



2021 Water Rates and Billing Information

Capital Improvement Plan charges: Several years ago, just as the new board structure was implemented, a problem resulting from delayed maintenance arose that needed immediate attention but there was no money available. To pay for it, the board initiated a Capital Improvement Project charge (CIP) in the bimonthly billing. Although this added income took care of the immediate issue it was realized that to catch up with needed maintenance and address future requirements, the CIP charge would need to remain on each subsequent billing.

A list of proposed Capital Improvement Projects was established, and it was determined that the original CIP amount, while enough to cover the initial problem, would by itself be inadequate for future improvements. The board and staff decided to maintain the billing structure as is and pay for improvements from a combination of Base Rate, CIP, and Water Usage income. For the last several years all improvements and major repairs have been paid from a combination of these funding sources.

Because the CIP amount was no longer realistic versus actual CIP costs, it was decided to fold that amount into the Base Rate and simplify the bill format beginning January 2021. That amount, now included in the Base Rate, combined with Water Income, will pay for all current and future projects. Between now and 2030, CWA will need to invest more than \$6 million for system upgrades, regulatory compliance, and aging pipe replacement. We plan to accomplish this without resorting to loans or special assessments.

Rate Comparison					
	Previous Rates for 2020			New Rates for 2021 starting with March 1, 2021 bill	
	Water	Vacant Lots		Water	Vacant Lots
Water Rate per 100 gallons	\$1.00	\$0.00		\$1.10	\$0.00
Base Rate for 2 months	\$59.00	\$59.00		\$90.00	\$90.00
Capital Improvement Project (CIP) charge for 2 months	\$28.00	\$28.00		\$0.00	\$0.00

Bill Calculation Examples					
	Base Rate	+	Water Use Calculation	=	Total for 2 months
Example 1	\$90	+	3,900 gallons x \$0.011 = \$42.90	=	\$132.90
Example 2	\$90	+	7,000 gallons x \$0.011 = \$77.00	=	\$167.00
Example 3	\$90	+	15,000 gallons x \$0.011 = \$165.00	=	\$255.00
Example 4	\$90	+	47,000 gallons x \$0.011 = \$517.00	=	\$607.00

- **Vacant Lots:** The annual prepayment for 2021 is \$540 and due by March 31. This is convenient for owners of vacant lots who choose to prepay.
- **Partial Payments:** Members are welcome to pay monthly; please have the full amount paid by the due date to avoid a late fee. Statements are mailed for any remaining balance due.
- **Rental Homes:** Owners should notify renters of the billing schedule and amount due to avoid late fees.
- **Pay your bill** with check, money order, [Auto Pay with CWA](#), or your bank's Bill Pay service.