
Biola Community Services District

POLICY HANDBOOK

POLICY TITLE: Water and Wastewater Rate Policy Fiscal Years 2024-2025 through 2028-2029

POLICY NUMBER: 2907

2907.1 Background:

The District provides water and wastewater services for its customers and collects fees for such services.

Rate Policy Adoption: Following a Proposition 218 process, the Board of Directors of the Biola Community Services District adopted the following at Regular Board meeting on June 20, 2024 :

- a) The proposed five-year rate structure contained in “Exhibit A”. Exhibit A contains detailed tables of the new water and wastewater rates for each customer class for each fiscal year from 2024/25 through 2028/29.

- b) New Water and Wastewater rates will be effective with the first full billing cycle beginning on or after July 1, 2024.

2907.2 Annual Automatic Increase:

At the beginning of each fiscal year (July 1st), a 4% increase will be applied as seen in Exhibit A.

2907.4 Review and Amendments:

This policy will be reviewed and potentially amended by the BCSD Board of Directors to ensure it remains fair and aligned with organizational and economic changes. Before July 1, 2029, the Board will reassess the necessity of conducting another Rate Study to establish a new five-year plan. Recommendations from this review will be presented to the BCSD Board for approval and implementation.

Approved by:
BCSD Board of Directors

Date Approved:
June 20, 2024

Exhibit A

Water rates are shown in the table below. For metered customers, the total water service monthly charge includes the Fixed Charge plus the Volume Charge multiplied by the quantity of water used.

Biola CSD Water Rates and Charges							
	Current Rates	Proposed Rates					
		7/1/2024		7/1/2025	7/1/2026	7/1/2027	7/1/2028
		Percent Change	New Rate	4%	4%	4%	4%
Fixed Charge (\$/Mo)							
3/4" meter size	\$33.00	-39%	\$20.00	\$20.80	\$21.63	\$22.50	\$23.40
1"	\$37.00	-35%	\$24.00	\$24.96	\$25.96	\$27.00	\$28.08
1.5"	\$44.00	9%	\$48.00	\$49.92	\$51.92	\$54.00	\$56.16
2"	\$73.00	5%	\$77.00	\$80.08	\$83.28	\$86.61	\$90.07
3"	\$163.00	-12%	\$144.00	\$149.76	\$155.75	\$161.98	\$168.46
4"	\$290.00	-17%	\$240.00	\$249.60	\$259.58	\$269.96	\$280.76
6"	\$664.00	-28%	\$480.00	\$499.20	\$519.17	\$539.94	\$561.54
Volume Charge (\$/TG)							
0 to 20 TG	\$0.00	new	\$3.56	\$3.70	\$3.85	\$4.00	\$4.16
20.0 to 27.5 TG	\$1.00	256%	\$3.56	\$3.70	\$3.85	\$4.00	\$4.16
27.5 to 35 TG	\$1.40	154%	\$3.56	\$3.70	\$3.85	\$4.00	\$4.16
Above 35 TG	\$2.26	58%	\$3.56	\$3.70	\$3.85	\$4.00	\$4.16

Sewer rates are shown in the table below. For industrial customers, the monthly discharge volume is calculated based on the estimated discharge from each customer, unless discharge can otherwise be specially measured

Biola CSD Sewer Rates and Charges							
Customer Group	Current Rates	Proposed Rates					
		7/1/2024		7/1/2025	7/1/2026	7/1/2027	7/1/2028
		Percent Change	Rate	4%	4%	4%	4%
Single-Family	\$43.90	27%	\$55.64	\$57.87	\$60.18	\$62.59	\$65.09
Duplex or two dwelling units on one account	\$87.80	27%	\$111.29	\$115.74	\$120.37	\$125.18	\$130.19
Multi-Family (per dwelling unit)	\$43.90	27%	\$55.64	\$57.87	\$60.18	\$62.59	\$65.09
Commercial Facilities							
Small Commercial with no food service	\$43.90	27%	\$55.64	\$57.87	\$60.18	\$62.59	\$65.09
Small Market	\$43.90	154%	\$111.29	\$115.74	\$120.37	\$125.18	\$130.19
Church	\$87.80	27%	\$111.29	\$115.74	\$120.37	\$125.18	\$130.19
Fire Station	\$87.80	90%	\$166.93	\$173.61	\$180.55	\$187.77	\$195.28
Restaurant with seating	\$87.80	90%	\$166.93	\$173.61	\$180.55	\$187.77	\$195.28
Public Works Facility	\$87.80	90%	\$166.93	\$173.61	\$180.55	\$187.77	\$195.28
Elementary School	\$373.07	49%	\$556.45	\$578.70	\$601.85	\$625.92	\$650.96
Industrial Rate (\$ / Thousand Gallons)	Varied	Varied	\$7.42	\$7.72	\$8.03	\$8.35	\$8.68
Industrial monthly charges shall be based on the calculated volume of discharge from each industrial customer, multiplied by the cost per thousand gallons shown above to process the discharge. In the event industrial discharge is more concentrated in Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) or Total Suspended Solids (TSS), causing the system concentration averages to increase, monthly charges may be increased in proportion to the concentrations.							
Note: The basis for establishing equitable sewer rates is the cost to collect and treat wastewater applied to a customer in proportion to a customer's volumes discharged. At the request of a customer, or if necessary because a rate does not exist, an equitable rate may be calculated by the District Engineer. Calculations shall be available for customer review and all calculated rates other than Industrial Rates must be approved by the Biola CSD Board.							

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