

## Water Rates in Santa Barbara County: Spring 2009

City, District or Company	Billing interval	Rate structure	<b><u>Water Rates - - per hundred cubic feet</u></b>								Meter Fee & Charges
			Single family		Multi-residential		Commercial		Agriculture, Landscape, Recreation or Other		
	<i>Monthly, Bimonthly</i>	<i>Uniform, Block, etc</i>	HCF Units	\$\$	HCF Units	\$\$	HCF Units	\$\$	HCF units	\$\$	\$\$
Buellton	Monthly	Uniform	per hcf	1.97	perhcf	1.97	per hcf	1.97	per hcf	1.97	18.20
Carpinteria Valley Water Dist*	Monthly	Block	Base* Mid Peak	3.00 3.70 4.15	Base Mid Peak	3.00 3.70 4.15	Base Mid Peak	3.00 3.70 4.15	Agriculture Landscape	1.70 1.70	28.56 + \$15.90 per 6 hcf
Casmalia CSD	Monthly	Flat plus Uniform	<3.45 >3.45	120.flat 0.10per <b>cu foot</b>		n/a	3.45 >3.45	240.flat 0.10/ <b>cu ft</b>		n/a	None
Cuyama CSD	Monthly	Block	1-3 ≥4	0.29 0.44	1-3 4+	0.29 0.44	1-3 4+	0.29 0.44	1-3 4+	0.29 0.44	39.50
Golden State Water	Monthly	Uniform	Per hcf	1.267	Per hcf	1.267	Per hcf	1.267	Per hcf	1.267	19.65
Goleta Water Dist*	Monthly	Uniform-Block*	1-4 5-8 ≥9	3.55 3.71 3.71	1-4 5-8 ≥9	3.55 3.71 3.71	1-4 5-8 ≥9	3.55 3.71 3.71	Agriculture Reclaimed Recreation Landscape	1.00 2.17 2.68 3.71	<4=\$9.21 <8=\$18.42 >9= 27.63
Guadalupe	Monthly	Flat or Uniform	1-6 >7	19.45 flat; 3.25per hcf	1-6 >7	19.45 flat; 3.25per hcf	1-6 >7	19.45 flat; 3.25per hcf	1-6 >7	19.45 flat; 3.25per hcf	None
La Cumbre Mutual Water Co.*	Bimonthly	Block	≤50 51-120 121-240 >240	3.30 3.70 4.10 5.10	1-18 19-60 >60	3.30 3.70 4.10	Tier1= 3yr avg  Tier 2	3.30  4.10	Ag Tier 1 = 40hcf ; Ag Tier 2 = ≤870 hcf/yr; Ag Tier 3 = >870 hcf/yr.	3.30  2.42 4.10	26.25* bi- monthly meter + land fee of 29./acre* bimonthly

			Single family		Multi-Residential		Commercial		Agr.,Landscape, Other		Fees
			Units	\$\$	Units	\$\$	Units	\$\$	HCF units	\$\$	\$\$
Lompoc	Monthly	Uniform	PerHCF	2.61	perHCF	2.61	perHCF	2.61		n/a	21.84
Los Alamos CSD	Monthly	Block	1-9	1.86	1-9	1.86	1-9	1.86	1-9	1.86	20.79
			10-20	2.59	10-20	2.59	10-20	2.59	10-20	2.59	
			≥21	3.71	≥21	3.71	≥21	3.71	≥21	3.71	
Mission Hills CSD	Monthly	Block	1-10	0.90		n/a		n/a		n/a	16.60
			-20	1.25							
			-30	1.45							
			≥31	1.75							
Montecito Water Dist.	Monthly	Block	0-25	3.90	0-9	3.90	Base	4.25	Agriculture		30.95
			26-60	4.15	10-30	4.15	Over	5.90	20 hcf / home	3.90	
			-120	4.90	31+	4.90			Ag1<870	1.76	
			≥121	5.90					Ag 2 >870	3.90	
Santa Barbara	Monthly	Block	1-4	2.74	1-4	2.74	base = avg off peak; * Others		HCF units /acre Recreation<1404 Ag<1080 Ag next 240 Ag add'l hcf		11.55
			5-20	4.60	5-12	4.60				2.16	
			≥21	4.84	≥13	4.84		4.60		1.51	
Santa Maria	Monthly	Block	1-5	2.441	1-5	2.441	1-5	2.441	1-5	2.441	22.39
			5-10	2.895	5-10	2.895	5-10	2.895	5-10	2.895	
			10-15	3.383	10-15	3.383	10-15	3.383	10-15	3.383	
			>15	3.852	>15	3.852	>15	3.852	>15	3.852	
Santa Ynez River WCD ID#1	Monthly	Uniform	per hcf	2.41	per hcf	2.41	per hcf	2.41	Agriculture*	0.34	27.50 for non-Ag
Solvang	Monthly	Uniform	per hcf	3.05	per hcf	3.05	per hcf	3.05	Landscape	3.03	3.77 & 13.87 per person
									Agriculture	4.58	
Vandenberg Village CSD	Monthly	Block	1-10	1.19		n/a	1-10	1.19	Landscape	1.19	21.66
			-17	1.37			-17	1.37			
			≥18	1.55			≥18	1.55			

