

## Water Rates in Santa Barbara County: January 2015

City/District or Company	Billing interval	Rate * structure	<u>Water Rates - - per hundred cubic feet</u>								Meter Fee & Charges
			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	22.20*
Carpinteria Valley Water District*	Monthly	Block	Base Mid** Peak	3.12 4.05 5.42	Base Mid** Peak	3.12 4.05 5.42	Base Mid** Peak	3.12 4.05 5.42	Agriculture* Tier 1 Tier 2 Tier 3	1.76 1.82 1.89 ***	33.01 + 17.10 per 6 hcf  ****
Casmalia CSD	Monthly	Flat plus Uniform	≤ 3.45 > 3.45	90. flat 0.10/cf	n/a	-	≤ 3.45 > 3.45	180 flat 0.10/cf	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	70.50
Golden State Water Co. * (Orcutt, Santa Maria area)	Monthly	Block for S/MFR; Uniform for Comm'l & Irrig'n	0-15 15-27 > 27	2.053 2.361 2.715	0-15 15-27 > 27	2.053 2.361 2.715	per hcf	2.053*	per hcf	1.270 **	17.08/month, 0.359/hcf surcharge, 55.61 one-time surcredit, 1.5% CPUC fee
Goleta Water District	Monthly	Modified Block Rates	≤ 4 > 4	5.04 5.27	≤ 4 > 4	5.04 5.27	≤ 4 > 4	5.04 5.27	Urban-Ag GWC-Ag* Reclaimed Recreation Landscape	1.42 1.30 3.05 3.81 5.27	≤ 4 = 13.08 5-8 = 26.16 > 8 = 39.24

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			HCF Units	\$\$	HCF Units	\$\$	HCF Units	\$\$	HCF Units	\$\$	
Guadalupe	Monthly	Flat plus Uniform	0-6 ≥ 7	21.92 flat; 3.65 /hcf	0-6 ≥ 7	21.92 flat; 3.65 /hcf	0-6 ≥ 7	21.92 flat; 3.65 /hcf	0-6 ≥ 7	21.92 flat; 3.65 /hcf	None
La Cumbre Mutual Water Company*	Bi-mthly	Block	≤ 40 41-90 91-190 > 190	4.37 5.21 8.05 11.45	1-18 19-60 > 60	4.37 5.21 8.05	Tier 1= 3-yr avg Tier 2	4.37 8.05	Agriculture: Tier 1 ≤ 40 Tier 2 ≤ 870 hcf per year Tier 3 > 870 hcf per year	4.37 3.27 8.05	Meter fee bi-mthly: 10.00 if <u>annual</u> use ≤ 49hcf; 20.00 if <u>annual</u> use 50-99hcf; 30.00 for > 99hcf. Land fee of 29.00 per acre bi-monthly*
Lompoc*	Monthly	Block for SFR; Uniform for others	0-10 10.1-20 20.1+	4.02 4.30 5.14	per hcf	4.02	per hcf	4.14*	per hcf	4.46**	27.27 / 35.65***
Los Alamos CSD*	Monthly	Block	1-9 10-20 ≥ 21	2.11 2.95 4.21	1-9 10-20 ≥ 21	2.11 2.95 4.21	1-9 10-20 ≥ 21	2.11 2.95 4.21	1-9 10-20 ≥ 21	2.11 2.95 4.21	23.60
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	4.68 5.18 6.12 7.37	0-9 10-30 ≥ 31	4.68 5.18 6.12	Base= avg #hcf /mth Over base	5.18 6.12	Agriculture: ≤ 20 hcf/home Ag ≤ 870 Ag > 870	4.68 2.61 4.68	38.66

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			per hcf	\$\$	per hcf	\$\$	per hcf	\$\$	per hcf	\$\$	
Santa Barbara	Monthly	Block	1-4 5-16 ≥17	3.28 6.39 13.44	1-4 Per DU*  5-8 Per DU  ≥9 Per DU	3.28  6.39  13.44	Base**= past avg off- peak hcf's  Above base amt	5.32  11.61	Recr'n < mo budget > mo budget  Ag'l < mo budget > mo budget  Comm'l or Res'l Irrig'n < mo budget > mo budget	2.79 13.44  1.56 13.44  6.39 13.44	14.22
Santa Maria	Monthly	Block	1-5 6-10 11-15 > 15	3.270 3.879 4.534 5.162	1-5 6-10 11-15 > 15	3.270 3.879 4.534 5.162	1-5 6-10 11-15 > 15	3.270 3.879 4.534 5.162	1-5 6-10 11-15 > 15	3.270 3.879 4.534 5.162	30.01
Santa Ynez River WCD ID#1	Monthly	Uniform	Per HCF	3.45	Per HCF	3.45	Per HCF	3.45	Agriculture No dwelling:  Res'l/Ag 1 <sup>st</sup> 125 hcf  Over 125 hcf	0.45  3.45  1.19	35.18 for non- Ag meter  93.56 for smallest Ag meter: 2 inches
Solvang *	Monthly	Block	1-13 14-21 22-53 > 53	3.16 4.74 6.32 7.90	Per HCF	3.43*  5.15**	Per HCF	3.43*  5.15 **	Per HCF**	3.43*	72.71 5/8" 109.06 3/4"
Vandenberg Village CSD*	Monthly	Block	1-10 11-17 18-49 ≥50	1.31 1.50 1.70 2.61	1-10 11-17 18-49 ≥50	1.31 1.50 1.70 2.61	1-10 11-17 18-49 ≥50	1.31 1.50 1.70 2.61	Landscape	1.31	23.78 Varies by meter size

