

Alameda County Water District

Miscellaneous Fees and Charges Update

Board Meeting
February 12, 2026

Presenter: Martin Koran, Senior Financial Analyst

Overview

- The District annually conducts a review of various fees and charges, referred to as miscellaneous fees and charges
- These fees and charges are intended to cover the costs of the service for which they are imposed
- Proposed fees and charges are determined based on the cost and operational data for FY 2024/25

No change is proposed for fees and charges not included in the presentation

Proposed Changes

Fees and Charges

Fee/Charge	Current Eff. March 1, 2025	Proposed Eff. March 1, 2026	Change	FY 24/25 General Fund Revenue
Account Establishment	\$46	\$13	-71.7%	\$321,530
Damaged Angle Stop	\$347	\$370	6.6%	
Reconnection Charges:				
For Replacement of a Pulled Meter & Turn-On	\$110	\$115	4.5%	
Charge for Returned Check, Failed Electronic Fund Transfers, Credit Card Reversals and Similar Failures	\$13	\$5	-61.5%	
Inspection/Testing of Backflow Prevention Device	\$87	\$95	9.2%	\$485,286

Proposed Changes Fees and Charges

Fee/Charge	Current Eff. May 1, 2025	Proposed Eff. May 1, 2026	Change	FY 24/25 General Fund Revenue
Meter Installation Charges:				Customer Capital Contribution
3/4" Meter	\$416	\$424	1.9%	
1" Meter	\$429	\$439	2.3%	
1-1/2" Meter	\$860	\$874	1.6%	

Proposed Changes Fees and Charges

Fee/Charge	Current Eff. March 1, 2025	Proposed Eff. March 1, 2026	Change	FY 24/25 General Fund Revenue
Meter Tampering:				
(2) Meter Tampering/End Point Replacement	\$150	\$190	26.7%	
(3) Meter Tampering/Meter Replacement				
3/4" Meter	\$306	\$424	38.6%	
1" Meter	\$364	\$439	20.6%	
1-1/2" Meter	\$554	\$874	57.8%	
Electric Vehicle Charging Charge	\$0.40 per kWh	\$0.43 per kWh	7.5%	\$3,070
Fire Hydrant Meter Charges:				
Late Meter Reading Field Investigation / Follow-Up Charge	\$105	\$110	4.8%	

Proposed Changes

Fees and Charges

- Inspection of Public Records
 - Update text to simplify the section and refer the public to the Policy on Inspection of Public Records
 - Clarify that the District may charge for direct costs of copies of records

Proposed Changes

Section 5: Water Conservation Rebates and Incentives

Rebates/Incentives	Current Eff. March 1, 2025	Proposed Eff. March 1, 2026	Change
Weather-Based Irrigation Controllers (WBIC)	District's SFR customers can receive an incentive of up to \$75 plus tax... toward the purchase of a smart irrigation controller	District's SFR customers can receive an incentive of up to \$100 toward the purchase of a smart irrigation controller	33.3%

- Other changes to water conservation rebates and incentives include updates throughout to the text to improve clarity on rebates for customers

Facilities Connection Charges

- Effective May 1, 2026, Facilities Connection Charges (FCC) will **decrease by 0.327%** due to inflationary adjustment
- Inflationary adjustment based on July-to-July decrease in Engineering News-Record Construction Cost Index (ENR-CCI) for San Francisco Bay Area
 - SF CCI 2024 July: 15334.74
 - SF CCI 2025 July: 15284.53
- Notice of the FCCs effective May 1, 2026, has been provided in the annual developer letter in January and posted on the District website

Crisis Assistance Program

- This is a new program designed to supplement the Help on Tap Program
- Income and Eligibility guidelines will match the Help on Tap Program, and customers approved for Crisis Assistance would be automatically enrolled in Help on Tap if not already participating
- Additional Program details:
 - Up to \$200 toward a past due water bill balance
 - Up to once every two years
 - First-come/first-served since funding is limited
- Annual spend is expected to be limited with proposed guidelines; most enrolled Help on Tap customers do not carry arrearage balances
- Initial pilot program is proposed for one year, after which revisions to eligibility, benefit level, to be considered

