

Water Rates in Santa Barbara County: February 2021

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	2.98	Per HCF	2.98	Per HCF	2.98	Per HCF	2.98	35.51
Carpinteria Valley Water District	Monthly	Block	Base (0-6) Peak (>6)	3.90 5.12	Base Peak	3.90 5.12	Base Peak	3.90 5.12	Agriculture Tier 1 Tier 2	1.97 3.90 ***	*47.84 + 19.20 per 6 HCF + 0.54 + 3.00 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	0.79 0.79	<4 ≥4	0.79 0.79	<4 ≥4	0.79 0.79	<4 ≥4	0.79 0.79	85.50
Golden State Water Co. (Orcutt, Santa Maria area)	Monthly	Block for S/MFR; Uniform for Comm'l & Irrig'n	0-15 15-27 >27	3.435 3.950 4.543	0-15 15-27 >27	3.435 3.950 4.543	Per HCF	3.435*	Per HCF	2.372 **	19.01/month, 0.405/HCF surcharge, 1.43% CPUC fee
Goleta Water District	Monthly	Block and Uniform	≤6 7-12 >12	5.79 7.81 9.96	Per HCF	7.17	Per HCF	7.17	Urban-Ag GWC-Ag* Recycled Recreation Landscape Temporary	2.35 1.91 3.87 7.60 7.17 8.43	≤6 = 22.12 7-12 = 39.76 >12 = 56.41

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			HCF Units	\$\$	HCF Units	\$\$	HCF Units	\$\$	HCF Units	\$\$	
Guadalupe	Monthly	Flat plus Uniform	0-6 ≥7	31.07 flat; 5.18 /HCF	0-6 ≥7	31.07 flat; 5.18 /HCF	0-6 ≥7	31.07 flat; 5.18 /HCF	0-6 ≥7	31.07 flat; 5.18 /HCF	None
La Cumbre Mutual Water Company	Bi-mthly	Block	≤20 21-40 41-80 >80	5.75 8.00 13.25 22.00	≤20 21-40 41-80 >80	5.75 8.00 13.25 22.00	Tier 1= 3-yr avg Tier 2	7.60 13.25	Agriculture: Tier 1 ≤20 Tier 2 ≤870 HCF per year Tier 3 >870 HCF per year	5.75 6.75 13.25	Meter fee bi-mthly: 28.00 if <u>annual</u> use ≤49HCF; 56.00 if <u>annual</u> use 50-99HCF; 84.00 for >99HCF.
Lompoc	Monthly	Block for SFR; Uniform for others	0-10 10.1-20 20.1+	4.33 4.63 5.53	Per HCF	4.33	Per HCF	4.45*	Per HCF	4.33	36.06 / 47.15 ** ***
Los Alamos CSD	Monthly	Flat Rate	-	3.90	-	3.90	-	3.90	-	-	3.90
Mission Hills CSD	Monthly	Block	1-100	2.46	n/a	-	1-100	2.46	n/a	-	43.52
Montecito Water Dist.	Monthly	Block	0-9 10-35 36+	6.56 11.14 12.31	0-9* 10-35* 36+*	6.56 11.14 12.31	Uniform	9.63**	0-9* AG1	6.56 5.50	46.86

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			per HCF	\$\$	per HCF	\$\$	per HCF	\$\$	per HCF	\$\$	
Santa Barbara	Monthly	Block	1-4 5-16 ≥17	4.44 12.96 23.98	1-4 Per DU* 5-8 Per DU ≥9 Per DU	4.44 12.96 23.98	Base**= past avg off- peak HCFs Above base amt	7.01 23.91	Recr'n ≤mo budget >mo budget Ag'l ≤mo budget >mo budget Comm'l or Res'l Irrig'n ≤mo budget >mo budget ***	4.88 23.98 3.01 23.98 12.96 23.98	28.92
Santa Maria	Monthly	Block	1-5 5-15 >15	4.96 5.15 5.51	1-5 5-15 >15	4.96 5.15 5.51	1-5 5-15 >15	4.96 5.15 5.51	1-5 5-15 >15	4.96 5.15 5.51	40.88
Santa Ynez River WCD ID#1	Monthly	Uniform	Per HCF	5.05	Per HCF	5.05	Per HCF	5.05	Agriculture No dwelling:	1.59	42.98 for non-Ag meter
									Res'l/Ag 1 st 125 HCF	5.05	71.34 for smallest Ag meter: 1.5''
									Over 125 HCF	2.46	
Solvang	Monthly	Block	1-16 >16	3.45 4.05	Per HCF	3.75	Per HCF	3.75	Per HCF	3.75	75.43 5/8'' 113.15 3/4''
Vandenberg Village CSD	Monthly	Block	1-10 11+	1.83 2.75	1-10 11+	1.83 2.75	1-10 11+	1.83 2.75	Landscape	1.83	17.04

* Footnotes - - to *Water Rates in Santa Barbara County; February 2021:*

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.

Carpinteria Valley WD’s water rate structure uses a unique customer-specific, usage-based block rate for all residential, commercial, institutional, 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). Any water consumption above the Base block falls into the Peak block.

* The smallest meter in the District is ¾”

**The District has imposed a temporary drought surcharge of \$0.54 for a ¾” meter and \$0.50 per HCF (minimum 6 HCF or \$3.00)

*** City of Carpinteria Parks pays \$3.90 per HCF flat rate; other landscape meters pay single-family tiered rates.

Golden State Water Company, as an Investor Owned Utility is regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) which has assigned certain surcharges, credits and fees that are in addition to approved water rate and meter charges. CPUC approved surcharges vary may vary by account type. One-time credit: Residential/Non-Residential 5/8” x 3/4” \$0.93 and LM Irrigation ¾” \$1.39.

