



# FERN VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

## Newsletter

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### Water Rate Increase Effective July 1, 2013

Dear Fern Valley Water District Customers:

On June 19, 2009, your Board of Directors adopted an annual increase in water rates to be in effect until Fiscal Year 2013/2014. The District has two ongoing sources of revenue. One is the revenue from the sale of water and other services; the other is a portion of property tax revenue that is received from the Riverside County. It is the Board's intention that the water rates revenue fully cover operating costs and that capital expenditures be funded through existing tax revenues.

The District's water rates consist of two parts. One part is the service charge and the other part is the usage charge. The service charge is based on the water rate assigned to a parcel. The usage charge is the amount of water used, as measured by the water meter for the parcel, multiplied by the appropriate water use rates. The total charge for water delivered to any parcel in the District is the sum of the service charge and the usage charge. The District's rates (service charge plus usage charge) distribute all its operating costs in proportion to the amount of water used on any parcel within the District. Thus the water charge associated with any parcel is in proportion to the benefit (the water) used on that parcel.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 507**

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FERN VALLEY WATER DISTRICT AMENDING RESOLUTION 490 AND FIXING CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE AND FEES FOR SERVICES BY THE DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Fern Valley Water District may, in raising money for District purposes, make water available to the holders of title to land or the occupants thereon, and may fix and collect charges therefore; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has provided in the Rules and Regulations of the District for the collection of charges and fees for services performed by the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Fern Valley Water District has heretofore fixed and provided for the collection of such charges and fees, and has now determined that the annual connection charges and water use rates for all classes of service and fees for services performed by the District should be set as hereinafter provided; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Fern Valley Water District that Resolution 490, Article 2-Rates, is amended to read as follows:

## ARTICLE 2 – RATES

**1. Annual Service Charges** (irrespective of water use)

<u>Category</u>	<u>Amount (\$)</u>
Single Unit Connection	196.20
Multiple Unit Connection	
Two Units	196.20
Three and Four Units	392.40
Five and Six Units	588.60
Seven and Eight Units	784.80
Nine and Ten Units	981.00
Eleven and Twelve Units	1,177.20

**2. Bimonthly Tiered Quantity Rates** (applies to all water use)

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>First Tier (\$/CCF)</u>	<u>Second Tier (\$/CCF)</u>	<u>Third Tier (\$/CCF)</u>
09/10	2.40	5.00	8.75
10/11	2.67	6.20	10.30
11/12	3.12	7.60	12.05
12/13	3.70	9.00	14.00
13/14	4.35	10.68	16.74

**3. Bimonthly Tiered Quantity Allowances**

<u>Category</u>	<u>First Tier (CF)</u>	<u>Second Tier (CF)</u>	<u>Third Tier (CF)</u>
Single Unit Connection	0-1,400	1,401-3,000	3,001 and above
Multiple Unit Connection			
Two Units	0-1,400	1,401-3,000	3,001 and above
Three and Four Units	0-2,800	2,801-6,000	6,001 and above
Five and Six Units	0-4,200	4,201-9,000	9,001 and above
Seven and Eight Units	0-5,600	5,601-12,000	12,001 and above
Nine and Ten Units	0-7,000	7,001-15,000	15,001 and above
Eleven and Twelve Units	0-8,400	8,401-18,000	18,001 and above

**4. Special Service**

Special service shall include, among others, water service to schools, camps, and institutions that cannot be readily classified with the above. Special service rates shall be determined based on the above considering the fixtures and facilities served. The total charge shall be the sum of the charges for each building or facility.

**5. Private Fire Protection Service**

The annual service charge for a six-inch meter for a private fire protection service shall be \$480. There is no charge for water used for fire suppression; however, the charge for water used for any other purpose is \$17.50/CCF.

Notes:

1. CF = Cubic Feet
2. CCF = One Hundred Cubic Feet
3. All rates and quantities apply to each service connection, regardless of meter size.

## **Construction Pipeline Project:**

Please be advised that the Fern Valley Water District has contracted T. A. Rivard Inc., to replace water mains and service lines as part of our ongoing pipeline replacement program.

The streets effected are Fern Valley Road, a portion of Encino Road, Howland, and Roble Drive.

The project commenced on June 17, 2013. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you and appreciate your patience and cooperation.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office at (951) 659-2200.

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## **Water Conservation Tips**

A good water conservation program is mostly a matter of using common sense and taking time to think about water and how you use it. Get your entire household involved in water conservation. When you conserve water it saves you money, and helps the environment by easing the burden on water storage, purification, distribution, and treatment facilities. Please feel free to come by the office and pick up a free water conservation kit.

### **Stop Leaks!**

- Twice a year, check all faucets inside and outside for leaks. Replace worn-out fixtures, washers, o-rings, and hose connections. Turn faucets off firmly.

### **Outside**

- Place mulch, chunks of bark or gravel around trees and plants to slow down evaporation.
- Water during the cool parts of the day. Early morning is better than dusk to prevent the growth of fungus.

### **Kitchen**

- When washing dishes by hand, use the least amount of detergent as possible and don't leave the water running for rinsing. If you have two sinks, fill one side with rinse water.

### **Bathrooms**

- Take a shower rather than a bath.
  - Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or shaving.
  - Eliminate toilet leaks. Put food coloring into the tank. If color appears in the bowl without flushing, then there is a leak.
  - The District offers a rebate for the purchase and installation of new High-Efficiency toilets as described below.
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## **High-Efficiency Toilet Rebate Program**

In November 2008, the Board established a High-Efficiency Toilet Retrofit Rebate Program. In order to qualify for a rebate, you must replace a toilet using 2.5 gallons per flush (gpf) or greater with an approved High-Efficiency Toilet (HET). An approved HET list can be obtained from the District.

The \$150.00 rebate per toilet is provided as a credit on the water bill once the toilet has been installed and all necessary documents are approved. There is a life-time limit of three HET rebates per account. The rebate is for new products only. Any pre-existing products are not eligible for this program. Fixtures purchased and installed with new construction are also excluded from the rebate program. If you have any questions, regarding the High-Efficiency Toilet Rebate Program please contact Office Manager, Jessica Priefer.



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*It is our policy to be responsive to our customers' needs, and we are available for emergency assistance 24 hours a day. Our emergency phone number is 951 659-2200.  
Our office hours are 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.  
Closed from 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. for lunch*

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