Staff Recommendation

- By motion, adopt a resolution amending the Rate and Fee Schedule regarding miscellaneous fees and charges, a water conservation incentive, Facilities Connection Charges, a new crisis assistance program, and finding the updates exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

The proposed effective dates for the changes are March 1, 2026 (except that development-related charges would be effective May 1, 2026)

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Agenda Item 5.3 - Resolution Authorizing the General Manager to Execute Amendment No. 7 to the Agreement for the Supply and Conveyance of Water by the Department of Water Resources of the State of California Under the Dry Year Water Purchase Program Between the Department of Water Resources and Alameda County Water District and to Take Related Actions, and Taking California Environmental Quality Act Responsible Agency Actions Based on Yuba County Water Agency's Previously Certified Environmental Impact Report and Supplemental Certified Environmental Impact Report

Laura Hidas, Director of Water Resources

North Yuba River, June 9, 2023

Photo credit: California Department of Water Resources



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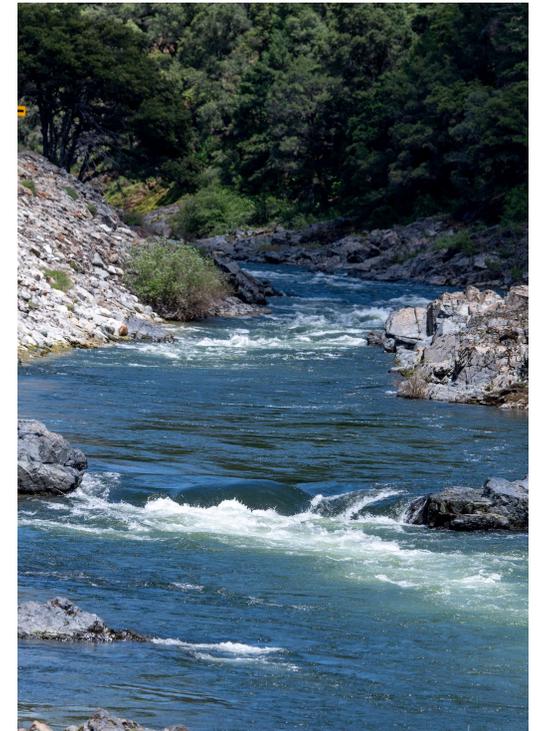


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- Yuba Accord Long-Term Water Transfer Program Overview
- Benefits of Participation
- Key Program Terms
- Water Availability, Cost, and Estimated Yield
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Review
- Next Steps
- Staff Recommendation

Yuba Accord Long-Term Water Transfer Program Overview

- Yuba River Accord
 - Implemented by Yuba County Water Agency beginning in 2008
 - Provides environmental flows and transferable water
 - Multiple agreements to make water available
- DWR has a Water Purchase Agreement with Yuba County Water Agency
- Participating Contractors have a Dry Year Water Purchase Program Agreement with DWR to receive water
- Original agreements terminated in 2025; 25-year extension proposed through 2050
 - ACWD didn't participate in the original Program but can join now



North Yuba River, June 9, 2023
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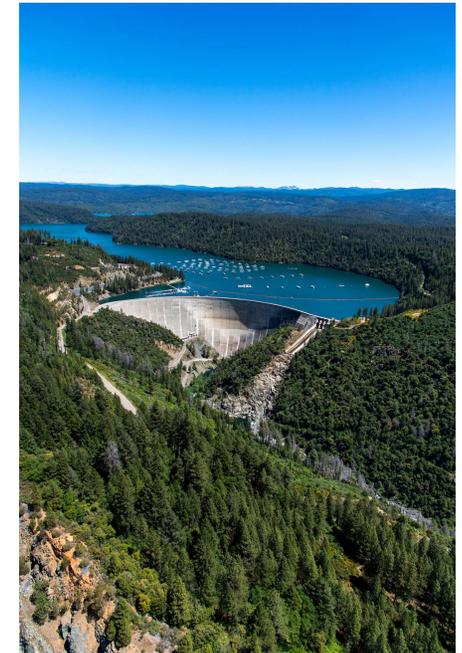


DWR: Department of Water Resources

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Benefits of Participation

- Provides access to dry-year water supplies
- Improves supply reliability
- Program with demonstrated success
- Early implementation action in ACWD's draft Water Resources Master Plan
- Aligns with Strategic Plan Strategy WS 1 - Protect, Maintain, and Enhance the Sustainability, Reliability, and Quality of Local, Regional, and Imported Water Supplies



Aerial view of the New Bullards Bar Reservoir that releases water into the North Yuba River in Yuba County, California.

