

**BIG PLAINS WATER SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. BPW-2024-10**

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE WATER BASE RATE AND STANDBY FEE, USAGE FEES, BULK WATER RATE, AND WATER RIGHT BUY IN FOR THE BIG PLAINS WATER SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Big Plains Water and Sewer Special Service District ("District") adopted water rates as set forth by Resolution Number 2012-02 and amended by Resolution Number 2020-02; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 19th day of June, the District held a meeting wherein the need was demonstrated to increase revenue in order to pay operational expenses, debt service and to meet debt covenant obligations; and

WHEREAS, at the meeting held on the 19th day of June, a public hearing was held wherein all interested persons were allowed to speak for or against the proposal to increase the existing fee; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees listened to and took into consideration all public input on the proposed rate increase; and

WHEREAS, the District Board deems it necessary and appropriate to adjust the water rates as follows:

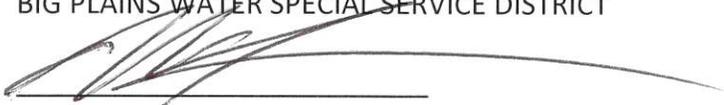
Service	Prior Rate	New Rate
3/4" Base Rate and Standby Fee	\$49.00 per month	\$75.00 per month
1" Base Rate	\$76.00 per month	\$102.00 per month
1.5" Base Rate	\$94.62 per month	\$141.93 per month
2" Base Rate	\$135.17 per month	\$202.76 per month
3" Base Rate	\$368.34 per month	\$552.51 per month
4" Base Rate	\$827.93 per month	\$1,241.90 per month
<i>Usage Fees</i>		
Tier 1 0-5000 gallons	\$1.50 per thousand gallons	\$1.50 per thousand gallons
Tier 2 5,001-12,000 gallons	\$1.75 per thousand gallons	\$1.75 per thousand gallons
Tier 3 12,001-25,000 gallons	\$2.00 per thousand gallons	\$2.00 per thousand gallons
Tier 4 25,001-35,000 gallons	\$2.25 per thousand gallons	\$2.25 per thousand gallons
Tier 5 35,001-45,000 gallons	\$2.50 per thousand gallons	\$2.50 per thousand gallons
Tier 6 45,001-55,000 gallons	\$2.75 per thousand gallons	\$3.25 per thousand gallons
Tier 7 55,001-75,000 gallons	none	\$4.00 per thousand gallons
Tier 8 75,001-100,000 gallons	none	\$5.00 per thousand gallons
Tier 9 Over 100,000 gallons	none	\$7.00 per thousand gallons
Bulk Meter Usage Fees:	\$4.00 per thousand gallons	\$8.00 per thousand gallons
Water Right Buy In Fee:	\$6,000	\$10,000

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the District, duly called, noticed and held on the 19th day of June, 2024, and upon motion duly made and seconded:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the District that the aforementioned water rates shall be charged and effective on July 1st, 2024.

PASSED this 19th day of June, 2024.

BIG PLAINS WATER SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT



Michael Farrar, Chairman

BOARD MEMBER VOTES:

Chairman Michael Farrar voted
Board Member Harold Merritt voted
Board Member Ross Gregerson voted
Board Member Matt Politte voted
Board Member Kevin Sair voted

Aye/Yes
Aye/Yes
Aye/Yes
Aye/Yes
Aye/Yes

ATTEST:



Jenna Vizcardo, Clerk/Recorder

SEAL:



SECTION 1: **AMENDMENT** “1.02.010 New Connections For Water Service” of the Big Plains Water Special Service District hereby *amended* as follows:

