and delivers surface water to agricultural customers and simultaneously provides potable water, stormwater, and sewer services to municipal customers. The District intends to adopt a rate schedule to recover the District’s share of providing agricultural and municipal services. Rates proposed for years following 2024 are listed for informational purposes.

The District completed a Municipal Rate Study Update in 2022, approved by the landowners in the District, to fairly determine the costs and rates for agricultural water service and municipal utility services. Connection Fees are reflective of the 2021 Connection Fee Update. The costs are found in Table 1., Table 2., Table 3., Table 4., and Table 5, and are the estimated costs to provide services.

Table 1: Proposed Rates, Fees, and Assessments

<u>Effective January 1, 2024</u>	Rate/ Fee	Metric
Benefit Assessment Rate	\$37.98	Per agricultural acre
<u>Effective Immediately</u>		
Agricultural Customer Late Fee	1%	Per month past due
Municipal Customer Late Fee	10%	Applied to unpaid balance at the time of next bimonthly billing cycle

Table 2: Proposed 2024 Municipal Bimonthly Rate Charges – Effective January 1, 2024

Category	January 1, 2024	January 1, 2025	January 1, 2026
Municipal Water Service			
<i>Residential Volume Rates (\$/CCF)</i>			
Tier 1: 0 to 20 CCF	\$3.10	\$3.35	\$3.62
Tier 2: over 20 CCF	\$4.55	\$4.91	\$5.30
<i>Non-residential Volume Rate (\$/CCF)</i>			
Commercial	\$3.63	\$3.92	\$4.23
Irrigation	\$3.70	\$4.00	\$4.32
<i>Meter Fees</i>			
1"	\$74.04	\$79.96	\$86.36
1.5"	\$74.04	\$79.96	\$86.36
2"	\$118.46	\$127.94	\$138.18
3"	\$236.93	\$255.87	\$276.35
4"	\$370.20	\$399.80	\$431.80
6"	\$740.40	\$799.60	\$863.60
Municipal Sewer Service			
Per Dwelling Unit	\$97.66	\$117.19	\$140.63
Municipal Storm Drain Service			
Per Dwelling Unit	\$13.99	\$17.49	\$20.11
Average Bimonthly Invoice \$158.79			

Table 3: Proposed 2024 Volume Rates – Drought Conditions – Effective January 1, 2024

Category	January 1, 2024	January 1, 2025	January 1, 2026
Municipal Water Volume Rates (\$/CCF) – Drought Conditions			
Residential	\$4.55	\$4.91	\$5.30
Commercial	\$4.55	\$4.91	\$5.30
Irrigation	\$4.55	\$4.91	\$5.30

Table 4: Proposed 2024 Connection Fees – Effective January 1, 2024

Water	Average Density (dwellings/ac)	Low Range (lots/acre)	High Range (lots/acre)	Water Fee per dwelling unit
Ultra Low	1	0	1.70	\$ 39,175.00
Very Low	2.00	1.70	2.50	\$ 19,532.00
Low	3.00	2.50	3.50	\$ 12,481.00
Medium Low	4.00	3.50	4.50	\$ 9,333.00
Medium	5.00	4.50	6.00	\$ 7,444.00
Medium High	10.00	6.00	9.00	\$ 4,875.00
High	12.00	9.00	15.00	\$ 5,177.00
Very High	20.00	15.00		\$ 3,855.00

Storm Water	Runoff Coefficient	Average Density (dwellings/ac)	Low Range (lots/acre)	Storm Water Fee per dwelling unit
Ultra Low	0.30	0.85	0	\$ 8,433
Very Low	0.35	2.00	1.70	\$ 4,919
Low	0.40	3.00	2.50	\$ 3,748
Medium Low	0.42	4.00	3.50	\$ 2,951
Medium	0.45	5.25	4.50	\$ 2,530
Medium High	0.55	10.00	6.00	\$ 1,546
High	0.65	20.00	9.00	\$ 914
Very High	0.80	20.00	15.00	\$ 1,124

Wastewater	Wastewater Fee per dwelling unit
Residential	\$13,475

Table 5: Proposed 2024 Agricultural Water Rates – Effective January 1, 2024

Category (\$/acre foot)	January 1, 2023	January 1, 2024	January 1, 2025	January 1, 2026	January 1, 2027
	Groundwater Recharge Fee	\$114.68	\$125.61	\$135.17	\$142.32
Surface Water Fee	\$162.23	\$178.22	\$192.33	\$203.06	\$214.44

Public Participation

Any member of the public may request data indicating the estimated cost required to provide the service for which the fee or service charge is levied, and the revenue sources anticipated to provide the service by emailing admin@rootcreekwd.com. Members of the public may comment on the proposed rates in writing or in person at the public hearing, so long as they are received prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Written requests/correspondence may be submitted by mail to the Root Creek Water District Secretary at P.O. Box 27950, Fresno, CA 93729.

Information may also be found at: <https://rootcreekwd.com/meetings-and-policies/>

Notice of a Public Hearing on Rates, Fees and Assessments

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 66016, the Root Creek Water District Board of Directors will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed District rates, fees and assessments on ***November 13, 2023 beginning at 11:00 a.m.*** at the Lodge at Riverstone located at 370 Lodge Road South, Madera, CA 93636.