

Water Rates in Santa Barbara County: January 2013

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		
	<i>Monthly, Bimthly</i>	<i>Uniform, Block etc</i>	HCF Units	\$\$	HCF Units	\$\$	HCF Units	\$\$	HCF units	\$\$	\$\$
Buellton	Monthly	Uniform	per hcf	1.97	per hcf	1.97	per hcf	1.97	per hcf	1.97	21.20
Carpinteria Valley Water District*	Monthly	Block (variable)	Base Mid Peak	3.00 3.85 4.85	Base Mid Peak	3.00 3.85 4.85	Base Mid Peak	3.00 3.85 4.85	Agriculture	1.70	30.79 + 2.70/hcf (min. 16.20)
Casmalia CSD	Monthly	Flat plus Uniform	≤3.45 >3.45	100 flat 0.10/ cu foot		n/a	≤3.45 >3.45	200 flat 0.10/ cu foot		n/a	None
Cuyama CSD	Monthly	Block	<4 ≥4	0.29 0.44	<4 ≥4	0.29 0.44	<4 ≥4	0.29 0.44	<4 ≥4	0.29 0.44	67.50
Golden State Water Co. (Orcutt, Santa Maria area)	Monthly	Block for S/MFR; Uniform for Comm'l & Irrig'n	≤15 >15-27 >27	1.596 1.836 2.111	≤15 >15-27 >27	1.596 1.836 2.111	per hcf	1.527	per hcf	0.98	SFR/MFR 14.65, Comm. 18.00, Irrig 48.60. \$.335/ccf surcharge, -.95 meter surcredit, 1.5% CPUC fee*
Goleta Water District	Monthly	Uniform	1-4 >4	4.58 4.78	1-4 >4	4.58 4.78	1-4 >4	4.58 4.78	Urban-Ag GWC-Ag* Reclaimed Recreation Landscape	1.29 1.18 2.76 3.45 4.78	≤4 = 11.87 5-8 = 23.74 >8 = 35.61
Guadalupe	Monthly	Flat plus Uniform	1-6 ≥7	21.41 flat; 3.57 /hcf	1-6 ≥7	21.41 flat; 3.57 /hcf	1-6 ≥7	21.41 flat; 3.57 /hcf	1-6 ≥7	21.41 flat; 3.57 /hcf	None

City/District or Company	Billing interval	Rate * structure	Single Family Residential (SFR)		Multi Family Residential (MFR)		Commercial		Agr., Landscape, Other		Fees
			HCF Units	\$\$	HCF Units	\$\$	HCF Units	\$\$	HCF units	\$\$	
La Cumbre Mutual Water Company*	Bi-mthly	Block	≤50	3.90	1-18	3.90	Tier1= 3yr avg*	3.90	Ag Tier 1 ≤40;	3.90	Meter fee bi- mthly:10.00 if <u>annual</u> use ≤49hcf; 20.00 if <u>annual</u> use ≤99hcf; 30.00 for others. land fee of 29.00 per acre bi-monthly*
			51-120	4.65	19-60	4.65	Tier 2	5.40	Ag Tier 2 = ≤870 hcf/yr;	2.92	
			121- 240	5.40	>60	5.40			Ag Tier 3 = >870 hcf/yr.	5.40	
			>240	6.65							
Lompoc	Monthly	Uniform	per hcf	2.75	per hcf	2.75	per hcf	2.75	per hcf	2.75	23.04
Los Alamos CSD	Monthly	Block	1-9	2.04	1-9	2.04	1-9	2.04	1-9	2.04	22.85
			10-20	2.85	10-20	2.85	10-20	2.85	10-20	2.85	
			≥21	4.08	≥21	4.08	≥21	4.08	≥21	4.08	
Mission Hills CSD	Monthly	Block	1-10	1.61		n/a	1-10	1.27		n/a	26.46
			11-20	2.25			11-20	1.78			
			21-30	2.57			21-30	2.03			
			≥31	3.05			≥31	2.41			
Montecito Water Dist.	Monthly	Block	0-25	3.90	0-9	3.90	Base=avg #hcf /mo*	4.25	Agriculture: 20 hcf / home	3.90	30.95
			26-60	4.15	10-30	4.15			Ag ≤ 870	1.76	
			61-120	4.90	≥31	4.90	Over base	5.90	Ag >870	3.90	
			≥121	5.90							
Santa Barbara	Monthly	Block	1-4	3.14	1-4	3.14	base=past avg off- peak,*	5.25	HCF/acre Recr'n<1404	2.47	13.19
			5-20	5.25	5-12	5.25			Ag<1080	1.45	
			≥21	5.53	≥13	5.53			Ag next 240	5.25	
							Above base amt	5.53	Ag add'l hcf	5.53	
Santa Maria	Monthly	Block	1-5	2.97	1-5	2.97	1-5	2.97	Well water for irrigation	1.71	27.22
			6-10	3.52	6-10	3.52	6-10	3.52			
			11-15	4.11	11-15	4.11	11-15	4.11			
			>15	4.68	>15	4.68	>15	4.68			