A M E N D M E N T

1.02.010 New Connections For Water Service

- A. Applicants desiring a connection for property located within the District shall notify the District requesting that the District provide the required retail water service. New connections may be installed prior to an approved culinary use. However, it will be locked and unusable until such time a building permit has been issued by the Town of Apple Valley. As an exception, water meters may be installed for agricultural use only. It may not be connected to any structure or be used as culinary water. Any unauthorized use will be subject to lockout. The installation will require the impact fee, connection fee and if applicable (at the District's discretion and depending on whether the District owns sufficient municipal water rights to supply the proposed development and existing customer) an appropriate municipal category water right provided by applicant by conveyance provided by applicant by conveyance. If the agricultural connection is changed to culinary use and the property is under new ownership, the connection will be subject to the impact fee less any standby credits. The District will then follow its procedures for obtaining water service. The applicants shall bear the cost of all expenses associated with providing the retail water service. If providing service by the District requires a mainline extension, the applicant will follow the procedures starting with 1.02.040 Procedures for Obtaining Water Services for Development Projects.
- B. Upon approval of the new water connection and payment of required deposit, the applicant shall engage at their own expense a licensed and insured contractor approved by the Water Superintendent for the excavation of the water main. The contractor shall schedule the excavation at a time when the Water Superintendent is available to supervise the excavation. Contractor shall obtain an Encroachment Permit from the Town, if required. Upon excavation of the water main, the Water Superintendent shall then install the service line and required water meter. After the installation of the water meter, the contractor shall then replace excavated materials, and repair the impacted area to the condition prior to excavation. This includes new road base or asphalt as required by Apple Valley Town Standards.
- C. Unless waived by the District for good cause, applicants desiring a connection for property not included within the existing boundaries of the District shall petition to annex their lands into the District before their application will be processed. The petition shall include a legal description of the property and reasonable evidence that the petitioner is the owner of the property to be annexed or is the lawful agent of the owner. In addition, if the property is located within the legal boundaries of an incorporated city, the application shall also comply with the procedure in Section A.
- D. All applicants shall sign a Water Application and Agreement. Such application shall

include the location of the desired water service, the name of the applicant, the date of application, proof of ownership of the property, and the basic terms and conditions with which the applicant shall be required to comply to receive water service. Such terms and conditions shall require the applicant to:

1. Pay the current connection deposit as established by the District's Administrative Control Board. After completion of the connection, the District will provide applicant an itemized billing of time and materials for the connection, and shall either refund the unused portion of the deposit or bill the applicant for the balance. Refund of deposit will be mailed within 30 days of completion. If a balance remains, that amount shall be paid within 30 days of completion or the meter is subject to lockout until payment in full is received. Connection certificates issued and agreements providing for connections executed prior to the effective date of these rules and regulations shall be honored.
2. All new applicants shall provide to the District the applicant's social security number and pay to the District a \$100 deposit, which, at the option and request of the applicant, may be credited to the applicant's account after one year, provided that the applicant's account has not been delinquent at any time during the one-year time period. Should the applicant fail to request that the deposit be credited to their account after such time, the District shall retain the deposit until either party terminates service. Upon termination, the District will return the deposit to the applicant, less any amounts still owing to the District. Should an applicant choose not to provide their social security number; the applicant shall pay a \$500 deposit, which will be retained by the District until either party terminates service. Upon termination, the District will return the deposit to the applicant, less any amounts still owing to the District. Existing customers shall not be required to provide the District with their social security number, unless their accounts have ever been delinquent for more than ninety (90) days.
3. At the District's discretion and depending on whether the District owns sufficient municipal water rights to supply the proposed development and existing customers, one (1) acre foot of municipal category water rights must be bought-in at \$~~10,000.00~~ ~~6,000.00~~ per connection or deeded to the District in lieu of the buy-in. Conveyance to the District, must be in a form or manner approved by the District, an existing water right in a quantity sufficient to allow the District to meet the use applied for by the applicant. For a single-family residential connection with outside irrigation not exceeding one acre, the quantity of water right to be conveyed is 1.0-acre foot. The requirement for other applications, such as commercial or larger acreage, shall be determined on a case-by-case basis. The conveyance to the District and the District's obligation to service the applicant is conditioned upon approval by the State Engineer of a change application filed by the District to change the nature and place of use and the point of diversion of the conveyed water right to that consistent with the requested service. Any reduction by the State Engineer in the quantity of water approved as a result of change of nature of

- use or forfeiture shall be the responsibility of the applicant.
4. Pay for all sums of water usage and service charges at the rates lawfully set from time to time by the District's Administrative Control Board. The District shall impose a five percent (5%) finance charge, applied monthly to all delinquent accounts.
 5. Abide and obey all rules and regulations then in effect and thereafter adopted by the District.
 6. Pay all water and service charges by the last day of the month the statement is prepared. Failure to pay said charges within 30 days of statement date will result in the account being declared delinquent and the water service terminated upon proper notice. Water service shall be restored upon payment of all delinquent amounts plus a reasonable service restoration charge.
 7. Pay any interest, collection charge, and restoration fee set forth in these rules and regulations.
 8. Pay all costs, including attorney's fees, incurred by the District through its efforts to collect any delinquency or to enforce these rules and regulations.
 9. Acknowledge that the service connection and all of its parts and materials from the water main to the point of connection to the line stubbed from the building, said point of connection being immediately downstream of the meter box, shall be the property of the District.
 10. Acknowledge that the District reserves the right at any time, without notice, to shut off or curtail water service, in the event of a water scarcity, to facilitate repairing or maintenance of the District's water system, or to protect the District's water system and supply from contamination which could endanger the public health.
 11. Identify a relative by name and address, not living with the applicant.
 12. Notify the District of any cross-connection, backflow incident, or other condition within the customer's system which may put the District's system and/or water supply at risk for contamination. Notification must occur as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours upon learning about such conditions.
 13. Acknowledge that the customer shall be responsible for installing and maintaining a thermal expansion chamber and a pressure reducing valve on the cold water line feeding the customer's water heater, and that any damage which may occur as a result of a missing or faulty thermal expansion chamber or pressure reducing valve shall be the responsibility of the customer. Neither the chamber nor the valve shall be removed except to necessitate a replacement or repair.
- E. The District shall maintain a list of customers with unpaid water bills. Applications for water service from previous customers with unpaid balances shall not be processed until the unpaid balances together with interest are paid.
- F. Upon proper execution of the annexation petition, if applicable, signing of the Water Application and Agreement, payment of the current connection fee, buy-in or conveyance of the required water rights, plus any other charges or fees that are determined to be due and the District's determination that water and facilities are available for service at such location, the applicant shall be accepted as a retail

