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Notice of Residential Water Rate Increase

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NOTICE OF INCREASED WATER RATES AND CHARGES EFFECTIVE FOR WATER BILLED IN MARCH 2016

Dear Water Customer,

The City of San Diego recently increased the rate they charge for recycled water 116 percent effective January 1, 2016. The City of San Diego is a supplier of recycled water to the Otay Water District (the "District"). District officials, as well as many South Bay and East County leaders, vigorously fought this rate increase. As a revenue-neutral public agency, the District is now increasing its rates and passing through to its customers the higher costs imposed by the City of San Diego.

An overall average rate increase of 4.1 percent will be passed through to customers beginning March 1, 2016. For a typical single-family residential water customer, your water bill will increase by \$3.07 per month. Depending on your billing cycle, the new rates and charges will apply to water used as early as February 1, 2016. More than two-thirds of this rate increase is due to the City of San Diego's action. The remaining third is due to reduced water sales as a result of the drought and the high level of conservation in response to the Governor's call to reduce water use by 20 percent. **This letter serves as a 30-day notice of rate increases.**

Because recycled water diversifies local water supplies and provides an alternative to using potable water, particularly in times of drought, everyone benefits from the use of recycled water including potable water customers. As a result, potable and recycled water rates are calculated in a combined manner and potable water rates are impacted by higher recycled water rates from suppliers.

On September 4, 2013, the District adopted a five-year schedule of rates in compliance with applicable provisions of the law. This increase is within the limits approved in the five-year schedule of rates.

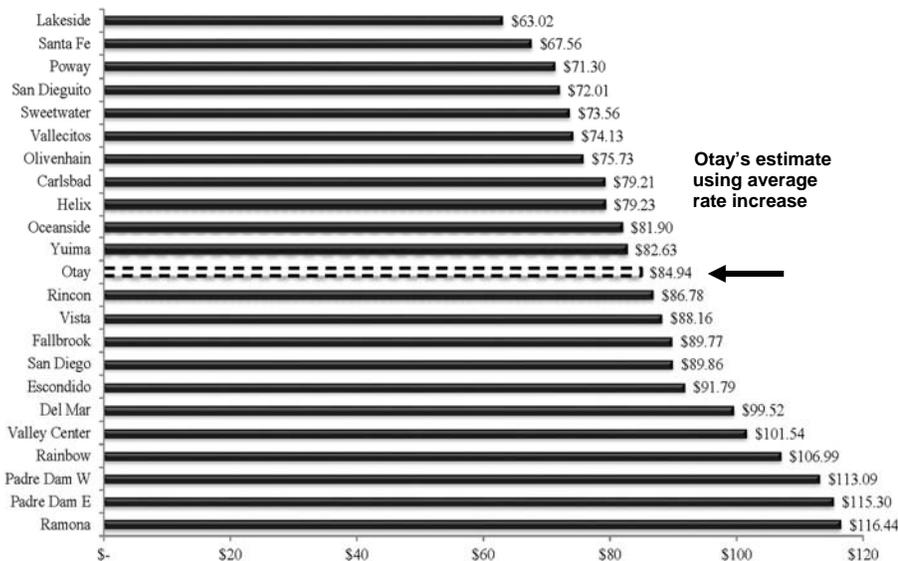
While the District continues to cut costs and optimize effectiveness to minimize passing through higher rates to customers, including reducing the number of fulltime employees 21 percent, company vehicles and equipment 17 percent, and cutting fuel consumption 36 percent, as well as instituting automation and technology measures that since 2007 have resulted in nearly \$24 million in savings, these actions alone cannot mitigate the 116 percent rate increase imposed by the City of San Diego.

Customers interested in reducing their water use to minimize the impact of this rate increase can visit the District's Conservation pages located online at www.otaywater.gov. The District provides information on rebates, incentives, water audits, plus other resources to help you save water. In addition, the Water Conservation Garden located in Rancho San Diego is free to the public and has water conservation exhibits, resources and classes to help you save water. Please visit their website at www.thegarden.org.

Customers wanting more information about the City of San Diego's recycled water rate increase can visit www.fairwatersd.com.

SURVEY OF MEMBER AGENCY WATER RATES

13 Unit Water Use and
 3/4" Meter-Projected water bill effective March 1, 2016



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Typical Bill at 13 HCF² (or Units) of Water per Month

Your bill will vary based on meter size, water consumption in units, and geographic location.

	MWD/CWA¹	System Fee¹	Water Rate²	Energy Charge⁴	Total⁵
Current	\$16.84	\$18.91	\$43.09	\$3.03	\$81.87
New	\$16.84	\$18.91	\$46.16	\$3.03	\$84.94
			Increase in monthly water bill:		\$ 3.07

New Rates by Consumption Block

**Single Family Consumption Blocks
(Units or HCF)²**

Conservation Tier³

6 - 10
11 - 22
23 +

Current

New

\$1.99	\$2.13
\$3.10	\$3.32
\$4.03	\$4.32
\$6.20	\$6.65

Footnotes

1. These fees vary based on the meter size. This example uses a 3/4" residential meter.
2. This cost varies based on water usage and can be calculated using the consumption block tables. One unit of consumption equals 748 gallons of water or one HCF (hundred cubic feet).
3. The Conservation Tier discount applies toward the first five units when overall consumption is ten units or less.
4. The Energy Charge represents the cost of energy required to pump each unit of water 100 feet in elevation. This is charged proportionately for every foot of elevation over 450 feet.
5. Charges collected through the property tax role (availability fees and general obligation debt) are not included in this total.

This information reflects only changes to rates. For a comprehensive listing, please see the Otay Water District's Code of Ordinances at www.otaywater.gov. Prolonged drought conditions or declared water shortages may impact rates.