\* Footnotes - - to Water Rates in Santa Barbara County; January 2015:

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 increasing with each higher volume. A customer’s bill will include multiple rates if multiple blocks of water are used.

A “**Flat Rate**” exists when the charge is the same regardless of the amount of water used. “**Flat plus uniform**” describes a standard charge up to a specified volume of use, plus a charge per unit for each additional unit of water used.

**Buellton**

\* = changes to \$24.20 on 6/30/15

**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) was recently changed to be an amount equal to 25% of the Base tier amount. Any water consumption above the second block falls into the Peak block. Capital Improvement Program charges (\$2.85/HCF with minimum \$17.10 charge) are based on the customer’s *5-year monthly average consumption*. CVWD also offers low income residents a “lifeline rate”, a 20% reduction in the service portion of the bill.

\* The District has imposed temporary tiered rates for Agricultural customers.

\*\* The MID-LEVEL tier is now 25% of the BASE tier allocation due to the drought.

\*\*\* Landscape meters pay single-family tiered rates; except the City of Carpinteria Parks Dept. pays \$3.12 per hcf.

\*\*\*\* The District has imposed a temporary drought surcharge of \$1.64 for a 5/8 x 3/4” meter and \$0.10 per HCF (minimum 6 HCF or \$0.60)

**Golden State Water Company**, as a private water company, is regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) which has assigned certain surcharges, credits, and fees that are in addition to the normal water rate and meter charges.

\* = for Commercial: 18.00/month, 0.359/hcf surcharge, 58.94 one-time surcredit, 1.5% CPUC fee.

\*\* = for Limited Metered Irrigation Service: 56.35/month, 0.388/hcf surcharge, 198.48 one-time surcredit, 1.5% CPUC fee.

**Goleta Water District’s** GWC-Ag represents Goleta West Conduit System Agricultural.

**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 1/4 acre in order to be similar to residential properties in other areas.

**Lompoc**

\* = City has a separate rate for Industrial customers: uniform rate at \$4.02/hcf.

\*\* = Lompoc doesn’t provide any water to agriculture. The rate listed in the Ag/Landscape column is for Institutional and Landscape customers.

\*\*\* = Monthly water service rates and charges increase as the size of the water meter increases; monthly fee for a 1 inch meter is \$52.41.

Lompoc’s rates change on July 1, 2015 to:

Single Family Residential  
0-10 hcf = 4.63  
10.1-20 hcf = 4.95  
20.1+ hcf = 5.92  
Multi-family Residential = 4.63  
Commercial = 4.76  
Institutional/Landscape = 5.13  
Industrial = 4.63

**Los Alamos CSD's** rates, as shown, are effective April 1, 2015.

**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. In FY14, the City implemented a water budget structure for irrigation customers, whereby Tier 1 water use is determined based on ET data and landscaped area.

\*DU = dwelling unit

\*\*Base = average off peak (Jan – June) usage

**Solvang** \* = for Multi-residential: 3.43 per HCF if monthly volume is equal to or less than 90% of same month in prior year; and \*\* 5.15 per HCF if monthly volume is greater than 90% of same month in prior year.

\* = for Commercial: 3.43 per HCF if monthly volume is equal to or less than 80% of same month in prior year; and \*\* 5.15 per HCF if monthly volume is 80-125% of same month in prior year. If volume is greater than 125%, then fixed penalties of \$100 in 1<sup>st</sup> mo., \$250 in 2<sup>nd</sup> mo. and \$500 in 3<sup>rd</sup> mo.

\* = for Landscape Irrigation Accounts: 3.43 per HCF if monthly volume is equal to or less than 50% of same month in prior year; and \*\* if monthly volume is greater than 50% of same month in prior year then one-time warning will be given; \$500 penalty in 2<sup>nd</sup> month, flow restrictor placed on water meter in 3<sup>rd</sup> month.

**Vandenberg Village's** rates for its four tiers will change on July 1, 2015 to \$1.37, \$1.58, \$1.78 & \$2.74 respectively, with a \$24.92 meter charge.

Charges for *commercial* accounts with **La Cumbre Mutual Water Company, Montecito Water District, Carpinteria Valley Water District, and the City of Santa Barbara** are calculated using a 'base' or 'tiered' amount of water usage per time period, which varies by district.

