

## **WA-9 Agriculture Promotion and Preservation Rate**

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## **WA-9 Policy Principles**

1. Prop. R and Measure C guide preserving/promoting Agriculture
2. City general plan and zoning define agriculture, not the water rate.
3. Only customers along Victoria Ave. are required to plant 3 rows of trees in accordance with the City General plan regarding Victoria Ave. Qualifying Agricultural Customers in other areas are not.

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4. Measure C explicitly states “Insure that the Gage Canal water is reserved for agricultural use as the highest priority”
5. Delivery of Gage Canal water is not dependent on the Gage Canal itself – Gage Canal water starts in San Bernardino and can go two ways – either to the city pressurized system or the Gage Canal itself.

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6. Focus on permitted uses in the agriculture zone not just citrus
7. Recognize that La sierra Lands were specifically included in R & C, not just the Greenbelt.
8. Support the concept in R & C of encouraging a residence on the farm
9. WA 9 is not available to customers outside the city limits, eff. 1/1/20

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## WA-9 Rate Details

1. “Highest priority” water is delivered at the same price as water for “health and safety”
2. Customers pay same price as residential indoor use.
3. Cost to supply Qualifying Ag customers from Gage wells is the same as cost to supply SFR
4. Price for all ccf is the same irrespective of usage - \$1.16/ccf (\$505.30/ACFT)
5. Rate is not subsidized

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6. Customers make the same contribution to fixed costs as all other customers through the monthly fixed customer charge (based on meter size)
7. Customers must use Best Irrigation Practices to continue to qualify for WA 9
8. Single family residence will be defined by city zoning codes with exceptions determined.
9. Proposed effective date of 7/1/2019

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