

SCHEDULE WA-9, effective 7/1/2019 (PROPOSAL #1)

Agriculture Promotion and Preservation Rate

POLICY:

This rate is established to support voter approved Proposition R and Measure C (reaffirmed Nov. 2014 general election). The rate implements the requirement in Measure C to "insure that Gage Water is reserved for agricultural use as the highest priority".

APPLICABILITY:

This rate applies to:

1. Qualifying Agriculture on at least $\frac{3}{4}$ acre lots in the Greenbelt with no more than one single family residence and nominal ornamental landscaping,
2. Qualifying Agriculture outside the areas defined in Prop R and Measure C on at least 5 acres, served by a meter that does not serve a residence.
3. Qualifying Agriculture is on properties in areas defined in Prop R and Measure C and include the Greenbelt and La Sierra Lands
4. Government owned parks of at least $\frac{3}{4}$ acre,
5. All customers must use best management irrigation practices.
6. As of 1/1/2020, the WA 9 rate is not applicable to customers outside the city limits of Riverside. All such customers will be changed to the applicable water rate schedule on 1/1/2020.

TERRITORY: Within the Riverside City limits.

RATES:

A. Basic Area (Inside City)

1. Residence and Nominal Ornamental Landscaping

Customer Charge Per Meter, Per Month

	Per Meter, Per Month (Same as for WA-1A/B, WA-4, WA-6, WA-7, WA-10 and WA-11 Water Rates)				
Customer Charge	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
5/8 and 3/4-inch	\$15.80	\$18.07	\$20.53	\$23.08	\$26.00
1-inch	25.08	28.69	32.58	36.63	41.26
1-1/2-inch	48.08	55.00	62.45	70.22	79.08
2-inch	75.80	86.70	98.45	110.68	124.64

The Department shall specify meter size based on acreage need (up to 2 inch meter)

<u>Quantity Rates</u>	<u>Per 100 Cubic Feet (CCF)</u>
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All 100 cubic feet (CCF) per month	\$1.16
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2. With Residence and more than Nominal Ornamental Landscaping

Two Meters required: (1) for residence and landscape usage;

(1) for Qualifying Agriculture

Residence and Landscape area (Meter 1)

Quantity Rates and Customer Charges	Applicable WA-1 rates and charges
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Winter Quantity Rates		Per 100 Cubic Feet Effective July 1, 2018				
	100 cubic feet per month	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Tier 1	First 9	\$1.16	\$1.19	\$1.22	\$1.26	\$1.30
Tier 2	10-35	1.45	1.50	1.54	1.58	1.64
Tier 3	All over 35	2.67	2.76	2.84	2.91	3.01

Summer Quantity Rates		Per 100 Cubic Feet Effective July 1, 2018				
	100 cubic feet per month	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Tier 1	First 9	\$1.16	\$1.19	\$1.22	\$1.26	\$1.30
Tier 2	10-35	1.45	1.50	1.54	1.58	1.64
Tier 3	All over 35	3.26	3.37	3.46	3.55	3.66

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2-inch		75.80	86.70	98.45	110.68	124.64

Qualifying Agriculture (Meter 2)

Customer Charge Per Meter, Per Month

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Quantity Rates

Per 100 Cubic Feet (CCF)

All 100 cubic feet (CCF) per month \$1.16

3. Without Residence

Customer Charge Per Meter, Per Month

	Per Meter, Per Month (Same as for WA-1A/B, WA-4, WA-6, WA-7, WA-10 and WA-11 Water Rates)				
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Quantity Rate

Per 100 cubic feet (CCF)

All 100 cubic feet (CCF) per month \$1.16

B. Surcharge Area Outside City

Until 1/1/2020 Charges shall be the amount computes at the Quantity Rates and the Customer charge set forth in the Basic Area of this schedule multiplied by 1.5. After 1/1/2020 this section is no longer applicable (See “Applicability” section)

DEFINITIONS:

1. Agriculture water is defined as water for any use permitted within Agriculture Land(s) as defined by Measure C.
2. Single Family Residence shall be defined per zoning code 19.04.120, but for purposes of this policy not to include Auxiliary Dwelling Units and Agricultural Caretaker Living Quarters as defined per zoning code 19.08.020.
3. Qualifying Agriculture is defined as irrigated clusters of at least 75 fruit bearing trees and/or vines and commercial farming on at least 75% of the property. Commercial farming is not defined in this rate schedule because it is defined within the City of Riverside building and zoning codes. RPU staff or Board will not make a separate determination of Qualifying Agriculture if the customer is in compliance with City codes and ordinances.
4. Nominal Ornamental Landscaping is defined as plants other than Qualifying Agriculture and hardscaping, covering in the aggregate not more than the greatest of 1/4 acre or 5 of total Property acreage net of a single family dwelling, other structures and hardscape...