\* See Footnotes on page 3.

Footnotes - - to Water Rates in Santa Barbara County; Spring 2009:

“**Block**” rate means a customer is charged a different rate for each volume (or “block”) of water used, with rates generally increasing with each higher volume.

**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, or 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, or Mid level tier, is an amount equal to a certain percentage of the first block or Base tier, currently set at 100% of the Base tier amount. Any water consumption above the second block, or Mid level tier, falls into the Peak block.

For example, if a customer’s first block or Base tier is determined to be 9 units of water (9 HCF), then the customer is currently charged for the first 9 units of water at the Base rate of \$3.00/unit. For the second block, or Mid tier, which is an additional 9 units of water (i.e., 100% of the Base amount), the customer is currently charged at the Mid tier rate of \$3.70/unit. For any water consumption above 18 units (Base + Mid tiers), this customer is currently charged the Peak block rate of \$4.15/unit.

Carpinteria Valley WD also offers low-income residents a ‘lifeline rate’, a 20% reduction in the service portion the water bill (CIP, basic, and State Water charges).

**Goleta WD** uses a “Uniform Block Rate”, i.e., a customer pays one rate for all water used, but the rate can vary from month to month depending on the total water used that month.

**LaCumbre Mutual Water Company’s** new rates start May 1, 2009.

La Cumbre’s bi-monthly meter charge is \$26.25 - - unless annual usage is less than or equal to 99hcf in which case a lower charge of \$17.50 applies. If annual usage is less than or equal to 49 HCF, the bimonthly charge is \$8.75.

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.

**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. See Carpinteria comments above.

**Santa Ynez RWCD-ID#1:** The 5/8 inch meter fee as shown applies to non-agriculture accounts. An Ag water classification pertains only to meters 1 ½ inches or greater.

[ *Information compiled by Santa Barbara County Water Agency in March 2009; released in April 2009. Phone is (805)-568-3545. ]*

