



Sunnyslope Water District

Summary of Rates & Fees

Updated on September 24, 2025

Sunnyslope County Water District is committed to providing high-quality service at the lowest practical cost. The schedules below replace prior water, wastewater, and capacity fee schedules to reflect the most recent Board-directed updates.

Water Rates (Effective FY 2025 – FY 2029)

On May 28, 2024, the Sunnyslope County Water District Board of Directors approved a multi-year schedule of water rate adjustments following the completion of a comprehensive Water and Wastewater Rate Study. The adopted schedule includes revised monthly service charges, private fire line charges, and volumetric consumption rates, effective beginning August 1, 2024, with annual updates through July 1, 2029. These changes were implemented to ensure that revenues are sufficient for fund operations, maintenance, and long-term capital improvements while meeting the District’s financial reserve and debt coverage requirements.

Monthly Water Base Service Charges (by meter size):

Meter Size	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
5/8"	\$36.21	\$39.11	\$42.24	\$45.62	\$49.27
3/4"	\$36.21	\$39.11	\$42.24	\$45.62	\$49.27
1"	\$36.21	\$39.11	\$42.24	\$45.62	\$49.27
1 1/2"	\$65.91	\$71.19	\$76.89	\$83.05	\$89.70
2"	\$101.55	\$109.68	\$118.46	\$127.94	\$138.18
3"	\$214.43	\$231.59	\$250.12	\$270.13	\$291.75
4"	\$380.77	\$411.24	\$444.14	\$479.68	\$518.06
6"	\$778.80	\$841.11	\$908.40	\$981.08	\$1,059.57
8"	\$1,669.92	\$1,803.52	\$1,947.81	\$2,103.64	\$2,271.94

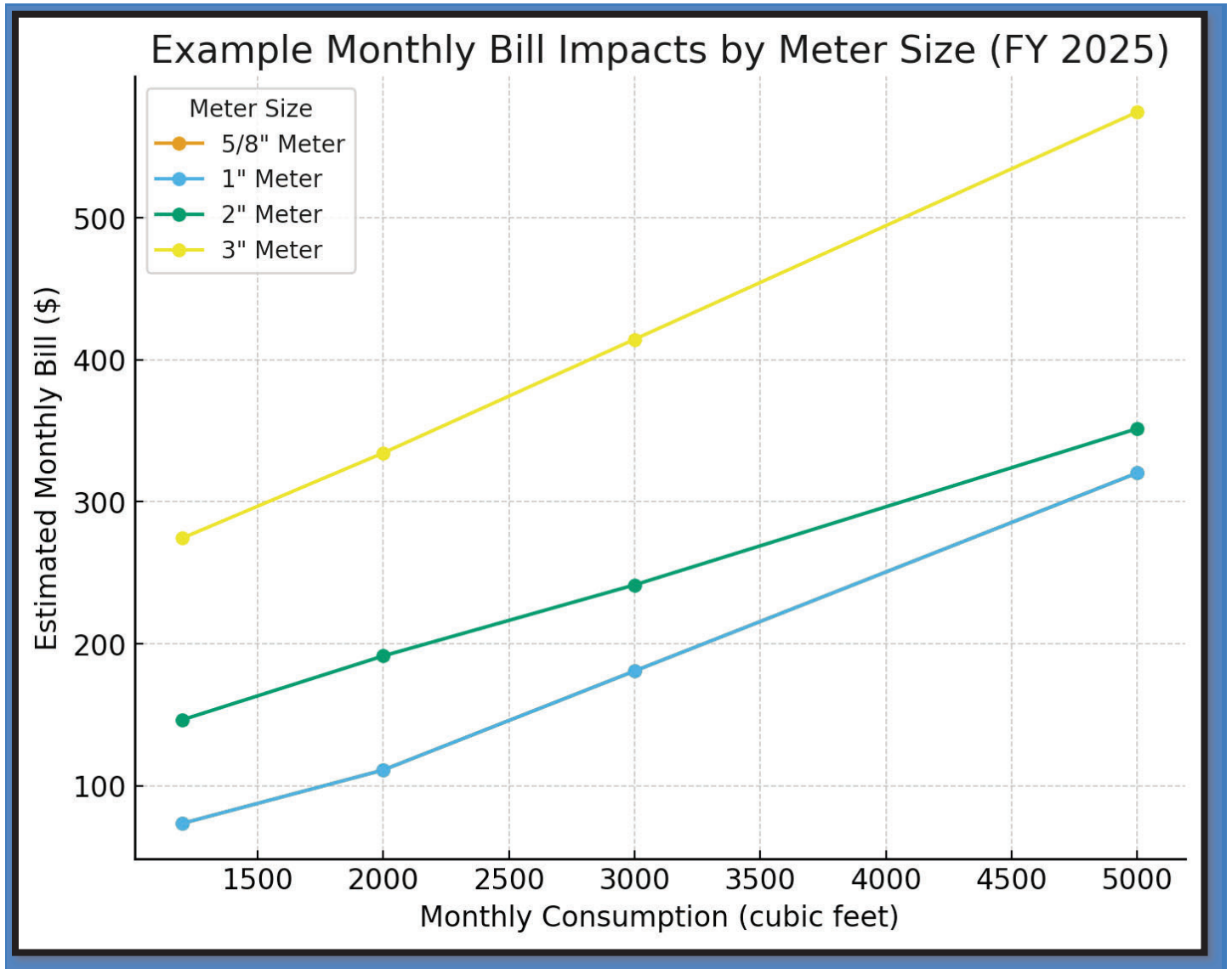
Private Fireline Base Charges (monthly):

