

Water Rates in Santa Barbara County: January 2012

City/District or Company	Billing interval	Rate * structure	<u>Water Rates - - per hundred cubic feet</u>								Meter Fee & Charges For a 5/8 x 3/4 meter
			Single Family Residential (SFR)		Multi Family Residential (MFR)		Commercial		Agriculture, Landscape, Recreation or Other		
			HCF Units	\$\$	HCF Units	\$\$	HCF Units	\$\$	HCF units	\$\$	
Buellton	Monthly	Uniform	per hcf	1.97	per hcf	1.97	per hcf	1.97	per hcf	1.97	18.20
Carpinteria Valley Water District*	Monthly	Block (variable)	Base Mid Peak	3.00 3.85 4.85	Base Mid Peak	3.00 3.85 4.85	Base Mid Peak	3.00 3.85 4.85	Agriculture	1.70	30.79 + 16.20 per 6 hcf
Casmalia CSD	Monthly	Flat plus Uniform	≤3.45 >3.45	120 flat 0.10/ cu foot		n/a	≤3.45 >3.45	240 flat 0.10/ cu ft		n/a	None
Cuyama CSD	Monthly	Block	<4 ≥4	0.29 0.44	<4 ≥4	0.29 0.44	<4 ≥4	0.29 0.44	<4 ≥4	0.29 0.44	49.50
Golden State Water	Monthly	Block	≤15 >15-27 >27	1.592 1.831 2.106	≤15 >15-27 >27	1.592 1.831 2.106	per hcf	1.523	per hcf	0.971	SFR/MFR 14.60+.20247/ hcf Commercial 17.95+.20547/ hcf Irrig 48.40
Goleta Water District	Monthly	Uniform- Block*	1-4 >4	4.12 4.30	1-4 >4	4.12 4.30	1-4 >4	4.12 4.30	Urban-Ag GWC-Ag* Reclaimed Recreation Landscape	1.16 1.06 2.49 3.11 4.30	≤4=10.68 5-8=21.37 >8=32.05
Guadalupe	Monthly	Flat or Uniform	1-6 ≥7	20.42 flat; 3.41per hcf	1-6 ≥7	20.42 flat; 3.41per hcf	1-6 ≥7	20.42 flat; 3.41per hcf	1-6 ≥7	20.42 flat; 3.41/ hcf	None

City/District or Company	Billing interval	Rate * structure	Single Family Residential (SFR)		Multi Family Residential (MFR)		Commercial		Agr., Landscape, Other		Fees
			HCF Units	\$\$	HCF Units	\$\$	HCF Units	\$\$	HCF units	\$\$	
La Cumbre Mutual Water Company*	Bi-mthly	Block	≤50 51-120 121- 240 >240	3.90 4.65 5.40 6.65	1-18 19-60 >60	3.90 4.65 5.40	Tier1= 3yr avg Tier 2	3.90 5.40	Ag Tier 1 ≤40; Ag Tier 2 = ≤870 hcf/yr; Ag Tier 3 = >870 hcf/yr.	3.90 2.92 5.40	Meter fee bi- mthly:10.00 if <u>annual</u> use ≤49hcf; 20.00 if <u>annual</u> use ≤99hcf; 30.00 for others. land fee of 29.00 per acre bi- monthly
Lompoc	Monthly	Uniform	per hcf	2.75	per hcf	2.75	per hcf	2.75		n/a	23.04
Los Alamos CSD	Monthly	Block	1-9 10-20 ≥21	1.97 2.75 3.93	1-9 10-20 ≥21	1.97 2.75 3.93	1-9 10-20 ≥21	1.97 2.75 3.93	1-9 10-20 ≥21	1.97 2.75 3.93	22.04
Mission Hills CSD	Monthly	Block	1-10 11-20 21-30 ≥31	1.61 2.25 2.57 3.05		n/a	1-10 11-20 21-30 ≥31	1.27 1.78 2.03 2.41		n/a	26.46
Montecito Water Dist.	Monthly	Block	0-25 26-60 61-120 ≥121	3.90 4.15 4.90 5.90	0-9 10-30 ≥31	3.90 4.15 4.90	Base=avg #hcf /mo Over base	4.25 5.90	Agriculture: 20 hcf / home Ag ≤ 870 Ag >870	3.90 1.76 3.90	30.95
Santa Barbara	Monthly	Block	1-4 5-20 ≥21	3.03 5.07 5.34	1-4 5-12 ≥13	3.03 5.07 5.34	base=avg off peak; * Above base amt	5.07 5.34	HCF units /acre Recr'n<1404 Ag<1080 Ag next 240 Ag add'l hcf	2.39 1.45 5.07 5.34	12.74
Santa Maria	Monthly	Block	1-5 6-10 11-15 >15	2.825 3.351 3.917 4.459	1-5 6-10 11-15 >15	2.825 3.351 3.917 4.459	1-5 6-10 11-15 >15	2.825 3.351 3.917 4.459	Well water for irrigation	1.625	25.92

