



moulton niguel water district

SAFE RELIABLE RESILIENT

Moulton Niguel Water District is investing in our future - to ensure safe and reliable service for our customers. We're building resiliency for changing times by strengthening emergency preparedness, diversifying our water supply, and accounting for rising imported water costs.

In 2026, Moulton Niguel customers will once again pay the lowest average bill in South Orange County.



SAFE & TRUSTED SERVICE

Moulton Niguel conducts 12,000 water quality tests every year, which are independently analyzed at state-of-the-art laboratories. Our water is tested at each stage of the treatment and delivery process to ensure it's safe when it reaches your home or business.



RELIABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

Moulton Niguel is planning to invest more than \$605 million over the next decade to build and maintain a best-in-class infrastructure network. Our strong financial management and prudent planning have earned us the highest-possible AAA credit rating from Fitch and S&P Global.



RESILIENT FOR THE FUTURE

Moulton Niguel is building a diversified water portfolio to reduce our reliance on imported water and control future costs. Our 28 drinking water reservoirs and regional partnerships provide more than 150 million gallons for firefighting and emergency needs.

We've built resiliency thanks to the ongoing partnerships with our residents and businesses.



To Our Valued Customer,

Moulton Niguel Water District is honored to serve as your neighborhood water, wastewater and recycled water service provider. We are committed to providing our customers with safe and reliable service - that you can count on.

We are proud of our record of excellence, which includes:

- **Responsible Financial Management:** Moulton Niguel maintains the highest-possible AAA credit rating from Fitch and S&P Global.
- **Leader in Innovation & Resiliency:** Winner of the Excellence in Innovation & Resiliency Award from the California Association of Sanitation Agencies.
- **Environmental Stewardship:** Named the EPA's WaterSense Partner of the Year.
- **Open & Transparent Budgeting:** Honored by the Government Finance Officers Association with its highest honors in financial reporting and budgeting.

Every time you pay your monthly bill, you're making an investment into our critical water and wastewater systems. As a public utility agency, we rely on rates to keep your infrastructure and operations running. Over the next decade, Moulton Niguel is planning to invest more than \$605 million to build and maintain a best-in-class infrastructure network of treatment plants, reservoirs, pipelines, and pump stations.

We are strengthening our emergency preparedness to ensure that our firefighters and first responders have the water and firefighting response capabilities to keep our community safe.

In this notice, we invite you to review our rate structure, proposed changes to the rates, and our planned investments to ensure safe and reliable service for our customers.

In 2026, Moulton Niguel customers will continue to pay the lowest average bill in South Orange County.

On behalf of everyone at Moulton Niguel Water District, it is an honor to serve as your reliable water service provider.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Joone Lopez'.

Joone Kim-Lopez

General Manager & CEO

WHY IS A NEW RATE SCHEDULE BEING CONSIDERED?

As a public agency, Moulton Niguel Water District's rates are regulated by state law. The District may only charge its customers for the cost associated with providing water and wastewater services and cannot charge rates that result in a profit. Moulton Niguel is committed to an open and transparent rate-setting process that incorporates customer feedback. The District has identified the following areas of need:

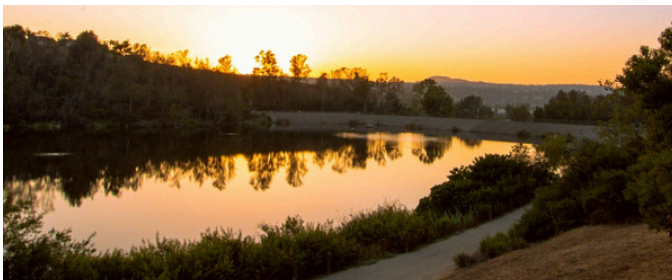


\$605 MILLION CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

Over the next decade, Moulton Niguel will invest more than \$605 million in infrastructure improvements to support reliable water service, maintain wastewater treatment and regulatory compliance, and enhance local fire protection services. Our 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan includes ongoing rehabilitation of the District's treatment plants, reservoirs, pump stations, and transmission pipelines.

RISING IMPORTED WATER COSTS

Moulton Niguel imports all of our drinking water from Northern California and the Colorado River through the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. In 2024, Metropolitan approved substantial increases to its wholesale water rates and forecasts additional increases for its imported water costs. These higher costs impact our customers and 19 million people throughout Southern California.



INVESTMENTS IN DIVERSIFIED WATER PORTFOLIO

Moulton Niguel is building a resilient water portfolio that is diversified across regions. We are investing in the next generation of water reuse technology to prepare for ongoing water supply uncertainties. Water reuse expansion and the Emergency Interconnection for South Orange County will create new water sources and reduce our dependence on imported supplies, particularly during disasters. By partnering with neighboring agencies, we are securing water access to meet our short-term, long-term, and emergency water needs.

WASTEWATER PUMP STATION & TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES

Moulton Niguel treats more than 3.3 billion gallons of wastewater every year. To ensure safe operations and wastewater regulatory compliance, the District will embark on an extensive rehabilitation of critical lift stations and wastewater treatment plants. Now under construction, a \$47 million upgrade of our Mission Viejo wastewater treatment plant will not only modernize our treatment processes, but also significantly improve the efficiency of our solids handling facilities.

STRENGTHENING OUR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

PREPARING FOR NATURAL DISASTERS

Recent wildfires in Southern California underscore the vital role our water system plays in protecting lives and property. At Moulton Niguel, we're dedicated to safeguarding our community in every way possible. Over the past 18 months, Moulton Niguel completed a Resiliency Action Plan that outlines a comprehensive framework for promoting ongoing service and business continuity during emergencies.

EMERGENCY WATER INTERCONNECTION FOR SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY



Moulton Niguel is working closely with the City of Santa Ana and Orange County Water District to establish a new Emergency Water Interconnection. This Emergency Interconnection for South Orange County will provide a vital backup water source for our customers during a catastrophic event that disrupts the delivery of imported water from Metropolitan Water District.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER AT MOULTON NIGUEL

Moulton Niguel is partnering with the local emergency coordination agency - the Water Emergency Response Organization of Orange County (WEROC) - to establish a new Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for Orange County at our headquarters in Laguna Hills. This new EOC will serve as a hub for the seamless coordination between water and wastewater agencies, the County of Orange, and the Governor's Office of Emergency Services.



FIRE READINESS: HELICOPTER HYDRANT & FIRE HYDRANT INSPECTION PROGRAM



Moulton Niguel is working to enhance our fire readiness and response capabilities to better protect our community from fires. In total, Moulton Niguel maintains approximately 7,000 fire hydrants in South Orange County. The District collaborated with the Orange County Fire Authority and other local agencies to install a new Helicopter Hydrant system in Aliso Viejo. The new pipeline and fire hydrants provide emergency responders with access to 7,500 gallons of water in just 5 minutes.

METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT RAISING PRICES FOR DRINKING WATER

Our community buys all of our drinking water from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

We aren't alone: approximately 19 million people in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura counties rely on Metropolitan for their drinking water. Here in Orange County, Metropolitan sells water to our local wholesaler, Municipal Water District of Orange County. Metropolitan serves as the wholesale water provider for 26 public water agencies in Southern California.

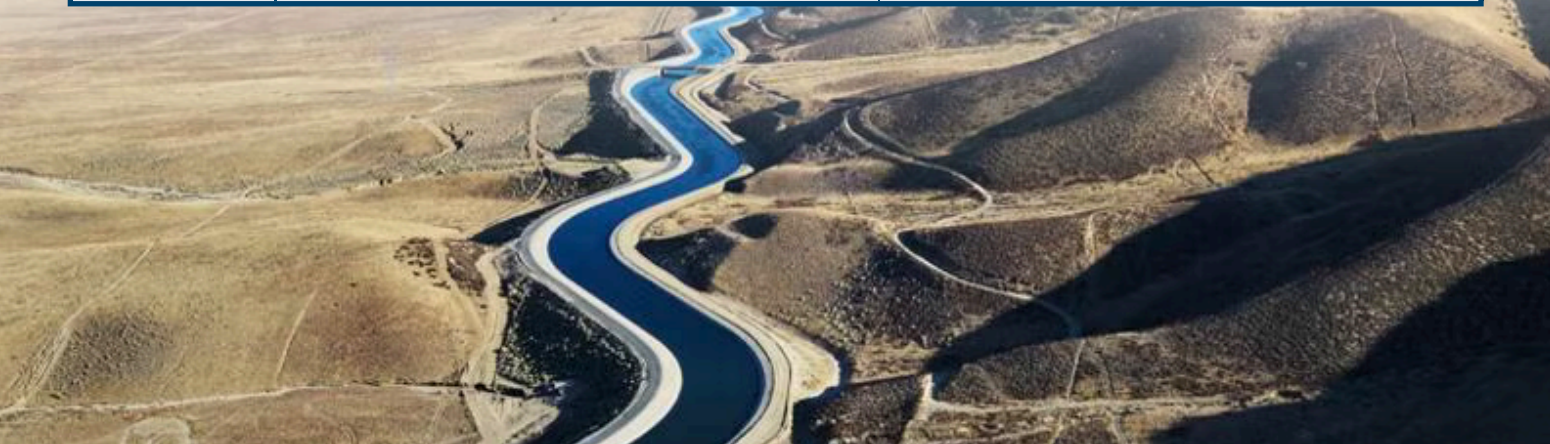
In recent years, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California has raised its wholesale water rates. Metropolitan forecasts additional increases in the years to come - increasing the cost of water for all of us in Southern California.

Your water bill is directly impacted by Metropolitan's higher prices. For the typical household in our service area, Metropolitan Water District's higher prices account for 63 percent of the overall bill increase.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR WATER-BUDGET RATE STRUCTURE

Customers who exceed their water budget are billed at rates associated with higher tiers depending on how much excess water is used. The tiers are broken down in the chart below.

TIER WIDTHS HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE SINCE APRIL 1, 2015		
	Single-Family, Multi-family Residential	Commercial, Potable Irrigation and Recycled Irrigation
Tier 1	Indoor Water Budget	Total Water Budget
Tier 2	Outdoor Water Budget	101% to 125% of Water Budget
Tier 3	101% to 125% of Total Water Budget	126% to 150% of Water Budget
Tier 4	126% to 150% of Total Water Budget	Over 150% of Water Budget
Tier 5	Over 150% of Total Water Budget	



UNDERSTANDING YOUR WATER BUDGET

Every customer has a unique water budget, based on the type of water used, the number of people in your household, the number of days in your billing cycle, irrigable area per parcel, landscaping factor, and evapotranspiration rate.

Single-family and Multi-family Residential Customers

Total Household water budget = Indoor water budget + Outdoor water budget

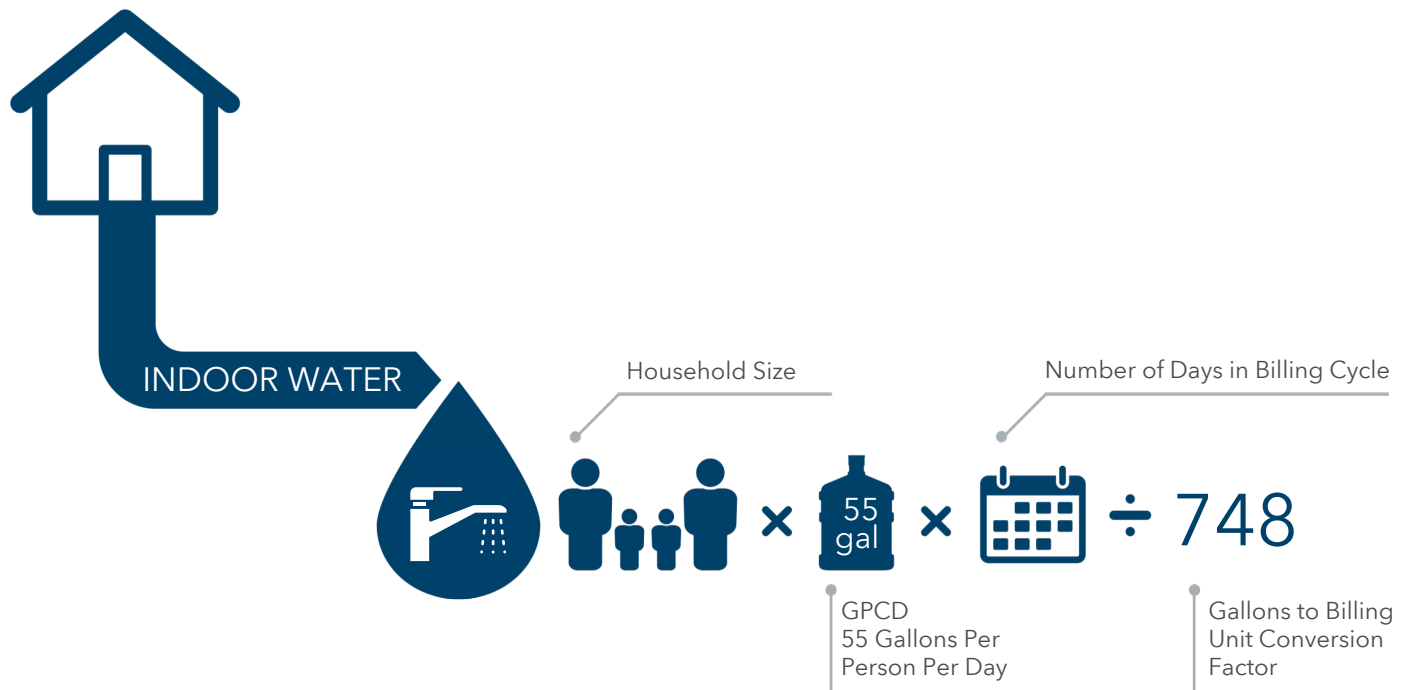
All water used by a single-family or multi-family residential customer within their calculated indoor water budget is billed at the Tier 1 rate and the outdoor water budget is billed at the Tier 2 rate.