Fireline Size	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
1"	\$8.27	\$8.94	\$9.66	\$10.44	\$11.28
1 1/2"	\$11.62	\$12.55	\$13.56	\$14.65	\$15.83
2"	\$17.42	\$18.82	\$20.33	\$21.96	\$23.72
3"	\$38.21	\$41.27	\$44.58	\$48.15	\$52.01
4"	\$74.07	\$80.00	\$86.40	\$93.32	\$100.79
6"	\$202.77	\$219.00	\$236.52	\$255.45	\$275.89
8"	\$424.76	\$458.75	\$495.45	\$535.09	\$577.90

Volumetric Consumption Charges per hundred cubic feet (HCF):

Class / Tier	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
SFR - Tier 1 (First 1,000 cu ft)	\$3.77	\$4.08	\$4.41	\$4.77	\$5.16
SFR - Tier 2 (1,100–2,000 cu ft)	\$5.78	\$6.25	\$6.75	\$7.29	\$7.88
SFR - Tier 3 (> 2,100 cu ft)	\$6.99	\$7.55	\$8.16	\$8.82	\$9.53
Non-SFR (all use)	\$5.09	\$5.50	\$5.94	\$6.42	\$6.94

Note: One cubic foot of water is equivalent to approximately 7.48 gallons of water. So, 1 HCF is equivalent to approximately 748 gallons of water.



Example Monthly Bill Impact Chart Explanation

This chart illustrates how a customer’s monthly water bill changes with different levels of water consumption and meter sizes. It combines the fixed monthly service charge (based on meter size) with volumetric charges (based on usage) to show the total estimated bill. The purpose is to help customers understand how both their water use and meter size affect their overall monthly costs under the District’s adopted rate structure.

Wastewater Rates (Effective FY 2025 – FY 2029)

The District charges residential sewer customers a monthly service charge plus a monthly volume charge based on average winter water consumption. Non-residential sewer customers are billed on actual metered water usage. These rates were approved by the Board of Directors on August 6, 2013 (Ordinance No. 74) and remain in effect. In drought years, the District caps the increase in average winter water usage in accordance with Ordinance No. 71 (effective May 3, 2012).

Wastewater Rates:

Customer Class	Monthly Sewer Rates
Single Family (flat per month)	\$95.93 plus \$5.64 per HCF
Multifamily (flat per unit per month)	\$72.98 per unit plus \$5.64 per HCF*
Commercial & Industrial (per hcf)	\$12.14 per HCF of metered water use
Cottages, Motels, Trailer Parks, Laundries, etc. (per hcf)	\$9.20 per HCF of metered water use

HCF- Hundreds of Cubic Fee (based on metered water usage)

Upcoming Wastewater Rate Changes

The Sunnyslope County Water District Board of Directors approved new wastewater rates on My 28, 2024 as part of the District’s Water and Wastewater Rate Study. These changes simplify residential billing by moving to a flat monthly charge per dwelling unit and update non-residential volumetric rates. The new schedule is anticipated to take effect beginning January 1, 2026, following customer notification. Once implemented, customers will see wastewater charges reflect the updated structure while maintaining fairness and long-term financial stability for the District’s operations and capital improvements.