City/District or Company	Billing interval	Rate * structure	Single family		Multi-Resident'1		Commercial		Agr., Landscape, Other		Fees
			HCF Units	\$\$	HCF Units	\$\$	HCF Units	\$\$	HCF units	\$\$	\$\$
Santa Ynez River WCD ID#1	Monthly	Uniform	per hcf	2.71	per hcf	2.71	per hcf	2.71	Agriculture No dwelling: Res >70 hcf: Res ≤70 hcf:	0.36 0.54 2.71	31.00 for non- Ag
Solvang	Monthly	Uniform	1-16 >16	2.85 3.35	per hcf	3.10	per hcf	3.10		n/a	62.36
Vandenberg Village CSD	Monthly	Block	1-10 11-17 18-49 ≥50	1.19 1.37 1.55 2.38	1-10 11-17 18-49 ≥50	1.19 1.37 1.55 2.38	1-10 11-17 18-49 ≥50	1.19 1.37 1.55 2.38	Landscape	1.19	21.66

*Footnotes - - to *Water Rates in Santa Barbara County; January 2012:*

A “**Uniform Rate**” exists when water is priced at one single rate (dollars per hundred cubic feet, HCF) for all water used.

A “**Block Rate**” exists when water is priced at a different rate (\$/HCF) for each volume or “block” of water used, with rates generally increasing with each higher volume. A customer’s bill will include multiple rates if multiple blocks of water are used.

A “**Uniform Block Rate**” exists when water is priced similarly to a Block Rate (i.e., a different rate for each volume), but the customer is charged one single rate for all water used - - with the rate being whichever rate applies to the highest block used during that billing cycle.

Carpinteria Valley WD’s water rate structure uses a unique customer-specific, usage-based block rate for all residential, commercial, industrial, and public authority accounts. The first block (Base tier) is the customer’s 5-year December through March average monthly consumption. (There is a minimum Base of 6 HCF.) The second block (Mid level tier) is currently an amount equal to 100% of the Base tier amount, although the percentage could be changed in the future. Any water consumption above the second block falls into the Peak block. CVWD also offers low income residents a “lifeline rate”, a 20% reduction in the service portion of the bill. See examples below at bottom of the table titled “Comparison of Residential Water Charges”.

La Cumbre Mutual Water Company’s bi-monthly meter charge is \$30.00 if annual usage is greater than 99hcf. If annual usage is less than or equal to 49 hcf, the bi-monthly charge is \$10.00; if annual usage is 50 to 99 hcf, the bi-monthly charge is \$20.00.

La Cumbre’s bi-monthly land charge is \$29 per acre calculated to each one thousandth of an acre. For the cost comparison table below, the calculation assumes the parcel is ¼ acre in order to be similar to residential properties in other areas.

Goleta Water District’s GWC-ag refers to the Goleta West Conduit System agricultural rates.

The City of Santa Barbara uses a typical inclining block rate structure for residential customers, but a different structure applies to commercial customers. The commercial account structure is similar to Carpinteria Valley Water District’s rate structure with the base equal to the average off peak use.

[*Information was compiled by Santa Barbara County Water Agency in February 2012. Phone contact is (805)-568-3545.]*

Example Comparison of Residential Water Charges
For 10 HCF and 20 HCF Monthly Water Usage (January 2012)
 (For Single Family Residential Rates; for a 5/8 x 3/4 in. meter; on a 1/4 acre parcel)