Indoor Water Budget is based on these factors:

Household Size: The number of people living in your household.

Number of Days in Billing Cycle (Days Billed): The number of days you are being billed for service. This information can be found on your water bill and comes from the meter read dates.

Base Water Allocation (GPCD): Gallons per capita per day. Every residential customer receives a base water budget of 55 gallons per capita per day.



**1 billing unit of water is equal to 100 cubic feet (HCF), or 748 gallons. *Household sizes are assumed to be 4 for Single-Family Residential Detached Homes, 3 for Single-Family Residential Attached Townhomes or Condos, and 2 for Multi-Family Residential apartments unless otherwise specified when beginning service or through the water budget modification process.*

WATER BUDGET BILL CALCULATOR



You can use the bill calculator to see how changes in your water usage may affect your bill. Visit www.mnwd.com/billcalculator to learn more.

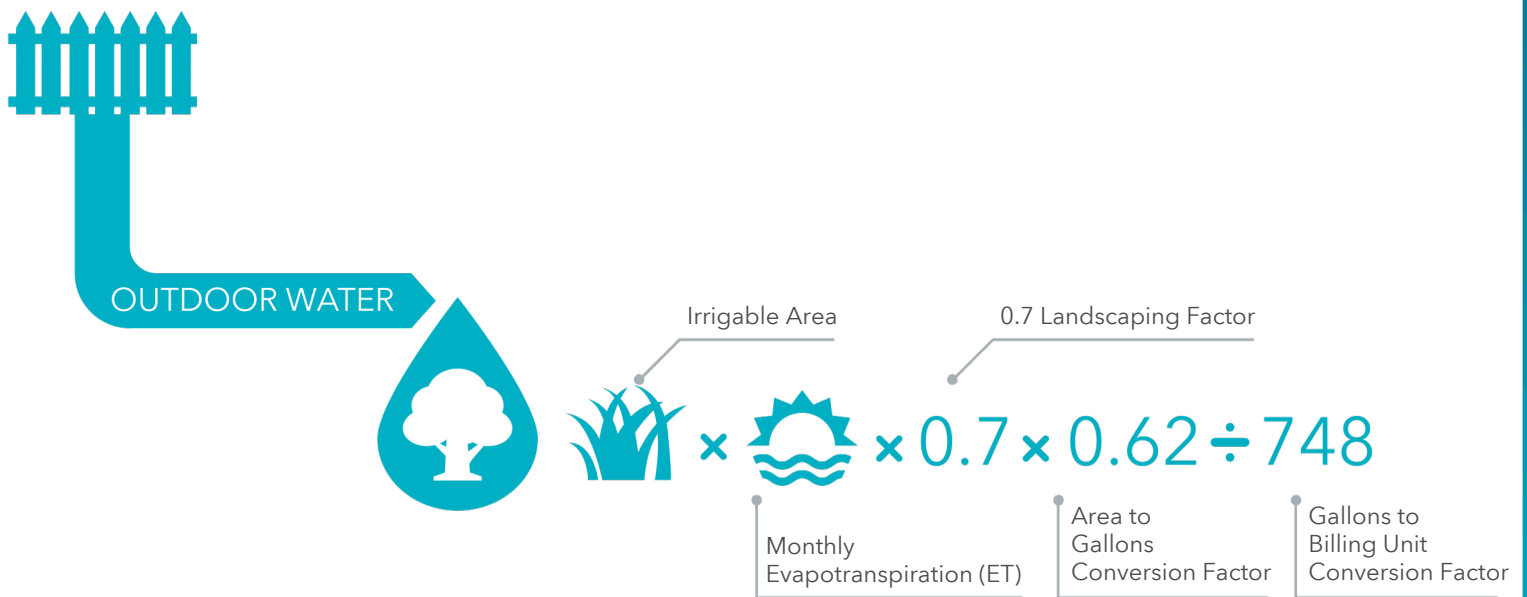
UNDERSTANDING YOUR WATER BUDGET

Outdoor Water Budget is based on these factors:

Irrigable Area: The outdoor square footage of your property requiring water. Pools and spas are also included in the irrigable area. A Geographic Information System or on-site survey data was used to determine your irrigable area.

Landscaping Factor: A factor applied to account for plant water requirements and irrigation efficiencies. Your bill uses a landscaping factor based on the type of water applied: 0.7 for single-family and multi-family residential, 0.7 for potable irrigation, 0.8 for recycled water, and 1.0 for public spaces irrigation.

Evapotranspiration (ET): The amount of water that is lost each day due to evaporation and plant transpiration. Evaporation will vary due to factors such as wind, humidity and temperature. Transpiration is the amount of water that plants lose from their leaves and plant tissue. The ET rate is measured every day in inches. For your water budget, the ET for each day in the billing cycle is added up. Moulton Niguel measures ET using weather stations that can calculate precise data for 110 distinct microclimate zones within our service area. Visit <https://gram.mnwd.com/etmap/> to see your ET rate.



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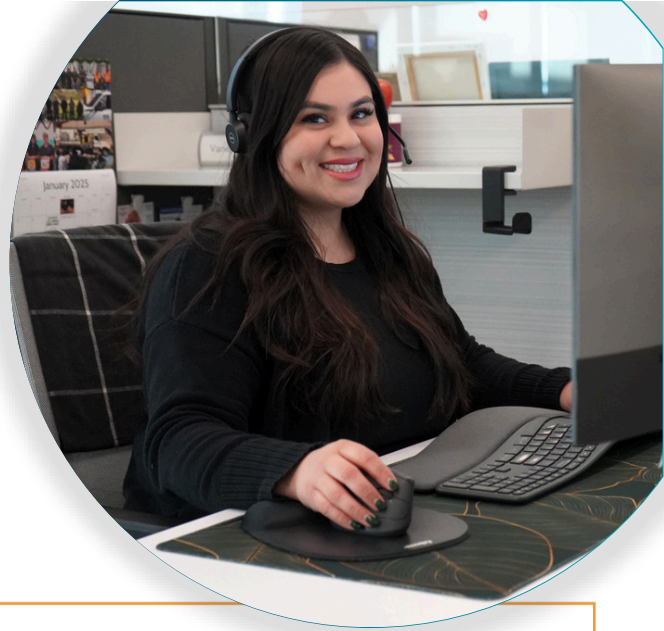
*0.62 converts inches to gallons per square foot.