City/District or Company	Billing interval	Rate * structure	Single family		Multi-Resident'1		Commercial		Agr., Landscape, Other		Fees
			HCF Units	\$\$	HCF Units	\$\$	HCF Units	\$\$	HCF units	\$\$	
Santa Ynez River WCD ID#1	Monthly	Uniform	per hcf	2.71	per hcf	2.71	per hcf	2.71	Agriculture No dwelling: Res >70 hcf: Res ≤70 hcf:	0.36 0.54 2.71	31.00 for non-Ag
Solvang	Monthly	Block	1-16 >16	3.00 3.53	per hcf	3.26	per hcf	3.26		n/a	65.63
Vandenberg Village CSD	Monthly	Block	1-10 11-17 18-49 ≥50	1.19 1.37 1.55 2.38	1-10 11-17 18-49 ≥50	1.19 1.37 1.55 2.38	1-10 11-17 18-49 ≥50	1.19 1.37 1.55 2.38	Landscape	1.19	21.66

*Footnotes - - to *Water Rates in Santa Barbara County; January 2013:*

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, industrial, 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.) The second block (Mid level tier) is an amount equal to 100% of the Base tier amount. Any water consumption above the second block falls into the Peak block. Capital Improvement Program charges (\$2.70/HCF with minimum \$16.20 charge) are based on the customer’s *5-year monthly average consumption*. CVWD also offers low income residents a “lifeline rate”, a 20% reduction in the service portion of the bill.

La Cumbre Mutual Water Company’s bi-monthly meter charge is \$30.00 if annual usage is greater than 99hcf. If annual usage is less than or equal to 49 hcf, the bi-monthly charge is \$10.00; if annual usage is 50 to 99 hcf, the bi-monthly charge is \$20.00.

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.

Golden State Water Company, as a private water company, is regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) which has assigned certain surcharges, credits, and fees that are in addition to the normal water rate and meter charges.

Goleta Water District’s GWC-ag refers to the Goleta West Conduit System agricultural rates.

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 February 2013. Phone contact is (805)-568-3545.]*

Example Comparison of Residential Water Charges
For 10 HCF and 20 HCF Monthly Water Usage (January 2013)
(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	40.90	60.60	(10 x 1.97) + 21.20	(20 x 1.97) + 21.20
Carpinteria Valley WD	94.04*	134.54*	(9 x 3.00) + (1 x 3.85) + 30.79 + (12 x 2.70)	(9 x 3.00) + (9 x 3.85) + (2 x 4.85) + 30.79 + (12 x 2.70)
Casmalia	165.50	265.50	(100.00 for 3.45hcf)+ (655 cu ft x 0.10)	(100.00 for 3.45 hcf) + (1655 cu ft x 0.10)
Cuyama	71.45	75.85	(3 x 0.29) + (7 x 0.44) + 67.50	(3 x 0.29) + (17 x 0.44) + 67.50
Golden State Water	33.21	53.73	((10 x (1.596+.335)) + (14.65-.95)*1.015)	((15 x (1.596+.335)) + (5 x (1.836+.335)) + (14.65-.95)*1.015)
Goleta WD	83.41	131.21	(10 x 4.78) + 35.61	(20 x 4.78) + 35.61
Guadalupe	35.69	71.39	21.41 + (4 x 3.57)	21.41 + (14 x 3.57)
La Cumbre Mutual WC*	57.63	96.63	(10 x 3.90) +15.00 + (1/2 x 29 x 0.25 acre)	(20 x 3.90) + 15.00 + (1/2 x 29 x 0.25 acre)
Lompoc	50.54	78.04	(10 x 2.75) + 23.04	(20 x 2.75) + 23.04
Los Alamos	44.06	72.56	(9 x 2.04) + (1x 2.85) + 22.85	(9x 2.04) + (11x 2.85) + 22.85
Mission Hills	42.56	65.06	(10 x 1.61) + 26.46	(10x 1.61) + (10x 2.25) + 26.46
Montecito	69.95	108.95	(10 x 3.90) + 30.95	(20 x 3.90) + 30.95
Santa Barbara	57.25	109.75	(4 x 3.14) + (6 x 5.25) + 13.19	(4x 3.14) + (16x 5.25) + 13.19
Santa Maria	59.67	103.62	(5 x 2.97) + (5 x 3.52) + 27.22	(5 x 2.97) + (5 x 3.52) + (5 x 4.11) + (5 x 4.68) + 27.22
Santa Ynez ID#1	58.10	85.20	(10 x 2.71) + 31.00	(20 x 2.71) + 31.00
Solvang	95.93	127.75	(10 x 3.00) + 65.63	(16 x 3.00) + (4 x 3.53) + 65.63
Vandenberg Village	33.56	47.80	(10 x 1.19) + 21.66	(10x 1.19) + (7x 1.37) + (3x 1.55) + 21.66
<i>*Footnotes</i>	<p>Some bills may include additional taxes or one-time charges. Carpinteria charges are customized to each account. The two Carpinteria example calculations in this table use a monthly mean of 12 hcf and a winter mean water use of 9 hcf for SFR customers for the last 5 years. See footnotes on page 4. La Cumbre's calculation assumes the property is 1/4 acre - - to compare with typical residential property in other areas. One hundred cubic feet (HCF) = 748 gallons; 10 HCF = 7,480 gals.</p>			