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# ATASCADERO MUTUAL WATER COMPANY

ESTABLISHED 1913

## NOTICE OF WATER RATE INCREASE

### **New water rates become effective on June 15, 2026**

At its meeting on April 15, 2026, the Atascadero Mutual Water Company (AMWC) Board of Directors adopted its operating and capital investment budget for the upcoming fiscal year ending April 30, 2027, which includes a 5-year forecast for revenues and expenses.

The 5-year forecast indicated that a rate increase is needed to offset increasing operational and maintenance costs for electricity, natural gas, water treatment chemicals, materials, insurance, water system repairs, and capital improvements.

Capital improvements over the next five years include construction of a water treatment plant, replacement of the 1.5 million gallon Pine Mountain tank, and implementation of an automatic meter reading system, among other projects.

The treatment plant is needed to remove poly- and per-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) from water produced from wells with PFAS concentrations exceeding the response levels established by the California State Water Resources Control Board. Preliminary estimates place the cost of the treatment plant at \$35 million, which will be financed over 20 years and will have annual debt service payments of \$3.75 million.

In addition, AMWC's costs for compliance with government regulations and mandates continue to increase for programs such as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, National Pollution Discharge Elimination System, Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule, more stringent cross-connection control regulations, annual State Water Resources Board fees, among others.

The average single-family residential (SFR) customer in Atascadero uses 9,000 gallons of water per month. The rate increase proposed in the budget would result in the water bill for the average SFR customer increasing from \$75.55 per month to \$88.70 per month. Even with the proposed rate increase, AMWC's water rates will still be among the lowest in the county. The graph below shows AMWC's current and proposed rates.

AMWC operates the largest water system in the county with a 35 square mile service area. The system has over 240 miles of water mains, 15 wells, 9 booster stations, 9 tanks, 11,200 service connections, 1,840 fire hydrants, 25 pressure reducing stations, 4,500 valves, and other facilities.

Questions regarding the water rate increase may be directed to John Neil, General Manager, (805) 464-5351, or [jneil@amwc.us](mailto:jneil@amwc.us).

Ready-to-Serve Rates		
Meter Size	Current Rate	Rate Effective 06/15/26
5/8	\$35.00	\$36.00
¾	\$35.00	\$36.00
1	\$44.00	\$46.00
1-1/2	\$51.00	\$53.00
2	\$85.00	\$88.00
3	\$261.00	\$271.00
4	\$329.00	\$342.00
6	\$512.00	\$532.00
8	\$512.00	\$532.00
SFR w/ADU (per unit)	\$35.00	\$36.00
Multi-unit SFR, MFR (per unit)	\$21.10	\$23.00
Motels (per unit)	\$7.90	\$8.20
Fireline	\$27.00	\$28.00
Hydrant meter	\$112.00	\$116.00
Nacimiento Surcharge (\$/meter)	\$5.00	\$5.00

Water Use Rates		
Tier	Current Rate	Rate Effective 06/15/26
Tier 1 (1,000 – 10,000 gals)	\$3.70	\$3.80
Tier 2 (11,000 – 25,000 gals)	\$5.40	\$5.60
Tier 3 (26,000 – 50,000 gals)	\$7.40	\$7.70
Tier 4 (51,000 – 75,000 gals)	\$8.30	\$8.60
Tier 5 (>75,000 gal)	\$11.10	\$11.50
PFAS Surcharge (\$/1,000 gal)	\$0.25	\$1.50

Notes:

- Tier 5 rate only applies to single family residential (SFR) users
- Rates do not include 15% energy surcharge for properties served by pumping stations