WATER BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Moulton Niguel must assume certain billing factors, such as household size, when calculating a water budget. Customers may apply for a budget modification to update budget billing factors. Go to www.mnwd.com/budget-modification to learn more.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR BILL

Your bill is composed of fixed and variable charges for water, wastewater, recycled water, and fire protection services. State law requires water utilities to collect fees for the actual cost of services provided.



FEES & CHARGES: WATER & RECYCLED WATER

Monthly Service Charge: The fixed fee for providing water service to your property, based on the size of your water meter. This fee recovers fixed costs, such as infrastructure repairs and maintenance.

Volumetric Charge: The variable fee based on the amount of water you use. This fee recovers the cost of each unit of water delivered to your property.



FEES & CHARGES: WASTEWATER

Monthly Service Charge: The fixed fee for providing wastewater service to your property, based on the size of your water meter. This fee is to recover fixed costs, such as infrastructure repairs and maintenance.

Per-Person Charge: For single-family and multi-family residential customers, the fee is based on the number of people receiving service in your household.



FEES & CHARGES: PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION

Monthly Service Charge: The fixed fee for providing fire protection services to your property, based on the size of your connection. This only applies to customers with a dedicated private fire suppression system.

SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

How to Calculate Your Water Bill

Step 1: Identify Your Meter Size for Your Monthly Water Service Charge

Find your meter size on your water bill under the 'Water Meter Information' section.

Single-Family Residential Rates for Monthly Water Service Charges (\$/Meter)				
Meter Size	Effective January 1, 2026	Effective January 1, 2027	Effective January 1, 2028	Effective January 1, 2029
5/8"	\$11.13	\$12.12	\$13.20	\$14.37
3/4"	\$11.13	\$12.12	\$13.20	\$14.37
1"	\$11.13	\$12.12	\$13.20	\$14.37
1.5"	\$36.38	\$39.64	\$43.16	\$46.98
2"	\$58.03	\$63.22	\$68.85	\$74.94
3"	\$126.60	\$137.93	\$150.20	\$163.50
4"	\$216.81	\$236.21	\$257.23	\$279.99
6"	\$451.37	\$491.75	\$535.51	\$582.91
8"	\$649.84	\$707.97	\$770.98	\$839.21
10"	\$1,046.78	\$1,140.42	\$1,241.91	\$1,351.82

Step 2: Calculate Your Indoor Water Budget

Indoor Budget Formula:



Step 3: Calculate Your Outdoor Water Budget

Outdoor Budget Formula:



Step 4: Calculate Your Volumetric Charge in Each Tier

Customers who exceed their water budget are billed at higher tiers depending on how much water is used in excess of their budget. The water rates for each tier are shown below.

Single-Family Residential Water Rates for Volumetric Charges - Per Billing Unit				
Tier	Effective January 1, 2026	Effective January 1, 2027	Effective January 1, 2028	Effective January 1, 2029
Tier 1	\$2.76	\$3.06	\$3.41	\$3.62
Tier 2	\$3.34	\$3.70	\$4.12	\$4.39
Tier 3	\$4.75	\$5.11	\$5.53	\$5.80
Tier 4	\$7.26	\$7.62	\$8.04	\$8.30
Tier 5	\$11.31	\$11.67	\$12.09	\$12.36

1 billing unit of water is equal to 100 cubic feet (HCF), or 748 gallons.

MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

How to Calculate Your Water Bill

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Multi-Family Residential Rates for Monthly Water Service Charges (\$/Meter)				
Meter Size	Effective January 1, 2026	Effective January 1, 2027	Effective January 1, 2028	Effective January 1, 2029
5/8"	\$12.31	\$13.41	\$14.60	\$15.89
3/4"	\$12.31	\$13.41	\$14.60	\$15.89
1"	\$12.31	\$13.41	\$14.60	\$15.89
1.5"	\$25.76	\$28.06	\$30.56	\$33.27
2"	\$37.29	\$40.63	\$44.24	\$48.16
3"	\$73.82	\$80.42	\$87.58	\$95.33
4"	\$121.87	\$132.77	\$144.59	\$157.38
6"	\$246.81	\$268.89	\$292.82	\$318.74
8"	\$352.53	\$384.06	\$418.24	\$455.26
10"	\$563.97	\$614.42	\$669.10	\$728.31

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Outdoor Budget Formula:



Step 4: Calculate Your Volumetric Charge in Each Tier

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Multi-Family Residential Water Rates for Volumetric Charges - Per Billing Unit				
Tier	Effective January 1, 2026	Effective January 1, 2027	Effective January 1, 2028	Effective January 1, 2029
Tier 1	\$2.76	\$3.06	\$3.41	\$3.62
Tier 2	\$3.34	\$3.70	\$4.12	\$4.39
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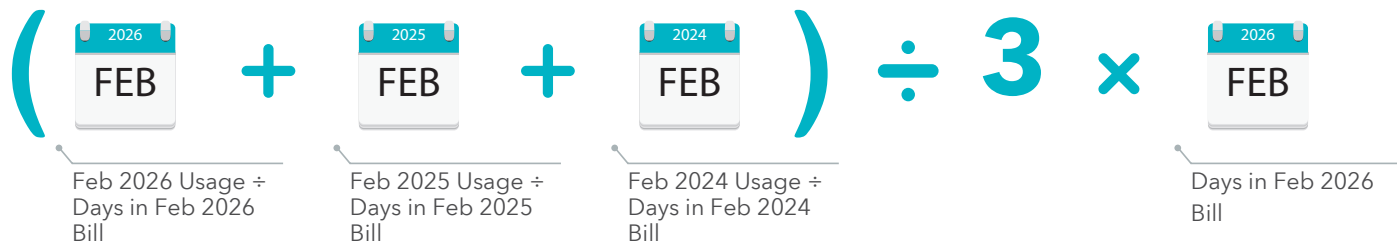
Step 1: Identify Your Meter Size for Your Monthly Water Service Charge

Find your meter size on your water bill under the 'Water Meter Information' section.

