

LAGUNA BEACH COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

2007 – 2008 FEE SCHEDULES

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INTRODUCTION

SERVICE AREA

Portions of the City of Laguna Beach, adjacent unincorporated areas of Orange County and miscellaneous contiguous areas as may be requested.

FEE SCHEDULE UPDATES

From time to time the Board of Directors of Laguna Beach County Water District may update this Fee Schedule as required.

Fee Schedule No. 01**ESTABLISHMENT OF WATER SERVICE****ADMINISTRATION FEE**

Laguna Beach County Water District will assess a one-time non-refundable administrative fee for each account opened. The fee will be payable at the time of application for service and will be assessed on the customer's first bill. The amount of the fee is \$15.

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

When establishing service, each new customer will be required to provide the following information:

Residential Customers

1. Customer Name
2. Service Address and Phone Number
3. Billing Address if different than Service Address
4. Social Security Number of Primary Customer
5. Landlord's Name, Address and Phone Number if customer is a tenant.

Non-Residential Customers

1. Business or Organization Name
2. Service Address and Phone Number
3. Billing Address if different than Service Address
4. Federal Identification Number
5. Name of Contact Person

ESTABLISHMENT OF ACCOUNTS**CREDIT WORTHINESS**

All customers will be assumed credit worthy when they initially establish service from the District. A customer will be deemed un-credit worthy if during the course of any twelve (12) consecutive month period they:

1. Have two unpaid checks returned by the bank, or
2. Receive two 48-hour notices for non-payment, or
3. Fail or refuse to accurately provide all information required by the District to establish service.

Any customer who is deemed un-credit worth (as defined above) will be required to place on deposit with the District an amount equal to 2 times their average bi-monthly charges for water before service is established or continued. After eighteen (18) consecutive months of good payment history, the customer's deposit will be refunded without interest.

REESTABLISHMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR BANKRUPTCY CASES**General**

To protect the interests of its customers and the financial integrity of the Laguna Beach County Water District, the following procedures are required for any customer who files bankruptcy:

- A. As of the date the bankruptcy petition is filed, the existing account will be closed and a closing bill generated. The closing bill and/or claim will be mailed directly to the Trustee/Administrator of the bankruptcy case for payment, and a copy mailed to the customer for reference.
 1. Any deposits paid on the account prior to the filing of the bankruptcy petition will be applied toward payment of the closing bill.
 2. A copy of the bankruptcy petition and/or the case number must be given to the District before a new account can be processed and/or before service is restored.
- B. A new account will be established as of the date the bankruptcy petition is filed and a deposit will be required as specified in paragraph C below.
- C. A new account may be established after payment of a deposit in the following amount:

Residential: \$200.00 per unit

The deposit may be made in equal installments of \$100.00 each, commencing with the beginning of service and one payment two (2) weeks later. Failure to adhere to the payment schedule shall cause the nonpayment procedures set forth under (Nonpayment Charges) to be implemented.

Commercial:

Restaurants: \$500.00 per unit.

Businesses (excluding restaurants): An amount equal to the monthly average of the previous twelve (12) billings, or if service has been provided for less than 12 months, the number of billings available. The amount of deposit must be at least \$100.00 and may not exceed \$1,000.00.

The entire amount of the deposit must be paid before service can be reestablished.

- D. Deposits will not be used for payment of services, except for the closing bill.

NOTE: For purpose of this schedule, the type of bankruptcy filed (i.e., Chapter 7, 11, or 13, etc.) does not affect the manner in which the account is handled. The same procedure applies to all bankruptcy cases and accounts. In some cases the Bankruptcy Judge may determine the amount of deposit allowable.

Fee Schedule No. 02**GENERAL METERED WATER SERVICE RATES****APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all measured water service furnished for general domestic use.

RATES

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>BI-MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE</u>	<u>WATER RATE (\$/ccf)</u>
3/4" Meter	\$ 20.00	\$ 2.94
1" Meter	40.00	2.94
1 1/2" Meter	80.00	2.94
2" Meter	100.00	2.94
3" Meter	173.00	2.94
4" Meter	273.00	2.94

CONDITIONS

1. Bimonthly Meter Charge – This is a meter charge which is added to the bill whether or not water is used during the billing period.
2. Water Rate – This rate is only for the water used during a billing period and is set by the Board of Directors.

Fee Schedule No. 03**PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE RATES****APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all private fire protection services.

RATES	<u>FIRE MAIN DIAMETER</u>	<u>YEARLY CHARGE</u>
	4"	\$ 96.00
	6"	144.00
	8"	192.00
	10"	240.00

CONDITIONS

1. The fire protection service connection will be installed at the expense of the applicant.
2. The maximum diameter will be not more than the diameter of the main to which the service is connected.
3. If a distribution main of adequate size to serve a private fire protection system in addition to all other normal services does not exist in the street or alley adjacent to the premises to be served, then a service main from the nearest existing main of adequate capacity will be installed at the expense of the applicant.
4. The customer's private fire protection service must have an approved backflow prevention device.
5. There shall be no cross connection between the fire protection system supplied with water from the District to any other source of supply. Any such unauthorized cross connection may be grounds for immediate disconnection of the fire protection service without liability to the District.
6. As part of the private fire protection service installation, there shall be a detector check or other similar device acceptable to the District which will indicate the use of water. Any unauthorized useage will be charged as indicated in Fee Schedule 02, General Metered Water Service Rates, and/or may be grounds for the District to discontinue the private fire protection service without liability to the District.
7. Any rates for private fire protection service sizes not shown on this schedule will be based on \$2 per inch of service diameter per month. No charges will be assessed on any private fire protection service if it is metered through the domestic meter.

