## WATER DISTRICT 10 – RATE UPDATE INFORMATION

# **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

### **WCID10 Commitment**

Water District 10 is dedicated to maintaining sensible, equitable water rates that:

- Protect affordability for essential household use
- Encourage conservation for long-term sustainability
- Ensure that customers who place greater demand on the system contribute proportionately

## Will my base fee change?

The base fee for the <u>average</u> customer remains unchanged.

For meters 1.5" and larger, rates are now aligned with AWWA (American Water Works Association) industry standards.

### What about essential needs customers?

The retail rate for essential needs users remains unchanged. This ensures affordability for essential water needs.

## How will this affect the average customer?

The average WCID10 customer will see little to no change in their water bill. However, high-usage customers will see higher bills. This change supports the District's commitment to water conservation.

# What is the average monthly use for a WCID10 customer?

Depending on month the use is just below or above 21,000 gallons.

## Why a tiered rate system?

Our tiered rate structure means:

- Essential needs users and average-use customers benefit from low rates.
- Higher rates apply gradually to heavy users.

# This approach:

- **✓** Encourages conservation
- ✓ Ensures fairness
- ✓ Balances system demands

### **Concerns About a High Bill**

If your bill is unusually high, please email the office an inquiry. It could be that you have a leak, used a higher amount of water during that month, irrigation leak, or are seeing impacts of new rates. Sometimes it can be a combination of these which leads to a higher than

anticipated impact. Staff members are happy to review your account and convey our findings. Please note if a leak is repaired you may qualify for a leak adjustment on your bill. Email your name, address, phone number and email to <a href="mailto:customerservice@waterdistrict10.org">customerservice@waterdistrict10.org</a> for assistance.