



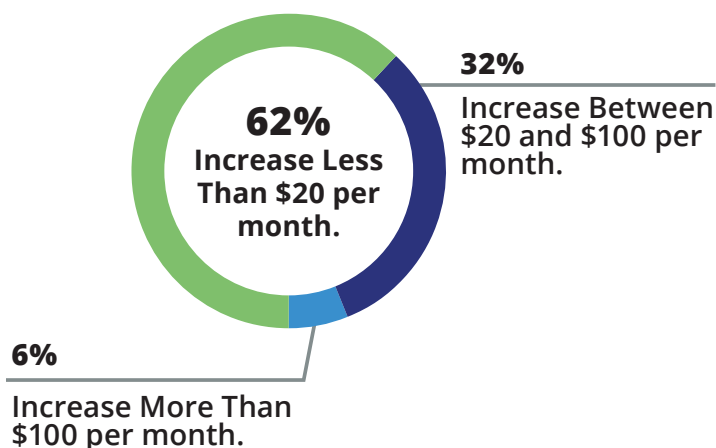
## RESPONSIBLE FINANCES ENSURE CONTINUED WATER RELIABILITY

Each day, Montecito Water District provides high-quality water that is essential to the community's health and safety. To ensure the District is able to continue providing this reliable service, updated water rates and charges were approved to take effect on July 1, 2024.

Much of the District's service area relies on water infrastructure that is about 100 years old, so we must continually make investments to maintain a dependable, resilient system. Investments in critical infrastructure are only part of the reason a rate adjustment is needed. Extraordinary inflation, aging infrastructure, expenses for water procurement and treatment, and the need to improve system resilience have resulted in higher costs each year.

Customers will still be charged a flat, consistent monthly charge based on their meter size, plus a volumetric rate based on how much water they use. Approximately two-thirds of customers will see a less than \$20 increase in their monthly bills for the next 12 months, assuming their water consumption remains the same as it has been in the past. Even with these changes it will still cost less than a few pennies per gallon to have water delivered to your faucet 24/7/365.

### MONTHLY CUSTOMER BILL IMPACTS 2024



### EXAMPLES OF THREE RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS WITH DIFFERENT WATER USAGE AND ANTICIPATED IMPACTS WHEN NEW RATES AND CHARGES ARE REFLECTED ON THE AUGUST WATER BILL

Customer 1 12 hundred cubic feet/mo.	Customer 2 20 hundred cubic feet/mo.	Customer 3 36 hundred cubic feet/mo.
Monthly Bill Increases by \$6.16	Monthly Bill Increases by \$13.20	Monthly Bill Increases by \$28.39

Note: 1 hundred cubic feet (hcf) = 748 gallons

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## NEW RATES AND CHARGES WILL BE REFLECTED ON THE AUGUST WATER BILL

Industry best practices require the District to collect only the revenue needed to cover costs. We update the District's financial plan yearly and study water rates every three to five years. When we evaluate rates and charges, we pay close attention to the District's operational costs, the rate of inflation, and customers' needs and priorities. This ensures that we responsibly balance the many factors that influence reliable water service and adjust rates and charges only as needed, no more.

	July 1, 2024	July 1, 2025	July 1, 2026	July 1, 2027	July 1, 2028
<b>Monthly Meter Charge</b>					
3/4-inch	\$63.89	\$67.57	\$71.46	\$75.57	\$79.92
1-inch	\$104.80	\$110.83	\$117.21	\$123.95	\$131.08
1 1/2-inch	\$184.84	\$195.47	\$206.71	\$218.60	\$231.17
2-inch	\$291.56	\$308.33	\$326.06	\$344.81	\$364.64
3-inch	\$1,003.03	\$1,060.71	\$1,121.71	\$1,186.21	\$1,254.42
4-inch	\$1,963.51	\$2,076.42	\$2,195.82	\$2,322.08	\$2,455.60
6-inch	\$4,453.64	\$4,709.73	\$4,980.54	\$5,266.93	\$5,569.78
<b>Monthly Private Fire Line Charge</b>					
2-inch	\$22.23	\$23.51	\$24.87	\$26.31	\$27.83
4-inch	\$101.41	\$107.25	\$113.42	\$119.95	\$126.85
6-inch	\$281.28	\$297.46	\$314.57	\$332.66	\$351.79
8-inch	\$591.52	\$625.54	\$661.51	\$699.55	\$739.78
<b>Monthly Water Usage Rates (\$/hundred cubic feet or hcf)</b>					
<b>Residential</b>					
Tier 1: 0 - 9 hcf	\$6.09	\$6.45	\$6.83	\$7.23	\$7.65
Tier 2: 10 - 35 hcf	\$13.01	\$13.76	\$14.56	\$15.40	\$16.29
Tier 3: 35+ hcf	\$15.38	\$16.27	\$17.21	\$18.20	\$19.25
<b>Commercial</b>	\$11.15	\$11.80	\$12.48	\$13.20	\$13.96
<b>Institutional</b>	\$11.76	\$12.44	\$13.16	\$13.92	\$14.73
<b>Agriculture</b>	\$5.46	\$5.78	\$6.12	\$6.48	\$6.86
<b>Non-Potable</b>	\$2.00	\$2.12	\$2.25	\$2.38	\$2.52

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