Agency	10HCF	20HCF	Calculation for 10HCF	Calculation for 20HCF
	\$\$	\$\$	(# hcf x \$rate) + fees & charges	(# hcf x \$rate) + fees & charges
Buellton	37.90	57.60	(10 x 1.97) + 18.20	(20 x 1.97) + 18.20
Carpinteria Valley WD *	67.59 – 91.19	97.59- 164.69	See table on next page.	See separate table on next page.
Casmalia	185.00	285.00	(120.00 for 3.5hcf)+ (6.5x 10.00)	(120.00 for 3.5hcf) + (16.5 x 10.00)
Cuyama	53.45	57.85	(3 x 0.29) + (7 x 0.44) + 49.50	(3 x 0.29) + (17 x 0.44) + 49.50
Golden State Water	32.46	51.51	(10 x (1.584 +.20247)) + 14.60	(15 x (1.584+.20247)) + (5 x (1.821 +.20247)) + 14.60
Goleta WD	75.05	118.05	(10 x 4.30) + 32.05	(20 x 4.30) + 32.05
Guadalupe	34.10	68.20	10 x 3.41	20 x 3.41
La Cumbre Mutual WC*	57.63	96.63	(10 x 3.90) +15.00 + (1/2 x 29 x 0.25 acre)	(20 x 3.90) + 15.00 + (1/2 x 29 x 0.25 acre)
Lompoc	50.54	78.04	(10 x 2.75) + 23.04	(20 x 2.75) + 23.04
Los Alamos	42.52	70.02	(9 x 1.97) + (1x 2.75) + 22.04	(9x 1.97) + (11x 2.75) + 22.04
Mission Hills	42.56	65.06	(10 x 1.61) + 26.46	(10x 1.61) + (10x 2.25) + 26.46
Montecito	69.95	108.95	(10 x 3.90) + 30.95	(20 x 3.90) + 30.95
Santa Barbara	55.28	105.98	(4 x 3.03) + (6 x 5.07) + 12.74	(4x 3.03) + (16x 5.07) + 12.74
Santa Maria	56.80	98.68	(5 x 2.825) + (5 x 3.351) + 25.92	(5 x 2.825) + (5 x 3.351) + (5 x 3.917) + (5 x 4.459) + 25.92
Santa Ynez ID#1	58.10	85.20	(10 x 2.71) + 31.00	(20 x 2.71) + 31.00
Solvang	90.86	121.36	(10 x 2.85) + 62.36	(16 x 2.85) + (4 x 3.35) + 62.36
Vandenberg Village	33.56	47.80	(10 x 1.19) + 21.66	(10x 1.19) + (7x 1.37) + (3x 1.55) + 21.66
*Footnotes	<p>Some bills may include additional taxes or one-time charges. Carpinteria charges are customized to each account. See footnotes on page 4 and separate table on page 6. La Cumbre's calculation assumes the property is 1/4 acre - - to compare with typical residential property in other areas. One hundred cubic feet (HCF) = 748 gallons; 10 HCF = 7,480 gals.</p>			

Carpinteria Valley Water District: Examples for customized accounts

Each customer's "base" volume of water usage is *customized* for each account, with the base volume set equal to the customer's actual average monthly usage for the months of December through March during the past 5 years.

	10HCF	20HCF	Calculation for 10HCF	Calculation for 20HCF
	\$\$	\$\$	(# hcf x \$ rate) + fees & charges	(# hcf x \$ rate) + fees & charges
<p>Example 1: "Typical" Maximum When base volume is 6hcf and annual mthly avg > 6hcf</p>	91.19	164.69	6 hcf x \$3.00/hcf 4 hcf x \$3.85/hcf \$25.91 SWP charge \$4.88 meter basic charge \$27.00 charge for CIP	6 hcf x \$3.00/hcf 6 hcf x \$3.85/hcf 8 hcf x \$4.85/hcf \$25.91 SWP charge \$4.88 meter basic charge \$54.00 charge for CIP
<p>Example 2: "Possible Minimum" When base volume is same as the 10 hcf (or 20hcf) in example</p>	76.99	106.99	10 hcf x \$3.00/hcf \$25.91 State WP charge \$4.88 meter basic charge \$16.20 minimum charge for CIP	20 hcf x \$3.00/hcf \$25.91 State WP charge \$4.88 meter basic charge \$16.20 minimum charge for CIP
<p>Example 3: Lifeline Minimum For low income customer under example 2 scenario.</p>	67.59	97.59	10 hcf x \$3.00/hcf \$20.73 = 80% of SWP charge \$3.90 = 80% meter basic charge \$12.96 = 80% of CIP charge	20 hcf x \$3.00/hcf \$20.73 = 80% of SWP charge \$3.90 = 80% meter basic charge \$12.96 = 80% of CIP charge