

Dear City of Solvang Utility Customer,

On June 13, 2022 Solvang City Council approved the following Utility Rate Increases for both Water and Wastewater Services. **Please be advised that these rates and regulations will go into effect AUGUST 1, 2022.**

WATER:

	Present Rates	Approved Rates FY 22-23	Approved Rates FY 23-24	Approved Rates FY 24-25	Approved Rates FY 25-26	Approved Rates FY 26-27
Fixed Charge -\$/Month						
5/8"	\$ 75.43	\$ 75.08	\$ 79.21	\$ 83.57	\$ 88.17	\$ 93.02
3/4"	\$ 113.15	\$ 112.62	\$ 118.81	\$ 125.34	\$ 132.23	\$ 139.50
1"	\$ 188.58	\$ 187.70	\$ 198.02	\$ 208.91	\$ 220.40	\$ 232.52
1 1/2"	\$ 377.17	\$ 375.42	\$ 396.07	\$ 417.85	\$ 440.83	\$ 465.08
2"	\$ 603.47	\$ 600.67	\$ 633.71	\$ 668.56	\$ 705.33	\$ 744.12
3"	\$ 1,206.94	\$ 1,201.34	\$ 1,267.41	\$ 1,337.12	\$ 1,410.66	\$ 1,488.25
4"	\$ 1,885.84	\$ 1,877.09	\$ 1,980.33	\$ 2,089.25	\$ 2,204.16	\$ 2,325.39
6"	\$ 3,771.68	\$ 3,754.18	\$ 3,960.66	\$ 4,178.50	\$ 4,408.32	\$ 4,650.78
8"	\$ 6,034.69	\$ 6,006.69	\$ 6,337.06	\$ 6,685.60	\$ 7,053.31	\$ 7,441.24

	Present Rates	Approved Rates FY 22-23	Approved Rates FY 23-24	Approved Rates FY 24-25	Approved Rates FY 25-26	Approved Rates FY 26-27
Consumption Charge -\$/CCF						
Single Family						
0-16 ccf (Tier 1)	\$ 3.45	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
16+ ccf (Tier 2)	\$ 4.05	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
0-15 ccf (Tier 1)	\$ -	\$ 4.08	\$ 4.30	\$ 4.54	\$ 4.79	\$ 5.05
15-35 ccf (Tier 2)	\$ -	\$ 4.62	\$ 4.87	\$ 5.14	\$ 5.42	\$ 5.72
35+ ccf (Tier 3)	\$ -	\$ 5.35	\$ 5.64	\$ 5.95	\$ 6.28	\$ 6.63
Multi Family-All Consumption	\$ 3.75	\$ 4.13	\$ 4.36	\$ 4.60	\$ 4.85	\$ 5.12
Commercial-All Consumption	\$ 3.75	\$ 4.14	\$ 4.37	\$ 4.61	\$ 4.86	\$ 5.13
Irrigation-All Consumption	\$ 3.75	\$ 4.45	\$ 4.69	\$ 4.95	\$ 5.22	\$ 5.51

WASTEWATER:

	Present Rates	Approved Rates FY 22-23	Approved Rates FY 23-24	Approved Rates FY 24-25	Approved Rates FY 25-26	Approved Rates FY 26-27
Fixed Charge - \$/Month						
Single Family	\$ 34.65	\$ 49.88	\$ 58.61	\$ 68.87	\$ 79.54	\$ 91.87
Multi-Family	\$ 34.65	\$ 47.90	\$ 56.28	\$ 66.13	\$ 76.38	\$ 88.22
Com & Ind	\$ 34.65	\$ 39.43	\$ 46.33	\$ 54.44	\$ 62.88	\$ 72.63
Com & Ind - High	\$ 34.65	\$ 42.14	\$ 49.51	\$ 58.17	\$ 67.19	\$ 77.60
Volumetric Charge - \$/CCF						
Single Family	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Multi-Family	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Com & Ind	\$ 2.85	\$ 4.06	\$ 4.77	\$ 5.60	\$ 6.47	\$ 7.47
Com & Ind - High	\$ 7.42	\$ 7.89	\$ 9.27	\$ 10.89	\$ 12.58	\$ 14.53

Stage Two Drought Regulations. On July 11, 2022, City Council adopted Resolution 22-1186 affirming Stage 2 drought regulations.

1. Mandatory reduction in water use from the specified prior benchmark year’s average monthly water usage by all city customers of twenty percent (20%) based on customer class as follows:
 - a. Single-family residential customers water usage penalties shall be tiered with no penalty for the allowed residential usage as determined by city council resolution and increasing to one and one-half (1.5) times the current water rate for any usage over 14 HCF/Month and two (2.0) times the current water rate for that amount over the second tier (see chart at bottom of page 3).
 - b. Commercial/industrial/institutional customer water usage penalties shall be as follows:

0-80% of usage compared to same month in benchmark year	No penalty. Current water rate
>80% of usage compared to the same month in benchmark year	Penalty= 2.0x current rate, and one time warning
Second month and each additional month over	\$1,000 penalty

- c. Irrigation only customer water usage penalties shall be as follows:

0 - 50% of usage compared to the same month in the benchmark year	No penalty. Current water rate
>50% of usage compared to the same month in the benchmark year	Penalty = 2.0x current water rate, and onetime warning
Second month and each additional month over	\$500.00 penalty

d. Multifamily residential/mobile home customer water usage penalties shall be as follows:

0 - 90% of usage compared to the same month in the benchmark year	No penalty. Current water rate
>90% of usage compared to the same month in the benchmark year	Penalty = 1.5x current water rate

2. Outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf shall be limited to no more than two (2) days per week. Watering shall be restricted to Mondays and Thursdays for addresses ending in even numbers, and to Tuesdays and Fridays for addresses ending in odd numbers.

3. The use of water for the flushing of water mains, and fire department training exercises shall be allowed only upon advance written approval of the city manager.

4. The use of water in a fountain or other decorative water feature, except where the water is part of a recirculating system, is prohibited.

5. The penalty for a second violation of any stage one or stage two drought regulation shall be set by city council resolution, after a written warning upon the first violation.

6. Each of the stage one drought regulations set forth in subsections (A)(1) through (A)(8) of this section shall remain in force where not in conflict with the provisions of this subsection B.

<u>STAGE II REGULATIONS</u> Customers: All Customers as Described Mandatory	<u>Reduction Target</u>	<u>Trigger for Penalty at 1.5x</u>	<u>Trigger for Penalty at 2.0x</u>	<u>Second Month and Each Additional Month</u>
Single Family Residential Allocation: 14 HCF/Month	20%	Any usage over 14 HCF/Month, up to Tier 3	Any usage entering and above Tier 3	N/A
Commercial/ Industrial/ Institutional	20%	N/A	>80% of benchmark usage	\$1,000
Irrigation	50%	N/A	>50% of benchmark usage	\$500
Multifamily Residential/Mobile Home	10%	>90% of benchmark usage	N/A	N/A