Commercial Rates for Monthly Water Service Charges (\$/Meter)				
Meter Size	Effective January 1, 2026	Effective January 1, 2027	Effective January 1, 2028	Effective January 1, 2029
5/8"	\$5.11	\$5.56	\$6.06	\$6.60
3/4"	\$5.11	\$5.56	\$6.06	\$6.60
1"	\$5.11	\$5.56	\$6.06	\$6.60
1.5"	\$17.03	\$18.55	\$20.20	\$21.99
2"	\$27.24	\$29.68	\$32.32	\$35.18
3"	\$59.60	\$64.93	\$70.71	\$76.96
4"	\$102.16	\$111.30	\$121.21	\$131.93
6"	\$212.84	\$231.88	\$252.51	\$274.86
8"	\$306.48	\$333.90	\$363.62	\$395.80
10"	\$493.78	\$537.95	\$585.83	\$637.68

Step 2: Calculate a 3-Year Average to Determine Your Total Water Budget

For commercial customers, your water budget is based on a rolling average of the current month and the same month in the prior two years. Each month's usage is weighted by the number of days in that bill to account for the potential difference in meter read dates for the different years. Water budgets for commercial customers shall be calculated such that a minimum budget of one billing unit shall be provided. For commercial customers with less than 3-years of data, the water budgets are calculated as follows: (a) for the first year, the customer's budget is equal to water used; and (b) for the 2nd year, it is an average of current and the previous year's usage in that month (e.g. February 2025 and February 2026) weighted by the number of days in each bill period.



Step 3: Calculate Your Volumetric Charge in Each Tier

Customers who exceed their water budget are billed at higher tiers depending on how much water is used in excess of their budget. The water rates for each tier are shown below.

Commercial Water Rates for Volumetric Charges - Per Billing Unit				
Tier	Effective January 1, 2026	Effective January 1, 2027	Effective January 1, 2028	Effective January 1, 2029
Tier 1	\$3.34	\$3.70	\$4.12	\$4.39
Tier 2	\$4.75	\$5.11	\$5.53	\$5.80
Tier 3	\$7.26	\$7.62	\$8.04	\$8.30
Tier 4	\$11.31	\$11.67	\$12.09	\$12.36

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POTABLE & RECYCLED IRRIGATION

How to Calculate Your Water Bill

Step 1: Identify Your Meter Size for Your Monthly Water Service Charge

Find your meter size on your water bill under the 'Water Meter Information' section.

Potable Irrigation Rates for Monthly Water Service Charges - By Meter Size

Meter Size	Effective January 1, 2026	Effective January 1, 2027	Effective January 1, 2028	Effective January 1, 2029
5/8"	\$21.83	\$23.78	\$25.90	\$28.19
3/4"	\$21.83	\$23.78	\$25.90	\$28.19
1"	\$21.83	\$23.78	\$25.90	\$28.19
1.5"	\$72.76	\$79.26	\$86.32	\$93.96
2"	\$116.41	\$126.83	\$138.12	\$150.34
3"	\$254.68	\$277.46	\$302.16	\$328.90
4"	\$436.58	\$475.63	\$517.97	\$563.81
6"	\$909.55	\$990.91	\$1,079.10	\$1,174.61
8"	\$1,309.74	\$1,426.90	\$1,553.90	\$1,691.42
10"	\$2,110.15	\$2,298.91	\$2,503.51	\$2,725.07

Recycled Irrigation Rates for Monthly Water Service Charges - By Meter Size

Meter Size	Effective January 1, 2026	Effective January 1, 2027	Effective January 1, 2028	Effective January 1, 2029
5/8"	\$21.83	\$23.88	\$26.20	\$28.88
3/4"	\$21.83	\$23.88	\$26.20	\$28.88
1"	\$21.83	\$23.88	\$26.20	\$28.88
1.5"	\$72.76	\$79.60	\$87.32	\$96.27
2"	\$116.41	\$127.36	\$139.71	\$154.03
3"	\$254.68	\$278.62	\$305.65	\$336.97
4"	\$436.58	\$477.62	\$523.95	\$577.65
6"	\$909.55	\$995.05	\$1,091.57	\$1,203.46
8"	\$1,309.74	\$1,432.86	\$1,571.85	\$1,732.96
10"	\$2,110.15	\$2,308.51	\$2,532.43	\$2,792.01

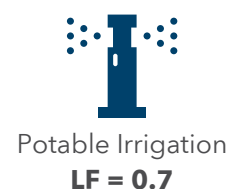
Step 2: Determine Your Water Budget Formula

All water used by a public spaces irrigation, potable irrigation, or recycled irrigation customer within your calculated outdoor water budget is billed at the Tier 1 rate.

Irrigation Budget:

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 \text{Irrigable Area} \times \text{Monthly Evapotranspiration (ET)} \times \text{LF} \times 0.62 \div 748 \\
 \text{Area to Gallons Conversion Factor} \quad \text{Gallons to Billing Units Conversion Factor}
 \end{array}$$

Your Landscape Factor (LF):



Step 3: Calculate Your Volumetric Charge in Each Tier

Potable Irrigation Rates for Volumetric Charges - Per Billing Unit				
Tier	Effective January 1, 2026	Effective January 1, 2027	Effective January 1, 2028	Effective January 1, 2029
Tier 1	\$3.34	\$3.70	\$4.12	\$4.39
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Tier 3	\$7.26	\$7.62	\$8.04	\$8.30
Tier 4	\$11.31	\$11.67	\$12.09	\$12.36

Recycled Water Rates for Volumetric Charges - Per Billing Unit				
Tier	Effective January 1, 2026	Effective January 1, 2027	Effective January 1, 2028	Effective January 1, 2029
Tier 1	\$1.96	\$2.14	\$2.35	\$2.59
Tier 2	\$4.23	\$4.50	\$4.79	\$5.14
Tier 3	\$6.69	\$6.95	\$7.24	\$7.59
Tier 4	\$10.79	\$11.06	\$11.35	\$11.70

1 billing unit of water is equal to 100 cubic feet (HCF), or 748 gallons.

PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION CUSTOMERS

How to Calculate Your Private Fire Protection Bill

Step 1: Identify Your Connection Size for Your Monthly Water Service Charge

Find your connection size on your water bill under the 'Water Meter Information' section.

