

NOTICE San Diego County Water Authority's Pass-Through Rate Increase

The San Diego County Water Authority is the wholesale water supplier for the San Diego region. Lakeside Water District buys water from SDCWA, then distributes it to our customers. This purchased water accounts for approximately 65% of Lakeside Water District’s operating budget. In January 1, 2025, the price that SDCWA charges for wholesale water will increase by 14%.

What Does This Mean for Lakeside Customers? Lakeside customers will see an increase in the SDCWA fixed and variable pass-through charges that appear as separate line items on their water bill. SDCWA's rate increase will apply to all bills printed after January 1, 2025.

How Much Will SDCWA's Rate Increase Cost? The average residential customer using 20 units of water every two months can expect SDCWA's increase to add about 12.2% or \$16.65 to their bimonthly Lakeside Water bill. LWD's 2023 approved increase for 2025 is also shown below.

Why is SDCWA's Price for Water Increasing by 14%? The multiple factors contributing to SDCWA's increase are listed in the table below:

Increase	Reason				
4%	SDCWA buys some of its water for the San Diego region from MWD of Southern California. In 2024, MWD increased its wholesale water rates and therefore increased the cost of water that SDCWA buys for San Diego.				
3%	SDCWA also buys water via contracts with the Imperial Irrigation District. Pricing for these contracts is tied to inflation and increases annually.				
4%	Rainbow MWD and Fallbrook Public Utility District detached from SDCWA in 2023. These costs, now paid for by the remaining 22 SDCWA member agencies.				
3%	The SDCWA Board of Directors deferred rate increases during the pandemic to support residents and businesses.				
14%	CWA TOTAL	LWD Net Increase is 13.5% Split Between Variable and Fixed Rates			
SDCWA Infrastructure Access Charge (IAC) Increase for 2025 is 5.3%					
2025 SDCWA Variable Pass-Through Increase	\$0.46 per unit	Variable charges recover the cost of the water you use. One unit of water is equal to 748 gallons			
2025 SDCWA Fixed Pass-Through + LWD Increase eff. 1-1-25					
SDCWA's Bimonthly Fixed Pass-Through Charges AND Lakeside WD Fixed Charge increase approved in Sept-23 effective on January 1, 2025	Mtr Size	SDCWA	Mtr Size	LWD	TOTAL
	5/8"	\$7.35	5/8"	\$4.96	\$ 12.31
	3/4"	\$7.35	3/4"	\$6.09	\$ 13.44
	1"	\$11.83	1"	\$8.34	\$ 20.17
	1 1/2"	\$22.23	1 1/2"	\$12.19	\$ 34.42
	2"	\$38.52	2"	\$21.65	\$ 60.17
	3"	\$71.12	3"	\$35.85	\$ 106.97
	4"	\$121.46	4"	\$49.59	\$ 171.05
6"	\$222.16	6"	\$60.88	\$ 283.04	