

New Water Service Charges for Common Residential Developments

Type of Development	Fee Type	Price	Total Price
New Construction* Accessory Dwelling Unit (up to 640 sq.ft)	Application Fee	\$300	\$12,010
	Water Capacity for 5/8" Restricted Meter	\$9,430	
	Combined Cost of Domestic and Fire Service Meters	\$780	
	Construction Inspection Deposit	\$1,500	
New Construction* Accessory Dwelling Unit (greater than 640 sq. ft.)	Application Fee	\$300	\$21,400
	Water Capacity for 5/8" Meter	\$18,860	
	Combined Cost of Domestic and Fire Service Meters	\$740	
	Construction Inspection Deposit	\$1,500	
Single Family Residence (Lot less than 0.095 acre)	Application Fee	\$300	\$37,075
	10% of Water Demand Offset Cost for 0.285 acre-ft	\$1,568	
	90% of Water Demand Offset Cost for 0.285 acre-ft	\$14,107	
	Water Capacity for 5/8" Meter	\$18,860	
	Combined Cost of Domestic and Fire Service Meters	\$740	
Single Family Residence (Lot 0.095-0.255 acres)	Application Fee	\$300	\$44,115
	10% of Water Demand Offset Cost for 0.413 acre-ft	\$2,272	
	90% of Water Demand Offset Cost for 0.413 acre-ft	\$20,444	
	Water Capacity for 5/8" Meter	\$18,860	
	Combined Cost of Domestic and Fire Service Meters	\$740	
Single Family Residence (Lot 0.255-0.50 acres)	Application Fee	\$300	\$66,830
	10% of Water Demand Offset Cost for 0.826 acre-ft	\$4,543	
	90% of Water Demand Offset Cost for 0.826 acre-ft	\$40,887	
	Water Capacity for 5/8" Meter	\$18,860	
	Combined Cost of Domestic and Fire Service Meters	\$740	
Single Family Residence (Lot 0.50 - <1 acres)	Application Fee	\$300	\$99,720
	10% of Water Demand Offset Cost for 1.42 acre-ft	\$7,810	
	90% of Water Demand Offset Cost for 1.42 acre-ft	\$70,290	
	Water Capacity for 5/8" Meter	\$18,860	
	Combined Cost of Domestic and Fire Service Meters	\$740	
Condos or Townhomes (per dwelling unit)	Application Fee (per project)	\$300	~ \$35,275/unit + Per project fees
	10% of Water Demand Offset Cost for 0.285 acre-ft	\$1,568	
	90% of Water Demand Offset Cost for 0.285 acre-ft	\$14,107	
	Water Capacity for 5/8" Meter	\$18,860	
	Combined Cost of Domestic and Fire Service Meters	\$740	
	Construction Inspection Deposit (variable per project)	\$1,500+	

* New construction ADUs are all those constructed within added square footage. Conversion ADUs, which are entirely contained within the existing square footage of a home or legal accessory structure are exempt from new water service requirements.

New Water Service Charges Explained

Application Fee:

This fee is due at the time of application and is non-refundable.

Water Demand Offset Fee:

Applicants for new water service (except for Accessory Dwelling Units) must comply with the Water Demand Offset (WDO) program. This requires new development to offset two times the projected water demand of their project. The size and type of development determine what the projected water demand factor is in acre-feet of water. The water demand factors and calculations are detailed on the New Applicant Water Demand Offset Form. This value is multiplied by 1.6 to determine the Water Demand Offset requirement in acre-feet and then multiplied by \$55,000 per acre foot to determine the cost.

10% of an applicant's total WDO requirement is due prior to getting a Conditional Will Serve (and is not refundable). The remaining 90% of the total WDO requirement is due to the District after receipt of a copy of the building permit or tentative map and prior to getting an Unconditional Will Serve.

Water Capacity Fee (reevaluated annually):

This is your "buy-in" to the water system. This pays for your capacity to use the SqCWD infrastructure, including pumps, wells, main lines, treatment facilities, etc. The fee is determined by the size of the meter required at the development.

Meter Size	2021 Water Capacity
5/8" restricted	\$9,430
5/8"	\$18,860

Meter Cost:

New single family residential developments are required to have a domestic meter and a fire service meter. New construction ADUs must have a dedicated domestic meter and a fire service meter if a fire service is required in the main house. The 2021 prices are listed here.

	Meter Size	2021 Cost
5/8" Domestic and 2" Fire Combination	5/8" & 5/8"	\$740
5/8" Restricted Domestic Service	5/8" restricted	\$410
5/8" Domestic or Irrigation Service	5/8"	\$370
2" Fire Service	5/8"	\$370

Construction Inspection Deposit:

Before the meters are dropped and service can begin, an inspector from SqCWD must inspect the service installation work and make sure it is done to District standards. When the inspector confirms that it is up to standard, a portion of the deposit may be refunded. You are only charged for the inspector's time.

Additional Costs Not Paid to Soquel Creek Water District

Installation of New Service:

The Applicant must hire a contractor to install the new service. At this time, the cost of installation is approximately \$12,000 - \$15,000. This is NOT a Soquel Creek Water District fee and is contractor and site specific.

****This cheat sheet is meant to give some common development types an estimate of their total costs to get new water service from SqCWD. All costs are subject to change and some developments may incur higher costs. To get a more precise estimate for your costs, please schedule an appointment with Conservation department staff.***

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