Private Fire Protection Rates for Monthly Water Service Charges - By Connection Size				
Connection Size	Effective January 1, 2026	Effective January 1, 2027	Effective January 1, 2028	Effective January 1, 2029
5/8"	\$6.38	\$6.95	\$7.57	\$8.24
3/4"	\$6.38	\$6.95	\$7.57	\$8.24
1"	\$6.38	\$6.95	\$7.57	\$8.24
1.5"	\$21.26	\$23.16	\$25.22	\$27.46
2"	\$34.02	\$37.06	\$40.36	\$43.93
2.5"	\$54.21	\$59.06	\$64.32	\$70.01
3"	\$74.42	\$81.08	\$88.29	\$96.11
4"	\$127.58	\$138.99	\$151.36	\$164.75
6"	\$265.78	\$289.56	\$315.33	\$343.24
8"	\$382.73	\$416.96	\$454.07	\$494.26
10"	\$616.62	\$671.78	\$731.56	\$796.31

SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

How to Calculate Your Wastewater Bill

Step 1: Identify Your Monthly Wastewater Service Charge

Wastewater rates are determined based on customer class, and include a monthly service charge and, in the case of Single-Family and Multi-Family Residential customers, a monthly per-person charge. For Single-Family Residential customers, the monthly service charge is a flat fee. For all other customer classes, the monthly service charge is determined based on the size of the meter serving the property.

Single-Family Residential Rates for Monthly Wastewater Service Charges

Effective January 1, 2026	Effective January 1, 2027	Effective January 1, 2028	Effective January 1, 2029
\$28.88	\$32.20	\$35.90	\$40.03

Step 2: Identify Your Per-Person Wastewater Charge

The total charge is the rate below multiplied by the number of people in your household.

Single-Family Residential Rates for Per Person Wastewater Charges

Effective January 1, 2026	Effective January 1, 2027	Effective January 1, 2028	Effective January 1, 2029
\$5.89 per person	\$6.57 per person	\$7.33 per person	\$8.17 per person

MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS:

How to Calculate Your Wastewater Bill

Step 1: Identify Your Meter Size for Your Monthly Water Service Charge

Find your meter size on your water bill under the 'Water Meter Information' section.

Multi-Family Residential Rates for Monthly Wastewater Service Charges - By Meter Size

Meter Size	Effective January 1, 2026	Effective January 1, 2027	Effective January 1, 2028	Effective January 1, 2029
5/8"	\$33.70	\$37.58	\$41.90	\$46.72
3/4"	\$33.70	\$37.58	\$41.90	\$46.72
1"	\$33.70	\$37.58	\$41.90	\$46.72
1.5"	\$100.85	\$112.44	\$125.37	\$139.79
2"	\$158.41	\$176.62	\$196.93	\$219.58
3"	\$340.70	\$379.88	\$423.56	\$472.27
4"	\$580.52	\$647.28	\$721.72	\$804.72
6"	\$1,204.10	\$1,342.57	\$1,496.97	\$1,669.12
8"	\$1,731.73	\$1,930.87	\$2,152.92	\$2,400.51
10"	\$2,787.00	\$3,107.51	\$3,464.87	\$3,863.33

Step 2: Identify Your Per-Person Wastewater Charge

The total charge is the rate below multiplied by the number of people in your household.

Multi-Family Residential Rates for Per Person Wastewater Charges

Effective January 1, 2026	Effective January 1, 2027	Effective January 1, 2028	Effective January 1, 2029
\$5.89 per person	\$6.57 per person	\$7.33 per person	\$8.17 per person

COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS

How to Calculate Your Wastewater Bill

Step 1: Identify Your Commercial Sub-Class

Within the commercial customer class, there are four subclasses of customers, based on the type of commercial activity and the strength of the wastewater that they discharge into the wastewater system. Typical users within the 4 subclasses generally include, but are not limited to, the following:

COMMERCIAL CLASS 1	Banks, car washes, churches, department and retail stores, laundromats, professional offices, schools and colleges.
COMMERCIAL CLASS 2	Beauty and barber shops, hospitals, convalescent facilities, repair shops, service stations, and veterinarian hospitals.
COMMERCIAL CLASS 3	Hotels with dining facilities, markets with garbage disposals, mortuaries, and fast-food restaurants.
COMMERCIAL CLASS 4	Restaurants, automobile steam-cleaning facilities, and bakeries.

Step 2: Identify Your Meter Size

Find your water meter size on your water bill underneath the 'Water Meter Information' section.

COMMERCIAL 1: Rates for Monthly Wastewater Service Charges - By Meter Size

Meter Size	Effective January 1, 2026	Effective January 1, 2027	Effective January 1, 2028	Effective January 1, 2029
5/8"	\$35.72	\$39.83	\$44.41	\$49.51
3/4"	\$35.72	\$39.83	\$44.41	\$49.51
1"	\$35.72	\$39.83	\$44.41	\$49.51
1.5"	\$107.57	\$119.94	\$133.73	\$149.11
2"	\$169.16	\$188.62	\$210.31	\$234.49
3"	\$364.23	\$406.12	\$452.82	\$504.90
4"	\$620.87	\$692.26	\$771.88	\$860.64
6"	\$1,288.15	\$1,436.29	\$1,601.46	\$1,785.63
8"	\$1,852.75	\$2,065.82	\$2,303.39	\$2,568.28
10"	\$2,981.99	\$3,324.93	\$3,707.29	\$4,133.63

COMMERCIAL 2: Rates for Monthly Wastewater Service Charges - By Meter Size

Meter Size	Effective January 1, 2026	Effective January 1, 2027	Effective January 1, 2028	Effective January 1, 2029
5/8"	\$79.95	\$89.15	\$99.40	\$110.83
3/4"	\$79.95	\$89.15	\$99.40	\$110.83
1"	\$79.95	\$89.15	\$99.40	\$110.83
1.5"	\$255.01	\$284.33	\$317.03	\$353.49
2"	\$405.07	\$451.66	\$503.60	\$561.51
3"	\$880.33	\$981.57	\$1,094.45	\$1,220.31
4"	\$1,505.58	\$1,678.72	\$1,871.78	\$2,087.03
6"	\$3,131.32	\$3,491.42	\$3,892.94	\$4,340.62
8"	\$4,506.90	\$5,025.19	\$5,603.09	\$6,247.45
10"	\$7,258.14	\$8,092.82	\$9,023.50	\$10,061.20

COMMERCIAL 3: Rates for Monthly Wastewater Service Charges - By Meter Size

Meter Size	Effective January 1, 2026	Effective January 1, 2027	Effective January 1, 2028	Effective January 1, 2029
5/8"	\$154.86	\$172.67	\$192.52	\$214.66
3/4"	\$154.86	\$172.67	\$192.52	\$214.66
1"	\$154.86	\$172.67	\$192.52	\$214.66
1.5"	\$504.66	\$562.70	\$627.41	\$699.56
2"	\$804.53	\$897.05	\$1,000.22	\$1,115.24
3"	\$1,754.23	\$1,955.97	\$2,180.91	\$2,431.71
4"	\$3,003.66	\$3,349.08	\$3,734.22	\$4,163.65
6"	\$6,252.33	\$6,971.35	\$7,773.06	\$8,666.96
8"	\$9,001.12	\$10,036.25	\$11,190.42	\$12,477.32
10"	\$14,498.85	\$16,166.22	\$18,025.34	\$20,098.25

