



## Notice of Recycled Water Rate Increase

### NOTICE OF INCREASED WATER RATES AND CHARGES EFFECTIVE ON WATER USAGE BEGINNING IN JANUARY 2011

Dear Customer,

An overall rate increase of 10.9% was approved by the Otay Water District's (the "District") Board of Directors as part of the annual budget adoption process completed in May 2010. The new rates and charges will apply to water billed beginning February 1, 2011 and depending on your billing cycle may apply to water usage as early as the beginning of January 2011. **This letter serves as a 30-day notice of rate increases.**

The District is a revenue neutral public agency. To continue providing reliable, high-quality services, the District must implement rate increases and must pass-through to its customers higher costs for recycled water. On August 24, 2009, the District adopted a five-year schedule of rates in compliance with applicable provisions of law. The rate increases herein noticed reflect a District rate increase of 3.8% and pass-through increase of 7.1%. Both increases are within the limits contemplated in the five-year schedule of rates.

For its part, the District has worked diligently to reduce internal costs, including reducing the number of full-time employees and corresponding salaries and benefits, and instituted efficiency programs, such as automated meter reading and online bill pay services, to minimize the impact of higher costs from wholesalers.

Customers who are interested in learning ways in which they can reduce their water usage to minimize the effects of this increase can visit the District's Conservation page at [www.otaywater.gov](http://www.otaywater.gov). Additionally, the Water Conservation Garden located in Rancho San Diego is free to the public and offers various conservation exhibits and classes. For more information about the Garden, visit [www.thegarden.org](http://www.thegarden.org).

For more information, please visit [www.otaywater.gov](http://www.otaywater.gov) or contact us via email at [info@otaywater.gov](mailto:info@otaywater.gov).

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## Consumption Fees by Meter Size

Recycled Water Usage Fee <sup>1</sup> ( 3/4" to 1.0" meter)			Recycled Water Usage Fee <sup>1</sup> (1 1/2" to 2.0" meter)		
Consumption Blocks (units) <sup>1</sup>	Current	New	Consumption Blocks (units) <sup>1</sup>	Current	New
0 - 42	\$2.58	\$2.84	0 - 168	\$2.58	\$2.84
43 - 97	\$2.62	\$2.88	169 - 402	\$2.62	\$2.88
98 or more	\$2.67	\$2.94	403 or more	\$2.67	\$2.94

  

Recycled Water Usage Fee <sup>1</sup> (3" & 4" meter)			Recycled Water Usage Fee <sup>1</sup> ( > 6" meter)		
Consumption Blocks (units) <sup>1</sup>	Current	New	Consumption Blocks (units) <sup>1</sup>	Current	New
0 - 403	\$2.58	\$2.84	0 - 7,916	\$2.58	\$2.84
404 - 820	\$2.62	\$2.88	7,917 - 16,357	\$2.62	\$2.88
821 or more	\$2.67	\$2.94	16,358 or more	\$2.67	\$2.94

## Other Charges

	Current	New
<b>Energy Charges<sup>2</sup></b>	\$0.038	\$0.044

## Footnotes

1. Recycled water rates are based on meter size and the number of recycled water units used each month. A unit of recycled water equals 748 gallons.
2. The Energy Charge represents the cost of energy required to pump each unit of recycled water 100 feet in elevation. This is charged proportionately for every foot of elevation over 450 feet. This increase is necessary due to increased power costs to the District.

***This information reflects only changes to rates. For a comprehensive listing of rates, please see the Otay Water District's Code of Ordinance at [www.otaywater.gov](http://www.otaywater.gov).***