May 9, 2024

Photo credit: California Department of Water Resources

Key Program Terms

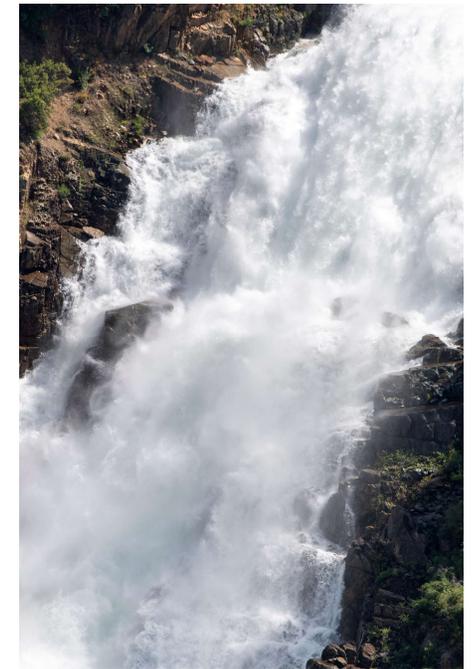
- ACWD would sign a Dry Year Purchase Program Agreement for the Program (“Amendment No. 7”) with DWR
- Water delivered through SWP
- Costs incurred only when water purchased
- Eligibility to purchase water based on relative SWP Table A amount among the participants
 - Participating SWP Contractors
 - San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority



*Confluence of the Yuba (Left) and the South Yuba (center) rivers near Bridgeport in Nevada County, California, June 13, 2023
Photo credit: California Department of Water Resources*

Water Availability, Cost, and Estimated Yield

- Water availability & cost varies each year
 - Cost depends on water year type
 - Pricing for “Storage Component Supply” is set through 2030 at \$75–\$525 per acre-foot
 - Groundwater substitution pricing negotiated annually
- Water purchased is subject to conveyance losses across the Delta (typically 20–35%)
- Estimates from Water Resources Master Plan modeling:
 - Maximum annual yield: ~1,000 AF
 - Average annual yield: ~300–400 AF



The New Bullards Bar Reservoir releases water into the North Yuba River in Yuba County, California, June 9, 2023

Photo credit: California Department of Water Resources

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California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Review

- Yuba County Water Agency is the Lead Agency
- 2007 Certified Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR)
 - State Clearinghouse No. 200506211
 - Adopted and approved Findings of Fact, the Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program
- 2024 Certified Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR)
 - Confirmed extension would not result in any new or changed environmental impacts
- CEQA documents available via <https://www.yubawater.org/157/Lower-Yuba-River-Accord>, in District files, and have been made available to the Board of Directors
- Board acts as Responsible Agency under CEQA
 - Review and consider the FEIR and SEIR and adopt the findings of the Lead Agency

Next Steps

- Board consideration of Program participation and CEQA Responsible Agency actions
- Should the Board approve this action item, staff would:
 - Execute the “Amendment No. 7” Program Agreement with DWR
 - File a CEQA Notice of Determination
 - Take any further actions necessary to implement and administer the Program

Staff Recommendation

- By motion, adopt a resolution: 1) taking actions under the California Environmental Quality Act as a Responsible Agency; and 2) authorizing the General Manager to execute Amendment No. 7 to the Agreement for the Supply and Conveyance of Water by the Department of Water Resources of the State of California Under the Dry Year Water Purchase Program between the Department of Water Resources and Alameda County Water District and to take all further actions as may be necessary to implement the resolution and Amendment No. 7, including but not limited to purchasing water through the Yuba Accord Long-Term Water Transfer Program and entering into related agreements.