COMMERCIAL 4: Rates for Monthly Wastewater Service Charges - By Meter Size

Meter Size	Effective January 1, 2026	Effective January 1, 2027	Effective January 1, 2028	Effective January 1, 2029
5/8"	\$171.68	\$191.43	\$213.44	\$237.99
3/4"	\$171.68	\$191.43	\$213.44	\$237.99
1"	\$171.68	\$191.43	\$213.44	\$237.99
1.5"	\$560.74	\$625.22	\$697.12	\$777.29
2"	\$894.26	\$997.10	\$1,111.76	\$1,239.62
3"	\$1,950.52	\$2,174.83	\$2,424.94	\$2,703.81
4"	\$3,340.14	\$3,724.26	\$4,152.55	\$4,630.09
6"	\$6,953.35	\$7,752.99	\$8,644.58	\$9,638.71
8"	\$10,010.58	\$11,161.80	\$12,445.41	\$13,876.63
10"	\$16,125.21	\$17,979.61	\$20,047.27	\$22,352.70

Regional Cost Drivers and Pass Through Adjustments

Moulton Niguel Water District imports all of our potable (drinking) water from Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWDSC) through our wholesaler, Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC). MWDSC is responsible for importing water supplies from both the Colorado River and Northern California to Southern California and treating it to the necessary water quality standards. As a result, investments in infrastructure, such as treatment plants, aqueducts, and transmission mains by MWDSC, will continue to drive up costs for our potable water. Additionally, imported water supply costs may increase as the State and the region develop solutions for the ongoing drought. The costs borne by MWDSC and MWDOC for importing and treating water are passed directly to its retail agencies, including Moulton Niguel.

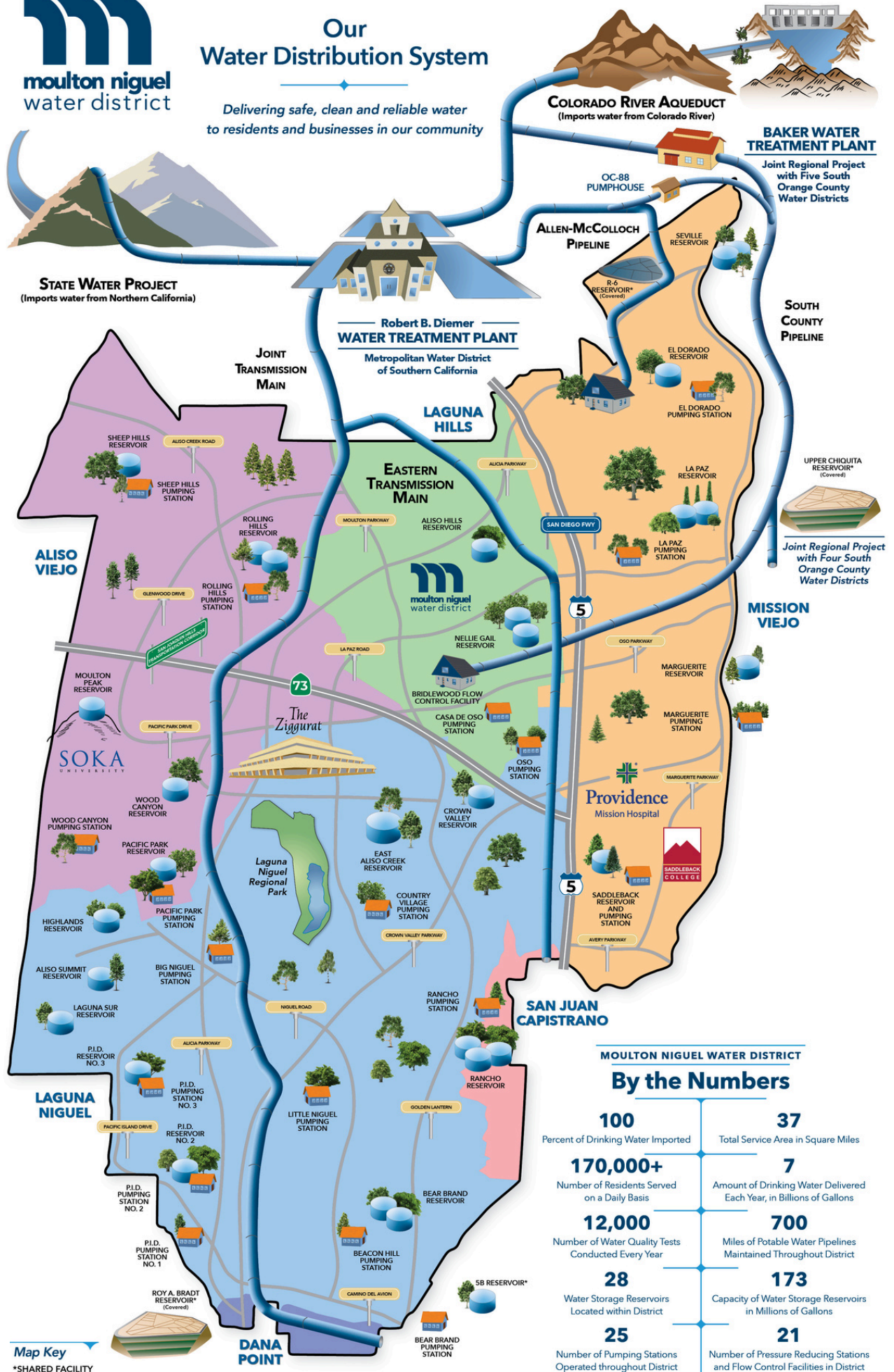
Moulton Niguel's Long-Range Financial Plan includes MWDOC's annual cost escalation for water purchases. However, if their wholesale charges are greater than those projected, the Board of Directors may elect to pass through those increases. Any pass-through of MWDOC rate increases will only impact the Volumetric Charges for residential, multi-family, commercial, and irrigation customers. In no event shall any MWDOC pass-through adjustment cause the impacted rate to increase by more than 20% for any calendar year, and, in no event shall such rates be increased more than the cost of providing the service.

Moulton Niguel may annually implement the pass-through adjustments for a five-year period commencing January 1, 2026, through and including December 31, 2030. Prior to implementing any pass-through adjustments, Moulton Niguel will provide a notice of the adjustment at least 30 days prior to its effective date. This notice will appear in your billing statement or through a direct mail notification.