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

1. After appropriate public hearings, the Board of Public Utilities will publish a list of Best Irrigation Practices and provide customers with a menu of practices to follow to continue to qualify for WA 9 Rate Schedule. This will be reviewed at least every 5 years.
2. Agricultural operations must comply with applicable City codes and zoning to qualify for WA-9 rate.
3. If staff determines that WA-9 is not applicable, the Customer may appeal the determination, following the requirements set out in Part A of the “General Provisions” section of the Water Rules and Rate Schedules.
4. Water Conservation Surcharge: The rates and charges above are subject to a surcharge (Water Conservation Surcharge) as adopted via City Council Resolution No. 22675 on April 22, 2014 and such surcharge as in effect from time to time. The Water Conservation Surcharge will be applied to the Customer’s total water usage charge including without limitation the quantity rates, customer and minimum charge for the applicable billing period.

5. Applicable Rate Schedule: For Customers applying for service at an existing service address, the Utility will assign a water rate schedule based on the characteristics of the service address. The Utility will presume that any water rate previously assigned to that service address is the appropriate schedule, unless the Customer requests a review for another applicable rate schedule, rate, or optional provision. In certain situations when a Customer does not qualify for a water rate previously assigned to that service address, the Utility will assign the applicable rate to the Customer. The Utility assumes no responsibility for advising the Customer of lower optional rates under existing schedules available as a result of the Customer's changes to the characteristics of the service address.
6. Change of Rate Schedule: A change to the applicable rate schedule may be made if the Utility determines that the Customer no longer qualifies for the assigned rate schedule. Customers will be given a 6 months to correct reasons why the Utility believes a different rate schedule is applicable. If it is still determined that the customers should be on a different rate schedule, the new schedule will be effective 90 days from the final determination.
7. Water General Fund Transfer: The Water General Fund Transfer is a component of every customer's water bill, and is a transfer of up to 11.5% of revenues from the Water Fund to the City's General Fund. On June 4, 2013, the voters of the City of Riverside approved the Water General Fund Transfer as a general tax, pursuant to Article 13.C of the California Constitution.

ENERGY COST ADJUSTMENT FOR PUMPING WATER:

The Quantity Rates shall be subject to an energy cost adjustment relating to increases and decreases in the cost of electric power for pumping water. This energy cost adjustment shall apply to each one hundred cubic feet (CCF) of sales to which Quantity Rates apply.

Determination of the adjustment factor shall be made at the beginning of each quarter, with the initial adjustment beginning February 1, 1983.

The energy cost adjustment shall be calculated by dividing the CCF of metered Water sold in each quarter into the total dollar amount of fuel cost adjustments plus any base rate increases imposed by power suppliers for pumping water during that quarter:

- A. Fuel cost adjustment charges by Southern California Edison Company.
- B. Fuel cost surcharge charges by City of Riverside.
- C. Base rate increase charges by Southern California Edison Company.*
- D. Base rate increase charges by City of Riverside.*

\$ (A+B+C+D) = \$.0000 per CCF

CCF (Metered Sales)

The resultant shall be the energy cost adjustment factor for pumping water and shall be expressed in terms of cents per CCF carried out to the nearest \$0.0001. This factor shall be divided by 0.885 to allow for the 11.5% of gross revenue payable to the City General Fund. The resultant shall then become the energy cost adjustment to be multiplied by all CCF increments reported in billings to Customers. The resultant amount in each case, expressed to the nearest \$0.01, shall constitute the adjustment to be added to the Customer's bill.

**(Over base rates in effect February 1, 1983)*

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Chris, attached are my proposed changes to WA9. This is a redline version so you can see what is changed.

The rational for my recommendation is:

- 1 – tie the policy to Prop R and Measure C with respect to preserving/promoting Agriculture and using Gage Water as the highest priority for this purpose.
- 2 - R & C are relevant today because the voters refused a proposal to change them in Nov. 2014.
- 3 – let the city general plan and zoning define agriculture, not the water rate. Hence I removed the specific reference to wholesale nurseries as unnecessary.
- 4 – focus on agriculture not just citrus.
- 5 – recognize that La Sierra Lands were specifically included in R & C, not just the [Greenbelt](#).
- 6 - delivery of Gage Water is not dependent on the Gage Canal under this rate.
- 7 – maintains the concept in R & C of encouraging a residence on the farm

This has been sent to the taskforce members and will be initially discussed this Thurs.
Tom

