

**Resolution by the Meiners Oaks County Water District  
Board of Directors Defining the Benefit to Properties Receiving  
Water Service and Establishing The Associated Water Service  
Rate Structure**

March 31, 2008  
Resolution No. 33108- |

**Whereas**, the Meiners Oaks County Water District operates a potable water production and distribution system under the authority of the California Water Code and by permit of the California Department of Health Services, and;

**Whereas**, all properties served by the District have available drinking water which meets all USEPA and California Department of Health Services drinking water standards, and;

**Whereas**, all properties served by the District are assured a supply of potable water, in a quantity and flow adequate for both domestic and fire fighting purposes, in compliance with the California Health and Safety Code and Title 22 of the California Administrative Code, and;

**Whereas**, the assurance of a potable water supply is a condition for construction and occupancy of any structure within Ventura County as defined by the Ventura County Department of Building and Safety, and;

**Whereas**, the cost of meeting these assurances includes daily operation and maintenance, routine repairs, and on-going replacement of the District's facilities, and;

**Whereas**, the District is required by the state of California to operate and maintain the District's facilities in a manner that assures that the water system's positive pressure condition is not compromised under normal operating conditions; and

**Whereas**, in order to maintain positive pressure throughout the District's system the system must have the water production, storage and pipeline capacity to deliver maximum flows to meet all customers instantaneous water demands, and;

**Whereas**, the District provides water to the properties served for domestic indoor uses, commercial uses, landscape irrigation and agricultural irrigation. The District's production, treatment, and transporting of water requires the District to purchase energy, treatment chemicals, communications services, and labor to deliver water to the District's customers and;

**Whereas**, portions of the District's delivery system require more energy than others to deliver water, and;

**Whereas**, it is the desire of the Board of Directors that the cost of operation and maintenance of the District's facilities be allocated fairly among its customers in proportion to the cost of service and the benefits derived from service, and;

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved** by the Meiners Oaks County Water District Board of Directors that the District shall maintain a water rate structure that fairly and reasonably allocates the cost of the primary benefits of service to all properties in proportion to the benefit received by the property.

**It Is Further Resolved** that the water rate structure shall consist of separate fees and charges that correspond to the primary benefits of service provided by the District and that those charges and associated benefits are defined as follows:

- A. Each property with service from the District shall pay a monthly "water availability charge." Properties with more than one dwelling unit or more than one commercial unit shall pay a monthly "water availability charge" for each additional unit. The monthly "water availability charge" covers the cost of the following benefits:
  1. The property served is assured the availability of a potable water supply for domestic purposes in compliance with both applicable California Law and Ventura County Building and Safety Codes.
  2. The property served is assured a potable water supply in quantities and flow adequate to meet fire-fighting purposes.
- B. Each property may have a service capacity of up to 30 gallons per minute of water flow at the meter service for each dwelling or commercial unit served. Properties with service capacities in excess of 30 gallons per minute per dwelling or commercial unit shall pay an additional monthly "capacity charge" for each additional gallon per minute of flow capacity. Service flow capacity shall be determined by the size of the meter serving the property and the meter manufactures rated capacity. The monthly "capacity charge" covers the cost of maintaining water system components necessary to met extraordinary instantaneous flow demands throughout the system.
- C. Each property shall pay for the volume of water delivered to the property each month. Water consumption is measured in units (one unit equals 748 gallons of water). The water charge covers the cost of delivery as well as wear and tear on the system.

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- D. When the District purchases supplemental water from the Casitas Municipal Water District the cost of the total water purchase shall be applied proportionality to the water charge for each property.
- E. Properties requiring additional energy to deliver water shall pay an additional "lift charge" for each unit of water delivered.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 31<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2008.**

  
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William Reynolds, Board President

**ATTEST:**

  
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Sherrie Russell, Board Secretary