Our Water Distribution System

Delivering safe, clean and reliable water to residents and businesses in our community



MOULTON NIGUEL WATER DISTRICT

By the Numbers

100 Percent of Drinking Water Imported	37 Total Service Area in Square Miles
170,000+ Number of Residents Served on a Daily Basis	7 Amount of Drinking Water Delivered Each Year, in Billions of Gallons
12,000 Number of Water Quality Tests Conducted Every Year	700 Miles of Potable Water Pipelines Maintained Throughout District
28 Water Storage Reservoirs Located within District	173 Capacity of Water Storage Reservoirs in Millions of Gallons
25 Number of Pumping Stations Operated throughout District	21 Number of Pressure Reducing Stations and Flow Control Facilities in District

Map Key
*SHARED FACILITY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Concerning Proposed Increases and Adjustments to Potable Water, Recycled Water, and Wastewater Rates and Service Charges.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The Board of Directors of the Moulton Niguel Water District invites the public to attend a public hearing to be held on **December 11, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.** in the Boardroom of the Moulton Niguel Headquarters at 26161 Gordon Road, Laguna Hills, CA 92653, to consider all oral testimony and written protests to, and the adoption of, increases and adjustments in the rates for its potable water, recycled water, and wastewater services. Should public health concerns, protocols, or regulations require that the public hearing be held with a virtual option, or entirely virtually, information will be posted to the Moulton Niguel website as soon as available.

LOWEST AVERAGE BILL:

Under the proposed rates, Moulton Niguel customers will continue to have the lowest monthly bills in South Orange County. This notice includes information on service charges, the reasons for the proposed rate adjustments, the basis upon which the rates are calculated, how to calculate your bill under the new schedules, and details on the public hearing where the rates will be considered. If you have any questions regarding this notice, or your rates, call **(949) 425-3596**.

NECESSARY CAPITAL INVESTMENTS:

Moulton Niguel strives to control costs, reinvest in capital infrastructure, and provide the highest level of customer service. Moulton Niguel has developed a 10-year capital improvement program in excess of \$605 million for its potable water, recycled water, and wastewater systems. Rate increases are necessary to continue funding these investments in critical system infrastructure and capital projects to maintain water, recycled water, and wastewater systems.

HIGHER COSTS FROM WHOLESALE PROVIDERS:

100 percent of Moulton Niguel's drinking water (potable water) is imported from the Sacramento Bay Delta and Colorado River by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWDSC). Moulton Niguel purchases the imported drinking water from the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC), a regional water wholesaler that collectively purchases water on behalf of its retail agencies from MWDSC. MWDSC estimates that it will be increasing its wholesale water rates that will increase our costs for water purchases by \$2M - \$4.5M per year.



PROTEST SUBMISSION PROCEDURE:

Any record owner of a parcel upon which the fees are proposed for imposition, or any tenant who is directly responsible for the payment of potable water, recycled water, or wastewater service fees (i.e., a customer of record who is not a property owner), may submit a written protest to the proposed rate increases to Moulton Niguel's potable water, recycled water, and wastewater service fees; provided, however, only one protest will be counted per identified parcel. Each protest must: (1) be in writing; (2) state whether the protest is submitted in opposition to the rate increases to the potable water, recycled water or wastewater service water fees; (3) provide the location of the identified parcel (by street address, assessor's parcel number, or service address number); and (4) include the name and signature of the person submitting the written protest. Written protests may be submitted by mail or in person to Moulton Niguel's office at 26161 Gordon Road, Laguna Hills, CA 92653. Written protests may also be submitted at the public hearing on December 11, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. in the Boardroom of the Moulton Niguel Headquarters at 26161 Gordon Road, Laguna Hills, CA 92653. All written protests must be received by Moulton Niguel prior to the conclusion of the public input portion of the Public Hearing. Please identify on the front of the envelope for any protest, whether mailed or submitted in person, that the enclosed protest is for the Public Hearing on Proposed Rate Increases. **Any protest submitted via e-mail or other electronic means will not be accepted as a formal written protest.**

LEGAL OBJECTION PROCEDURE:

Under Assembly Bill 2257, record owners and tenants directly responsible for payment of potable water, recycled water, and/or wastewater service fees may also submit a written legal objection. For properties with multiple accounts, each account holder may submit one written legal objection. A written legal objection identifies substantive legal issues with the proposed rates. Written legal objections may be submitted by mail or in person to Moulton Niguel's office at 26161 Gordon Road, Laguna Hills, CA 92653. **Any written legal objection submitted via e-mail or other electronic means will not be valid.**

To be valid, a written legal objection must:

- Include the property owner/customer name and signature, and the parcel number and/or service address.
- State that the communication is a legal objection.
- Identify whether the legal objection is submitted with respect to the potable water, recycled water, and/or wastewater service fees.
- Specify the grounds for alleging Moulton Niguel's noncompliance with Proposition 218 in sufficient detail to allow Moulton Niguel to determine whether any adjustments to the proposed rates are necessary. Stating that the rates are too high, or illegal without explaining why, is insufficient to constitute a valid written legal objection.

In order to be valid, written legal objections must be received by 5 p.m. on December 4, 2025, at the address set forth above. Failure to submit a valid written legal objection by December 4, 2025 at 5:00 p.m., will bar any right to challenge the rates through a future legal proceeding. You may be limited to the legal issues raised in your valid written legal objection.

The written basis supporting the proposed rate adjustments can be found at mnwd.com/2025-Cost-of-Service-Study.

BOARD AUTHORIZATION:

The Board of Directors will consider all written protests and valid legal objections timely submitted as well as hear and consider all public comments made at the public hearing. Oral comments at the public hearing will not qualify as formal protests unless accompanied by a written protest. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Board of Directors will determine whether to adopt the proposed rate increases, rate adjustments, and Pass Through Adjustments described in this notice. If, after the close of the public hearing, written protests against the proposed rate adjustments, as outlined above are not presented on behalf of a majority of separate parcels by the record owners or customers of record, the Board of Directors will be authorized to impose the rate increases, rate adjustments, and Pass Through Adjustments. If adopted, please also be aware that there is a 120-day statute of limitations for challenging any new, increased, or extended fee or charge for water and wastewater rates proposed herein, which commences on the date that the resolution adopting the proposed rates is adopted.



moulton niguel water district

26161 Gordon Road
Laguna Hills, CA 92653

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—◇ LOWEST AVERAGE BILL IN SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY ◇—

In 2026, the Moulton Niguel Water District will continue to provide our customers with high-quality water and reliable service - with the lowest average bill in South Orange County.

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Questions: Call (949) 425-3596



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