**Example Comparison of Residential Water Charges**  
**For 10 HCF and 20 HCF Monthly Water Usage (Spring 2009)**

(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>	(# hcf x \$rate) + fees & charges	(# hcf x \$rate) + fees & charges
<b>Buellton</b>	<b>37.90</b>	<b>57.60</b>	(10 x 1.97) + 18.20	(20 x 1.97) + 18.20
<b>Carpinteria Valley WD *</b>	<b>65.57 → 93.16+*</b>	<b>95.57 → 133.76+*</b>	See separate table below.	See separate table on next page.
<b>Casmalia</b>	<b>185.00</b>	<b>285.00</b>	(120.00 for 3.5hcf)+ (6.5x 10.00)	(120.00 for 3.5hcf) + (16.5 x 10.00)
<b>Cuyama</b>	<b>43.45</b>	<b>47.85</b>	(3 x 0.29) + (7 x 0.44) + 39.50	(3 x 0.29) + (17 x 0.44) + 39.50
<b>Golden State Water</b>	<b>32.35</b>	<b>45.05</b>	(10 x 1.27) + 19.65	(20 x 1.27) + 19.65
<b>Goleta WD</b>	<b>64.73</b>	<b>101.83</b>	(10 x 3.71) + 27.63	(20 x 3.71) + 27.63
<b>Guadalupe</b>	<b>32.50</b>	<b>65.00</b>	10 x 3.25	20 x 3.25
<b>La Cumbre Mutual WC*</b>	<b>49.75</b>	<b>82.75</b>	(10 x 3.30) +13.12 + (1/2 x 29 x 0.25acre)	(20 x 3.30) + 13.12 + (1/2 x 29 x 0.25 acre)
<b>Lompoc</b>	<b>47.94</b>	<b>74.04</b>	(10 x 2.61) + 21.84	(20 x 2.61) + 21.84
<b>Los Alamos</b>	<b>40.12</b>	<b>66.02</b>	(9 x 1.86) + (1x 2.59) + 20.79	(9x 1.86) + (11x 2.59) + 20.79
<b>Mission Hills</b>	<b>25.60</b>	<b>38.10</b>	(10 x 0.90) + 16.60	(10x 0.90) + (10x 1.25) + 16.60
<b>Montecito</b>	<b>69.95</b>	<b>108.95</b>	(10 x 3.90) + 30.95	(20 x 3.90) + 30.95
<b>Santa Barbara</b>	<b>50.11</b>	<b>96.11</b>	(4 x 2.74) + (6 x 4.60) + 11.55	(4x 2.74) + (16x 4.60) + 11.55
<b>Santa Maria</b>	<b>49.07</b>	<b>87.48</b>	(5 x 2.441) + (5 x 2.895) + 22.39	(5x 2.441) + (5x 2.895) + (5x 3.383) + (5x 3.852) + 22.39
<b>Santa Ynez ID#1</b>	<b>51.60</b>	<b>75.70</b>	(10 x 2.41) + 27.50	(20 x 2.41) + 27.50
<b>Solvang*</b>	<b>89.75*</b>	<b>120.25*</b>	(10 x 3.05) + 3.77 + (4x 13.87)	(20 x 3.05) + 3.77 + ( 4 x 13.87)
<b>Vandenberg Village</b>	<b>33.56</b>	<b>47.80</b>	(10 x 1.19) + 21.66	(10x 1.19) + (7x 1.37) + (3x 1.55) + 21.66

**\*Footnotes**

Carpinteria charges are customized to each account. See footnotes on page 3 and separate table on pg 5.  
 La Cumbre's calculation assumes the property is 1/4 acre - - to be similar to typical residential property in other areas.  
 Solvang calculation assumes a family of 4 persons.  
 One hundred cubic feet (HCF) = 748 gallons; 10 HCF = 7,480 gals.

[ Table prepared by Santa Barbara County Water Agency; Phone # (805)-568-3545. ]

Table continued.....**Comparison of Residential Water Charges**

Agency	10HCF	20HCF	Calculation for 10HCF	Calculation for 20HCF
	\$ range	\$ range	(# hcf x \$rate) + fees & charges	(# hcf x \$rate) + fees & charges
<b>Carpinteria Valley Water District*</b>	<b>65.57 → 93.16+*</b>	<b>95.57 → 133.76+*</b>	Range of charges as rates are customized for each account.  <i>See examples below.</i>	Range of charges as rates are customized for each account.  <i>See examples below.</i>
<b>Example 1: “Typical” Maximum</b>	<b>93.16</b>	<b>133.76</b>	$(6 \times 3.00) + (4 \times 3.70) + 28.56 + (2 \times 15.90)$ If base volume is 6hcf and annual mthly avg > 6hcf	$(6 \times 3.00) + (6 \times 3.70) + (8 \times 4.15) + 28.56 + (2 \times 15.90)$ If base volume is 6hcf and annual mthly avg > 6hcf
<b>Example 2: “Possible Minimum”</b>	<b>74.46</b>	<b>104.46</b>	$(10 \times \$3.00) + 28.56 + 15.90$ If base volume $\geq 10$ hcf and annual mthly avg $\leq 6$ hcf	$(20 \times \$3.00) + 28.56 + 15.90$ If base volume $\geq 20$ hcf and annual mthly avg $\leq 6$ hcf
<b>Example 3: Lifeline Minimum</b>	<b>65.57</b>	<b>95.57</b>	$(10 \times 3.00) + (80\%)(28.56 + 15.90)$	$(20 \times 3.00) + (80\%)(28.56 + 15.90)$

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CVWD also offers low-income residents a ‘lifeline rate’, a 20% reduction in the service portion the water bill (CIP, basic, and State Water charges).

CVWD’s fees also vary based on annual averages over a 5-yr period. The charge is \$2.65 per each 6 hcf, but it is computed on average annual usage, and is not based only on usage during the month billed.