customer of the District.

SECTION 2: AMENDMENT "01.20.010 Residential" of the Big Plains Water Special Service District is hereby *amended* as follows:

AMENDMENT

01.20.010 Residential

Residential Standby Fee: ~~\$75.00~~49/month

Residential Base Fee: ~~\$75.00~~49/month

Residential Usage Fees:

Gallons Used	Charge/1,000 Gal	Total
0-base/standby		\$75.00 49.00
0-5,000	\$1.50	Calculated based on usage
5,001-12,000	\$1.75	Calculated based on usage
12,001-25,000	\$2.00	Calculated based on usage
25,001-35,000	\$2.25	Calculated based on usage
35,001-45,000	\$2.50	Calculated based on usage
45,001- 55,000 +	\$3.25 2.75	Calculated based on usage
<u>55,001-75,000</u>	<u>\$4.00</u>	<u>Calculated based on usage</u>
<u>75,001-100,000</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>	<u>Calculated based on usage</u>
<u>Over 100,000</u>	<u>\$7.00</u>	<u>Calculated based on usage</u>

Residential Impact Fee (3/4 in Connection): \$17,788

Connection Fee Deposit by Meter Size:

3/4-inch Connection Fee: \$1,600

1-inch Connection Fee: \$1,900

1.5-inch Connection Fee: \$2,900

2-inch or Larger Connection Fee: Quoted Upon Request

Actual cost of the connection depending on the size of meter required.

At the District's discretion and depending on whether the District owns sufficient municipal water rights to supply the proposed development and existing customers, one (1) acre foot of municipal category water rights must be bought-in at \$10,000.00 ~~6,000~~ per connection, or deeded to the District in lieu of the buy-in.

SECTION 3: AMENDMENT "01.20.020 Commercial" of the Big Plains Water Special Service District is hereby *amended* as follows:

AMENDMENT

01.20.020 Commercial

Commercial 1-inch meter base/standby rate: \$102.00 ~~76.00~~/month

Commercial 1.5-inch meter base/standby rate: \$141.93 ~~94.62~~/month

Commercial 2-inch meter base/standby rate: \$202.76 ~~135.17~~/month

Commercial 3-inch meter base/standby rate: \$552.51 ~~368.34~~/month

Commercial 4-inch meter base/standby rate: \$1,241.90 ~~827.93~~/month

Commercial Usage Fees: \$1.50 per 1,000 Gallons

Commercial Impact Fee: (Based on connection diameter-see table below. At the District's discretion and depending on whether the District owns sufficient municipal water rights to supply the proposed development and existing customers, appropriate acre feet of water of municipal category water rights must be bought-in at \$10,000.00 ~~6,000~~ per connection or deeded to the District in lieu of the buy-in.

Connection Diameter (in)	ERC's	Impact Fee Amount
3/4	1	\$17,788.00
1	3	\$31,623.11

1.5	5	\$71,152.00
2	8	\$126,492.44
3	10	\$284,608.00

Commercial Retail Connection Fee: Actual cost of the connection depending on the size of meter required.

SECTION 4: AMENDMENT “01.20.030 Bulk Meter” of the Big Plains Water Special Service District is hereby *amended* as follows:

AMENDMENT

01.20.030 Bulk Meter

Bulk Meter Usage Fees:

\$49 meter fee for usage up to five days, with a \$5.00 charge for each additional day the meter is out.

The water usage cost is \$8.00 ~~4.00~~/1,000 gallons used.

The meter must be read at least every 30 days.

A \$1,000 meter deposit is required.

There will be a \$250 additional charge for late (greater than five (5) days and thirty (30) days).