Water Capacity Fees (Effective September 23, 2025)

On September 23, 2025, the Board of Directors approved updated Water Capacity Fee rates based on the Raftelis Capacity Fee Study dated August 25, 2025. The new schedule applies a Hybrid methodology using an Equivalent Meter (EM) basis of 305 gallons per day, resulting in a fee of \$8,399 per EM. Meter-based fees were recalculated accordingly to provide fairness and proportionality between new and existing customers. These fees replace the prior capacity charge schedule (effective July 1, 2023) and align with the District’s growth-pays-for-growth policy.

Water Capacity Fees:

Meter Size	Water Capacity Fee	Installation Fee	Total
5/8"	\$8,399	\$405	\$8,804
3/4"	\$8,399	\$405	\$8,804
1"	\$8,399	\$405	\$8,804
1 1/2"	\$16,798	\$685	\$17,483
2"	\$26,877	\$880	\$27,757
3"	\$58,793	TBD	\$TBD
4"	\$105,827	TBD	\$TBD
6"	\$218,374	TBD	\$TBD

Equivalent Meter (EM) basis: 1 EM = 305 gpd. The calculated fee is \$8,399 per EM; meter-based fees shown above apply accordingly.

Sewer Capacity Fees (Effective July 1, 2020)

The water and sewer capacity charges (connection fees) were approved by the Board of Directors on August 6, 2013, by Ordinance No. 75. The current sewer capacity charges became effective July 1, 2020, and may be adjusted annually by the Board of Directors using the Engineering News Record (ENR) index. These charges have not changed since adoption.

Sewer Capacity Fees:

Customer Classification	Sewer Capacity Charge	Installation Fee	Total
Single-Family Residential	\$21,125.00	\$25.00	\$21,150.00
Multi-Family Residential	\$15,850.00 per unit	\$25.00 each	—
2-Family Unit	\$31,700.00	\$50.00	\$31,750.00
3-Family Unit	\$47,550.00	\$75.00	\$47,625.00
Cottages, Motels, Trailer Parks, Laundries, etc.	\$TBD	\$TBD	\$TBD
Commercial and Industrial	\$TBD	\$TBD	\$TBD

Miscellaneous Rates and Fees Effective February, 18 2015

The District also maintains a schedule of miscellaneous rates and fees, most recently updated and approved by the Board of Directors on February 18, 2015 (Resolution No. 536). These charges include customer deposits, penalties, and service-related fees that recover the cost of specific administrative or operational activities. Examples include refundable deposits for new service accounts, late payment penalties, call-out charges for after-hours service, reconnection fees for accounts shut off due to non-payment, returned check/ACH fees, and property lien filing charges. These fees are designed to ensure that costs associated with individual customer actions are borne by those customers rather than by the District's general ratepayers.

Miscellaneous Rates and Fees:

Deposits Required (Refundable after 3 years of good payment history):			
Total Deposit	Water Deposit	Sewer Customer of:	Sewer Deposit
\$ 400.00	\$ 125.00	Sunnyslope	\$ 275.00
\$ 300.00	\$ 125.00	City of Hollister	\$ 175.00
\$ 800.00	Fire Hydrant Deposit		
Delinquent Account Penalty:			
Late Fee of 10.0% (basic one-time penalty), PLUS 0.5% continuing penalty on unpaid balance			
Miscellaneous Fees:			
\$ 175.00	Call-Out Fee: Charged when District staff is called out to turn water on or off after normal working hours.		

\$ 50.00	Reconnection Fee : Charged when water service is shut-off for non-payment and must be paid before water service is restarted.
\$ 30.00	Returned Check (or ACH) Fee: Charged when a payment is returned by the bank as uncollected for any reason.
\$ 10.00	Administrative Collection Fee: Charged when a shut-off notice (60 days past due) or door hanger delivery is processed on a past due account.
\$ 50.00	Property Lien Filing Fee: Charged when the District files a lien for a balance due on a delinquent account.

Questions?

For questions about rates, fees, or how they apply to your project or account, please contact Sunnyslope County Water District Billing Department at (831) 637-4670, or via email at billing@sunnyslopewater.org