*[Information was compiled by Santa Barbara County Water Agency in February 2015. Phone contact is (805)-568-3541.]*

**Example Comparison of Residential Water Charges**  
**For 10 HCF and 20 HCF Monthly Water Usage (January 2015)**  
(For Single Family Residential Rates; for a 5/8 x 3/4 in. meter; on a 1/4 acre parcel)

<b>Agency</b>	<b>10HCF</b>	<b>20HCF</b>	<b>Calculation for 10HCF</b>	<b>Calculation for 20HCF</b>
	<b>\$\$</b>	<b>\$\$</b>	<b>(# hcf x \$rate) + fees &amp; charges</b>	<b>(# hcf x \$rate) + fees &amp; charges</b>
<b>Buellton</b>	<b>41.90</b>	<b>61.60</b>	$(10 \times 1.97) + 22.20$	$(20 \times 1.97) + 22.20$
<b>Carpinteria Valley WD*</b>	<b>101.98*</b>	<b>155.47*</b>	$(9 \times 3.12) + (1 \times 4.05) + 33.01 + (12 \times 2.85) + 1.64 + (10 \times 0.10)$	$(9 \times 3.12) + (2.25 \times 4.05) + (8.75 \times 5.42) + 33.01 + (12 \times 2.85) + 1.64 + (20 \times 0.10)$
<b>Casmalia</b>	<b>155.50</b>	<b>255.50</b>	$(90.00 \text{ for } 3.45\text{hcf}) + (655 \text{ cu ft} \times 0.10)$	$(90.00 \text{ for } 3.45\text{hcf}) + (1655 \text{ cu ft} \times 0.10)$
<b>Cuyama</b>	<b>74.45</b>	<b>78.85</b>	$(3 \times 0.29) + (7 \times 0.44) + 70.50$	$(3 \times 0.29) + (17 \times 0.44) + 70.50$
<b>Golden State Water</b>	<b>41.82</b>	<b>67.86</b>	$((10 \times (2.053 + .359)) + 17.08) \times 1.015$	$((15 \times (2.053 + .359)) + (5 \times (2.361 + .359))) + 17.08) \times 1.015$
<b>Goleta WD</b>	<b>91.94</b>	<b>144.64</b>	$(10 \times 5.27) + 39.24$	$(20 \times 5.27) + 39.24$
<b>Guadalupe</b>	<b>36.52</b>	<b>73.02</b>	$21.92 + (4 \times 3.65)$	$21.92 + (14 \times 3.65)$
<b>La Cumbre Mutual WC*</b>	<b>62.35</b>	<b>106.03</b>	$(10 \times 4.37) + 15.00 + (0.5 \times 29 \times 0.25 \text{ acre})$	$(20 \times 4.37) + 15.00 + (0.5 \times 29 \times 0.25 \text{ acre})$
<b>Lompoc</b>	<b>67.47</b>	<b>110.47</b>	$(10 \times 4.02) + 27.27$	$(10 \times 4.02) + (10 \times 4.30) + 27.27$
<b>Los Alamos</b>	<b>45.54</b>	<b>75.04</b>	$(9 \times 2.11) + (1 \times 2.95) + 23.60$	$(9 \times 2.11) + (11 \times 2.95) + 23.60$
<b>Mission Hills</b>	<b>42.56</b>	<b>65.06</b>	$(10 \times 1.61) + 26.46$	$(10 \times 1.61) + (10 \times 2.25) + 26.46$
<b>Montecito</b>	<b>85.46</b>	<b>132.26</b>	$(10 \times 4.68) + 38.66$	$(20 \times 4.68) + 38.66$
<b>Santa Barbara</b>	<b>65.68</b>	<b>157.78</b>	$(4 \times 3.28) + (6 \times 6.39) + 14.22$	$(4 \times 3.28) + (12 \times 6.39) + (4 \times 13.44) + 14.22$
<b>Santa Maria</b>	<b>65.76</b>	<b>114.24</b>	$(5 \times 3.270) + (5 \times 3.879) + 30.01$	$(5 \times 3.270) + (5 \times 3.879) + (5 \times 4.534) + (5 \times 5.162) + 30.01$
<b>Santa Ynez ID#1</b>	<b>69.68</b>	<b>104.18</b>	$(10 \times 3.45) + 35.18$	$(20 \times 3.45) + 35.18$
<b>Solvang</b>	<b>104.31</b>	<b>146.97</b>	$(10 \times 3.16) + 72.71$	$(13 \times 3.16) + (7 \times 4.74) + 72.71$
<b>Vandenberg Village</b>	<b>36.88</b>	<b>52.48</b>	$(10 \times 1.31) + 23.78$	$(10 \times 1.31) + (7 \times 1.50) + (3 \times 1.70) + 23.78$

**\*Footnotes**

Some bills may include additional taxes or one-time charges.  
Carpinteria charges are customized to each account. The two Carpinteria example calculations in this table use a monthly mean of 12 hcf and a winter mean water use of 9 hcf for SFR customers for the last 5 years. See footnotes on previous pages.  
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.