Fee Schedule No. 04**TEMPORARY FIRE HYDRANT METER SERVICE****APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all measured water service furnished from a fire hydrant connection.

RATES

	RATE PER <u>METER</u>
DEPOSIT	\$ 525.00
MINIMUM SERVICE CHARGE: 14 days at \$6.00 per day	84.00
DAILY SERVICE CHARGE	6.00 per day over the 14-day minimum charge
WATER RATE (\$/ccf)	2.94

CONDITIONS

1. The District reserves the right to discontinue the service without notice if water is not used for a period of 60 consecutive days.
2. The customer shall notify the District when he wishes to have service discontinued. The regular rates, including the minimum charge, shall continue until such notice has been received, unless the service is discontinued under #1 above.
3. The District will relocate a meter within the project three times at no additional cost. Additional relocations will be at a charge of \$15 for each move. A request for meter relocation must be made 24 hours in advance of the time needed.
4. If any damage to the District facilities is caused as a result of this connection, the applicant is liable for such damage and will be billed.
5. The billing cycle begins the day that the meter is set.
6. The deposit on the meter is refundable after the meter is returned to the District in good condition.

Fee Schedule No. 05**MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES****NONPAYMENT CHARGES****Delinquent Notices**

Payment is due on the date that appears on the bill. Delinquent Notices are mailed 21 days after the original bill is mailed. A \$10 late fee will be applied to all delinquent notices if the payment is not received in our office. The delinquent notice allows 15 additional days to pay before a 48-hour tag is issued.

A one-time only reversal of this fee will be considered if the customer states they did not receive the original invoice or insists that the payment was mailed on time.

48-Hour Turn-Off Notice

A \$15 fee will be applied to the 48-hour door-tag notice. The 48-hour notice is issued the day after the final payment date printed on the Delinquent Notice. The 48-hour door tag indicates the date and time the water will be disconnected for non-payment. No extensions will be granted until a 48-hour door tag has been issued.

A one-time only reversal of this fee will be considered if the customer states they did not receive the 48-hour door tag.

Extensions

A \$10 fee will be applied to the bill if any further extensions are requested beyond the date listed on the door tag. An extension may be granted for up to one week for the \$10 fee. A maximum of 2 extensions may be granted for the current billing cycle for \$10 each.

Reconnection

Should the water be disconnected for non-payment after the 48-hour notice is given, the reconnection fee is \$40 during the normal workday and \$60 for evening or weekend reconnections. The normal workday is from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Any reconnections needed after 5:00 p.m. or on weekends will receive the \$60 reconnection fee.

Unpaid Check Charges

A \$9.00 service fee will be charged for each check returned from the bank for non-sufficient funds. A Customer Service Representative will attempt to contact the customer by phone upon receiving a check returned from the bank unpaid. All returned checks must be paid for in cash.

A returned check on a delinquent account will incur the \$10 late fee. If the account is delinquent and past the date when the water would have been turned off, a door tag with a \$15 fee will be issued notifying the customer that he/she has 48 hours to pay in cash for the returned check. If not paid within the 48 hours, the customer is subject to turn off.

If a payment is returned resulting from the automatic payment process, a \$15 service fee will be charged.

Fee Schedule No. 06**SERVICE INSTALLATION CHARGES****APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all measured water service furnished for general domestic use.

CHARGES

Installation Charge - The installation charges for all services within the District shall be based upon a time and material cost. Prior to installation, an estimate of these costs will be made by the District, and a deposit in that amount shall be collected from the applicant. Should the total cost be less than the estimate, a refund will be made. In the event the cost exceeds the estimate, then the applicant shall pay the difference. In no event shall an applicant be charged more than \$2,000 for a 3/4-inch water service.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INSTALLATION CHARGES</u>			
	<u>3/4 inch</u>	<u>1 inch</u>	<u>1-1/2 inch</u>	<u>2 inch</u>
Meter	\$ 175	\$ 250	\$ 750	\$ 1,100
Meter box	125	125	150	150
Service	<u>1,700</u>	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$ 2,000	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate

CONDITIONS

1. Increase in Size of Existing Meter and/or Service - The installation charge will be determined by the District for each change requested.

If the customer's rate of consumption results in excessive wear of the meter, or is such that the meter is unable to measure the flow of water accurately, the District may increase the size of the meter and service and require payment of the actual cost of installing the new meter and service.

2. Decrease in Size of Meter and/or Service - The installation charge will be determined by the District for each change requested. No credit or rebate will be given for existing meters.

Fee Schedule No. 07**RESERVE STORAGE FEES****APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all measured water service furnished for general domestic use.

