

# CARMICHAEL WATER DISTRICT

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# NOTICE

of Proposed Rate Increases FY 2009/10 thru FY 2013/14

## Rate Study and Proposed FY 2009-10 thru 2013-2014

Carmichael Water District conducted a year long water rate study starting in April 2008. The five year water rate study for fiscal years 2009/2010 thru 2013/2014 is now complete. The goal of the rate study was to have detailed discussions which would lead to the financial and rate plan for the District. The updated water rate study process can be viewed on the District's website on the homepage in its entirety at [www.carmichaelwd.org](http://www.carmichaelwd.org).

From the water rate study it was determined that the District would need to increase its rates over the next five years in order to provide quality service that protects public health. The revenue requirement to meet the budget is the proposed increases listed below. Some customers may experience an increase of more than 4.25% or less than 4.25% for the FY 09-10 due to the change in metered rate structure described below, which is based on the rate study.

WATER CHARGE INCREASE (%)	FY 09-10	FY 10-11	FY 11-12	FY 12-13	FY 13-14
	4.25%	4.00%	3.00%	3.50%	3.75%

As your water service provider we are obligated and committed to effectively and efficiently evaluate the operational costs, planned system maintenance projects, and the service needs of the District before determining if water rate adjustments are necessary as were discussed in the rate study.

## Metered Rates:

The majority of District customers are billed on a metered rate. The bimonthly service charge for metered connections is computed by connection type and adjustment by meter size. The following charts show the proposed water rates recommended by the water rate study.

Metered Water Rates	FY 09-10	FY 10-11	FY 11-12	FY 12-13	FY 13-14
<b>Bimonthly Service Charges</b>					
Residential (per connection)	42.16	43.85	45.16	46.74	48.50
Multi-Family (per unit)	34.53	35.91	36.99	38.28	39.72
Condo (per unit)	20.89	21.73	22.38	23.16	24.03
Apartment (per connection)	155.07	161.27	166.11	171.92	178.37
Commercial (per connection)	81.22	84.47	87.00	90.05	93.42
Park (per connection)	717.12	745.80	768.18	795.07	824.88
School (per connection)	448.20	466.13	480.11	496.92	515.55
Irrigation (per connection)	99.93	103.93	107.05	110.79	114.95
<b>Commodity Rate Per CCF</b>	<b>1.02</b>	<b>1.06</b>	<b>1.09</b>	<b>1.13</b>	<b>1.17</b>

\*ccf = 100 cubic feet = 748 gallons

Metered Water Rates - Adjustment due to size	FY 2009-10	FY 2010-11	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14
<b>Bimonthly Adjustment</b>					
3/4"	(2.13)	(2.22)	(2.28)	(2.36)	(2.45)
1"	-	-	-	-	-
1.5"	8.10	8.42	8.68	8.98	9.32
2"	16.31	16.96	17.47	18.08	18.76
3"	30.46	31.68	32.63	33.77	35.04
4"	45.32	47.13	48.55	50.25	52.13
6"	63.89	66.45	68.44	70.83	73.49
8"	115.86	120.49	124.11	128.45	133.27
10"	165.85	172.48	177.66	183.88	190.77
12"	249.75	259.74	267.53	276.90	287.28

**Example for FY 09-10:** Residential 1.5" connection equals (42.16 + 8.10 = \$50.16 bimonthly service charge plus the commodity rate of \$1.02 per CCF)

## Flat Rate Prior to Transitioning:

The District will continue to have flat rate accounts until the final phase 4 customers are transitioned. The proposed flat rates are shown in the table below:

Residential Flat Water Rates	FY 09-10	FY 10-11	FY 11-12	FY 12-13	FY 13-14
<b>Bimonthly Service Charges</b>					
SF11	107.82	112.13	115.49	119.53	124.02
SF12	136.66	142.13	146.39	151.52	157.20
SF13	191.27	198.92	204.89	212.06	220.01
SF52	193.23	200.96	206.99	214.23	222.26

## Fire Service:

The private fire service protections are charged per diameter inch for fire protection. The proposed private fire service protection rates are shown in the table below:

Private Fire Service Protection	FY 09-10	FY 10-11	FY 11-12	FY 12-13	FY 13-14
<b>Bimonthly Service Charges</b>					
1"	25.03	26.03	26.81	27.75	28.79

## Future Impacts:

In light of the future economic and conservation/drought requirements or mandated regulations, the District may find it necessary to place a surcharge on customer's bills to cover any impacts if they are significant and reserves that right should it become necessary.

## Water Shortage 2009

In light of the drought conditions throughout California there are significant announcements and possible mandates that could affect Carmichael Water District in the near future. To keep the public informed as to what is happening in this area the District encourages its customers to read more ([www.carmichaelwd.org](http://www.carmichaelwd.org)) about the following:

- Governor Schwarzenegger Proclaims State of Emergency
- Conservation 20 X 2020 Plan
- SWRCB – Notice to Diversers
- DWR Announces Snow Survey Results

Any/all of these announcements could have a future impact on CWD's budget and rates if mandated requirements are placed on the District.

***If future impacts are significant, the District may be required to place a surcharge on customer's bills to cover those impacts. Staff will continue to update its customers as more information is available with regard to the water shortage.***

## Learn How to Save Water and Money with a Water Audit

CWD customers can request a FREE water audit. A certified water auditor will come to your house or business to:

- Evaluate your water usage
- Show you how to read your meter
- Provide a free leach check using your meter
- Measure faucet and shower head flows
- Perform a free leak check of toilets
- Perform a free evaluation of landscape irrigation efficiency
- Adjust irrigation timers
- Install free water saving devices

If you would like to receive a free water audit please contact the District at (916) 483-2452 to schedule your appointment. The entire home evaluation takes about 60 to 90 minutes for most homes and businesses.

## Public Hearing

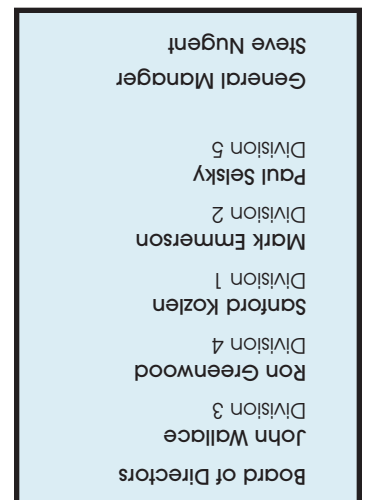
The Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on the proposed rate increases detailed in this newsletter. Rate increases are recommended for the next five years. If you would like to voice your opinion on the FY 2009-2010 thru FY 2013-2014 recommended rate increases, please attend the hearing on:

**Date:** May 18, 2009  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** District Office  
7837 Fair Oaks Blvd.  
Carmichael, CA 95608

## Submit a Written Protest

Under Proposition 218, if you are the owner of record or tenant of the parcel subject to the proposed rate, you may file a written protest before the public hearing. If you oppose the proposed rate increase, your protest must be submitted in writing to be considered, even if you plan to attend the public hearing. If written protests are submitted by a majority of the affected parcel owners, the proposed rate changes cannot be imposed. Your written Protest must be received prior to the May 18, 2009 public hearing. Only one protest will be counted per parcel. Protests must contain a description of the property, such as the parcel number or service address. *Please indicate that it is the water service rate change that you are protesting. Send your written protest to:*  
**Carmichael Water District  
Assessor – Collector,  
7837 Fair Oaks Blvd.  
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If you have any questions regarding the protect process, please call the District office at (916) 483-2452.



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