*Non-Residential: 5/8 x ¾ meter, \$21.80/month, \$3.435/HCF, \$0.405/HCF surcharge, 1.43% CPUC fee.

**Limited Metered Irrigation Service: 3/4-inch meter, \$90.25/month, \$2.372/HCF, \$0.770/HCF surcharge, 1.43% CPUC fee. Limited Metered Irrigation Service is only for the unincorporated area known as Lake Marie Ranches located in the former Lake Marie Service Area. Rate changes in effect January 1, 2021.

Goleta Water District

* “GWC-Ag” represents Goleta West Conduit System Agricultural.

La Cumbre Mutual Water Company’s bi-monthly meter charge is \$84.00 if annual usage is greater than 99 HCF. If annual usage is less than or equal to 49 HCF, the bi-monthly charge is \$28.00; if annual usage is 50 to 99 HCF, the bi-monthly charge is \$56.00.

Lompoc

*City has a separate rate for institutional customers: uniform rate at \$4.33/HCF.

**Monthly water service rates and charges increase as the size of the water meter increases; monthly fee for a 1 inch meter is \$69.31.

***Meter size varies from 5/8”-10”.

Los Alamos CSD’s water service charges were changed from a tiered rate system to a flat rate system effective August 1, 2016.

Montecito

* = Multi-Family Residential (MFR) rates are per dwelling unit. For example, if there are three units, the first 27 HCF is \$6.56.

**City has a separate rate for institutional customers: uniform rate at \$10.58/HCF.

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 = off peak (Jan - June) average usage adjusted for maximum number of days in billing cycle.

***Monthly irrigation budgets are based on the irrigated area and real time weather data (Eto data).

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 January – February 2021. Phone contact is (805)-568-3440.]

Example Comparison of Residential Water Charges

For 10 HCF and 20 HCF Monthly Water Usage (February 2021)

(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	65.31	95.11	$(10 \times 2.98) + 35.51$	$(20 \times 2.98) + 35.51$
Carpinteria Valley WD*	133.00	184.20	$(9 \times 3.90) + (1 \times 5.12) + 47.84 + 0.54 + (12 \times 0.50) + (12 \times 3.2)$	$(9 \times 3.90) + (11 \times 5.12) + 47.84 + 0.54 + (12 \times 0.50) + (12 \times 3.2)$
Casmalia	155.50	255.50	$90.00 + (655 \text{ cu} \times 0.10)$	$90.00 + (1655 \text{ cu} \times 0.10)$
Cuyama	93.40	101.3	$(10 \times 0.79) + 85.50$	$(20 \times 0.79) + 85.50$
Golden State Water	53.36	90.29	$(10 \times 3.435) + 19.01$	$(15 \times 3.435) + (5 \times 3.950) + 19.01$
Goleta WD	105.74	217.69	$(6 \times 5.79) + (4 \times 7.81) + 39.76$	$(6 \times 5.79) + (6 \times 7.81) + (8 \times 9.96) + 56.41$
Guadalupe	51.79	103.59	$31.07 + (4 \times 5.18)$	$31.07 + (14 \times 5.18)$
La Cumbre Mutual WC**	99.50	179.50	$(10 \times 5.75) + 42.00$	$(10 \times 5.75) + (10 \times 8) + 42.00$
Lompoc	79.36	125.66	$(10 \times 4.33) + 36.06$	$(10 \times 4.33) + (10 \times 4.63) + 36.06$
Los Alamos	42.9	81.9	$(10 \times 3.90) + 3.90$	$(20 \times 3.90) + 3.90$
Mission Hills	68.12	92.72	$(10 \times 2.46) + 43.52$	$(20 \times 2.46) + 43.52$
Montecito	117.04	228.44	$(9 \times 6.56) + 11.14 + 46.86$	$(9 \times 6.56) + (11 \times 11.14) + 46.86$
Santa Barbara	124.44	298.12	$(4 \times 4.44) + (6 \times 12.96) + 28.92$	$(4 \times 4.44) + (12 \times 12.96) + (4 \times 23.98) + 28.92$
Santa Maria	91.43	144.73	$(5 \times 4.96) + (5 \times 5.15) + 40.88$	$(5 \times 4.96) + (10 \times 5.15) + (5 \times 5.51) + 40.88$
Santa Ynez ID#1	93.48	143.98	$(10 \times 5.05) + 42.98$	$(20 \times 5.05) + 42.98$
Solvang	109.93	146.83	$(10 \times 3.45) + 75.43$	$(16 \times 3.45) + (4 \times 4.05) + 75.43$
Vandenberg Village	35.34	62.84	$(10 \times 1.83) + 17.04$	$(10 \times 1.83) + (10 \times 2.75) + 17.04$
*Footnotes:	<p>Some bills may include additional taxes or one-time charges.</p> <p>*Carpinteria Valley WD charges are customized to each account (see footnotes on previous pages). The Base tier for each of these examples is 9 HCF. A customer's Base tier is determined by their 5-year December through March average monthly consumption. The 12 HCF value represents what a typical account's 5-year monthly average water consumption might be.</p> <p>**La Cumbre Mutual Water Company's meter rate is billed bi-monthly at \$84, thus the monthly charge in this example is \$42.</p> <p>One hundred cubic feet (HCF) = 748 gallons; 10 HCF = 7,480 gals.</p>			