RATES

<u>METER SIZE</u>	<u>RESERVE STORAGE CHARGE (per meter)</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>	<u>TOTAL CHARGE PAYABLE</u>
3/4"	\$ 820	\$ 820	\$ 0
1"	1,270	820	450
1-1/2"	1,820	820	1,000
2"	2,320	820	1,500

CONDITIONS

1. The above rates are reserve storage fees for single metered lots that are not considered under the acreage reserve storage fee.
2. The Board of Directors has determined that a credit equal to the charge for a 3/4" meter will be considered when figuring the reserve storage charge for each and every lot.
3. For all new land and subdivision developments requesting water, the District at the option of the District Commissioners, may collect a reserve storage charge upon an acreage basis. The current reserve storage charge is \$10,369 per acre. This fee is updated annually. The basis for the reserve storage fee is the acreage of the property being served divided by the total net acreage within the boundaries of the District, times the sum of the District's utility plant value.
4. Reserve storage fees for meters that are upsized will take into consideration fees paid for previously installed meters. There will be no refunds for downsizing.

Fee Schedule No. 08**UNMETERED WATER SERVICE
TO TRACT HOMES DURING CONSTRUCTION****APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to tract homes being constructed as part of a total real estate development.

RATES

The charge shall be \$25.00 for each single-family or multiple family dwelling unit for the entire construction period.

CONDITIONS

1. This rate is available only to real estate developers who undertake the construction of all or a substantial portion of the houses in a tract as part of the tract development. It does not apply to builders of houses in tracts subdivided for lot sales.
2. The water service under this rate schedule applies only to use of water for construction of residences. It does not include water use for slab flooding, for garden irrigation, for model homes or for general tract improvement work.
3. All unmetered services to each and every dwelling unit of the development must be turned on if spacer service is to be rendered.
4. The charge shall be paid prior to reconstruction of water facilities in the development.
5. Spacer service must be discontinued prior to the time the dwelling unit or units are occupied and at this time a meter will be installed.
6. The District may discontinue service under the schedule if, in the opinion of the District, spacer water is being misused or if the duration of spacer water usage exceeds a reasonable period of time. In this event, the District reserves the right to install meters in place of the spacers and bill the owner of the property.

Fee Schedule No. 09**ENGINEERING FEES AND MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES****APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to fees and charges required for work done in the Engineering Department.

ENGINEERING FEES - Non-Refundable

PLAN CHECK:

1 Lot	\$ 50.00
2 - 5 Lots	150.00
Over 5 Lots	250.00

CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION	(1)
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CALTRANS PERMIT	50.00
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WATER AVAILABILITY LETTER	35.00
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MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

ARCH BEACH REIMBURSABLE FEE	90.00 per lot
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MAIN EXTENSIONS	(1)
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SERVICE RELOCATION	(1)
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SERVICE ABANDONMENT	250.00
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BACKFLOW DEVICE INSPECTION/TEST	(2)
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FIRE HYDRANT FLOW TEST	300.00
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- (1) These services will be provided on a time-and-material basis. A \$100 non-refundable fee for main extensions and a \$50 non-refundable fee for any other item will be collected prior to preparing a cost estimate for the work. The cost of the fee will go towards the total cost of the project. This is an estimate only and is valid for 60 days. Actual time and material costs may run over or under the estimate which may result in either added charges or a refund.
- (2) The initial test of a newly installed backflow device is free. Any inspection or test required after the initial test will be charged \$50.00.

Fee Schedule No. 10**EQUIPMENT RATES****APPLICABILITY**

These rates apply to all District owned equipment and do not include operator.

RATES

ITEM	HOURLY RATE	DAILY RATE	MINIMUM CHARGE
Truck Mounted Crate, 10-12 Ton	37.50	300.00	
Air Compressor			
100 cfm		70.00	
130 cfm	10.60	85.00	
Light Duty Pavement Breaker	3.00	25.00	
Heavy Duty Pavement Breaker	4.00	30.00	
Rock Drill	5.00	40.00	
Wacker	10.00	80.00	
Concrete Mixer, 6 cf	5.50	45.00	
Concrete Saw, Self Propelled	20.00	50.00	50.00
Concrete Saw, Quickie	5.50	45.00	
Backhoe, Case 580	50.00	180.00	
Small Generator, 2300-6000 w	5.00	40.00	
Electric Chipping Hammer	3.00	25.00	
Light Tower		40.00	25.00
Arrowboard	15.00		30.00
Pumps:			
2" Submersible	5.00	30.00	
2" Gas Centrifugal	6.50	25.00	
3" Gas Centrifugal	7.00	45.00	
3" Diaphragm	7.00	35.00	
2" Trash	10.00	40.00	
3" Trash	10.00	75.00	
4" Trash	10.00	75.00	
Flat Bed Truck	10.00	75.00	
Box Dump Truck	25.00	150.00	
Pick Up Truck, 1/2 T (with hand tools)	9.00	65.00	
Pick Up Truck, 3/4 T (with hand tools)	9.00	75.00	
Pick Up Truck, 1 T (with hand tools)	13.00	105.00	