

Ordinance No. 2009 - 04
**AMENDING THE WATER MONTHLY RETAIL RATES
 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2010**

WHEREAS AB 2572 requires the District to bill water system customers on a volumetric basis; and
 WHEREAS the District retained HDR Inc. to perform a water rate study to develop a new rate structure to comply with AB 2572; and
 WHEREAS a number of public workshops were held to receive comments from the public concerning a proposal to adopt such rate increases; and
 WHEREAS notices of the proposed retail water rates and public hearing were mailed to all rate payers and property owners on September 17 to September 25, 2009; and
 WHEREAS a public hearing was held on November 18, 2009; and
 WHEREAS the District received less than the majority of District property owners' protest on the proposed retail water rates; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Directors of the Truckee Donner Public Utility District as follows:

Section 1. Bills issued on or after January 15, 2010, the following monthly water rates shall be effective.

Metered Residential Water Rates - The domestic water rates for single family properties, individual condominium units and townhouse units equipped with a meter shall consist of three components, a base charge, a commodity charge and a pump zone charge. The base charge shall be:

Meter Size	Monthly Base Charge
5/8" x 3/4"	\$53.15
3/4"	\$53.15
1"	\$63.40

The commodity charge shall be:

Monthly Usage	Commodity Charge
0 to 8,000 gallons	\$0.55 / 1,000 gallons
Over 8,000 gallons	\$0.69 / 1,000 gallons

The pump zone charge shall be:

Pump Zone	Pump Zone Charge
Pump Zone 1	\$0.00 / 1,000 gallons
Pump Zone 2	\$0.25 / 1,000 gallons
Pump Zone 3	\$0.50 / 1,000 gallons
Pump Zone 4	\$0.75 / 1,000 gallons
Pump Zone 5	\$1.00 / 1,000 gallons
Pump Zone 6	\$1.25 / 1,000 gallons
Pump Zone 7	\$1.50 / 1,000 gallons

Un-metered Residential Water Rates - The domestic water rates for single family properties, individual condominium units and townhouse units not equipped with a meter shall be:

Pump Zone	Monthly Charge
Pump Zone 1	\$58.96
Pump Zone 2	\$61.47
Pump Zone 3	\$63.98
Pump Zone 4	\$66.49
Pump Zone 5	\$69.00
Pump Zone 6	\$71.51
Pump Zone 7	\$74.02

Commercial Water Rates – The commercial water rates for all other multiple dwelling units, trailer parks, public use, dedicated irrigation and commercial establishments shall consist of three components, a base charge, a commodity charge and a pump zone charge. The base charge shall be:

Meter Size	Monthly Base Charge
5/8" x 3/4"	\$53.15
3/4"	\$53.15
1"	\$63.40
1.5"	\$89.13
2"	\$122.52
3"	\$205.09
4"	\$293.47
6"	\$440.20
8"	\$550.25

The commodity charge shall be \$1.45/1,000 gallons

The pump zone charge shall be

Pump Zone	Pump Zone Charge
Pump Zone 1	\$0.00 / 1,000 gallons
Pump Zone 2	\$0.25 / 1,000 gallons
Pump Zone 3	\$0.50 / 1,000 gallons
Pump Zone 4	\$0.75 / 1,000 gallons
Pump Zone 5	\$1.00 / 1,000 gallons
Pump Zone 6	\$1.25 / 1,000 gallons
Pump Zone 7	\$1.50 / 1,000 gallons

Small Residential Unit Rate – The domestic water rates for single family homes, individual condominium units and townhouse units under 300 square feet with no provisions for washer/dryer, dishwasher or outside hose bib, no improved landscaping needing water other than that provided by nature, no leaking plumbing fixtures as determined by District staff shall be:

Pump Zone	Monthly Charge
Pump Zone 1	\$44.96
Pump Zone 2	\$47.47
Pump Zone 3	\$49.98
Pump Zone 4	\$52.49
Pump Zone 5	\$55.00
Pump Zone 6	\$57.51
Pump Zone 7	\$60.02

Section 2. Effective with bills issued on or after January 15, 2011 following monthly water rates shall be effective.

Metered Residential Water Rates - The domestic water rates for single family properties, individual condominium units and townhouse units equipped with a meter shall consist of three components, a base charge, a commodity charge and a pump zone charge. The base charge shall be:

Meter Size	Monthly Base Charge
5/8" x 3/4"	\$53.95
3/4"	\$53.95
1"	\$64.35

The commodity charge shall be:

Monthly Usage	Commodity Charge
0 to 8,000 gallons	\$0.60 / 1,000 gallons
Over 8,000 gallons	\$0.75 / 1,000 gallons

The pump zone charge shall be:

Pump Zone	Pump Zone Charge
Pump Zone 1	\$0.00 / 1,000 gallons
Pump Zone 2	\$0.25 / 1,000 gallons
Pump Zone 3	\$0.50 / 1,000 gallons
Pump Zone 4	\$0.75 / 1,000 gallons
Pump Zone 5	\$1.00 / 1,000 gallons
Pump Zone 6	\$1.25 / 1,000 gallons
Pump Zone 7	\$1.50 / 1,000 gallons

Un-metered Residential Water Rates - The domestic water rates for single family properties, individual condominium units and townhouse units not equipped with a meter shall be:

Pump Zone	Monthly Charge
Pump Zone 1	\$60.28
Pump Zone 2	\$62.79
Pump Zone 3	\$65.30
Pump Zone 4	\$67.81
Pump Zone 5	\$70.32
Pump Zone 6	\$72.83
Pump Zone 7	\$75.34

Commercial Water Rates – The commercial water rates for all other multiple dwelling units, trailer parks, public use, dedicated irrigation and commercial establishments shall consist of three components, a base charge, a commodity charge and a pump zone charge. The base charge shall be:

Meter Size	Monthly Base Charge
5/8" x 3/4"	\$53.95
3/4"	\$53.95
1"	\$64.35
1.5"	\$90.46
2"	\$124.35
3"	\$208.17
4"	\$297.86
6"	\$446.79
8"	\$558.49

The commodity charge shall be \$1.48/1,000 gallons

The pump zone charge shall be

Pump Zone	Pump Zone Charge
Pump Zone 1	\$0.00 / 1,000 gallons
Pump Zone 2	\$0.25 / 1,000 gallons
Pump Zone 3	\$0.50 / 1,000 gallons
Pump Zone 4	\$0.75 / 1,000 gallons
Pump Zone 5	\$1.00 / 1,000 gallons
Pump Zone 6	\$1.25 / 1,000 gallons
Pump Zone 7	\$1.50 / 1,000 gallons

Small Residential Unit Rate – The domestic water rates for single family homes, individual condominium units and townhouse units under 300 square feet with no provisions for washer/dryer, dishwasher or outside hose bib, no improved landscaping needing water other than that provided by nature, no leaking plumbing fixtures as determined by District staff shall be:

Pump Zone	Monthly Charge
Pump Zone 1	\$46.28
Pump Zone 2	\$48.79
Pump Zone 3	\$51.30
Pump Zone 4	\$53.81
Pump Zone 5	\$56.32
Pump Zone 6	\$58.83
Pump Zone 7	\$61.34

Section 3. Placement of a given customer account into a pump zone for billing purposes shall be based upon that customer's relationship to the 6170 Pressure Zone. The 6170 Pressure Zone is deemed to be Pump Zone 1 and all customers located within that pressure zone and other areas where water can be supplied from 6170 Pressure Zone solely without pumping shall also be considered part of Pump Zone 1.

For all other areas, a given customer shall be re-classified to the next highest pump zone for each time the water must be pumped from the 6170 Pressure Zone to supply that customer.

Section 4. It is the District's goal that all customers are equipped with a water meter and billed volumetrically based upon their usage. It is the District's intent to install water meters on all customers' water services and to abolish un-metered water rates by January 1, 2013. However, circumstances may exist whereby a customer refuses to undertake the necessary actions or improvements to allow that customer to be billed on a volumetric basis.

In those cases, the customer shall be subject to a "non-conforming bulk rate" and shall be charged a monthly bill for service based on the base charge, commodity charge and pump zone charge corresponding to that customer's location and class (residential or commercial). For determining the commodity charge and pump zone charge the customer shall be charged a volume equal to the 90th percentile of usage for all customers with the same customer class and meter size. This determination of the 90th percentile shall occur annually in January and shall be based upon the metered usage data for the prior calendar year.

Section 5. AB 2572 allows for a transition period to allow customers that are converting from nonvolume-based billing to volume-based billing to understand the impact upon their bill for service.

The District hereby implements this transition period for all existing residential customers with services that are equipped with a meter as of January 1, 2010 and shall charge these customers the appropriate un-metered residential water rate through January 14, 2011. Customers granted this one-year transition period shall not be able to voluntarily transition to a metered rate during this period.

Existing residential customers with services that are not equipped with a meter as of January 1, 2010, where a new meter is installed on that service during calendar 2010 shall be granted the remainder of calendar year 2010 and all of 2011 as the transition period.

All new construction, account connects or transfers for residential properties equipped with a meter, including customers that purchase, auto-transfer or lease an existing property that would otherwise be subject to the one-year transition period shall be charged based upon the metered rate for service.

Section 6. If no protest is made pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 16078, then the terms of this ordinance shall be effective thirty days after adoption by the board of directors of the District.

Section 7. The Clerk of the District shall immediately cause a copy of this ordinance to be published in a newspaper of general circulation and posted in three places within the District.

Section 8. The provisions of other Ordinances shall remain in effect to the extent that they do not conflict with this ordinance.