



SCHEDULE J – SYSTEM CAPACITY CHARGE (SCC)

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A. SCC FOR STANDARD SERVICE¹

The SCC is calculated based on the applicant's projected average annual demand.

1. Non-Residential Service Connections SCC² for meters up to 1-1/2 inches (dollars per connection)

METER SIZE (INCHES)	REGION ³		
	1	2	3
5/8	\$17,200	\$33,310	\$36,740
3/4	28,100	47,670	56,240
1	53,480	85,360	100,170
1-1/2	139,470	242,320	246,750

The District reserves the right to request additional information, including specific water use information from the applicant. The District reserves the right to determine the appropriate meter size to serve the applicant's projected demand needs and assess the SCC using this Section (A)(1). If the District determines that the applicant's projected average annual demand exceeds 3,200 gallons per day (gpd) for non-residential service connections or that a meter larger than 1-1/2 inches is required to meet the applicant's projected demand needs, this Section (A)(1) no longer applies. For projected average annual demand exceeding 3,200 gpd for non-residential service connections and/or meters larger than 1-1/2 inches, Section(A)(3) shall be used to determine the SCC based on the applicant's projected average annual demand and the unit charges set forth therein. The District's decision regarding the applicable SCC shall be final.

For service connections with meters larger than 1-1/2 inch see Section 3 below.

¹ This charge covers the cost of System-wide Facilities Buy-in, Regional Facilities Buy-in and Future Water Supply.

² The SCC charged to the applicant will be based on the water meter size required to meet the indoor needs (excluding private fire service needs) and outdoor watering needs of the premises as determined solely by the District based on the plumbing code, the District's review, and water industry standards. The meter(s) that is installed may be larger than the meter size that is used to determine the applicable SCC fee if the service is combined with a private fire service or if a separate irrigation meter is required (See Sections D – Combined Standard and Fire Service and I – Required Separate Irrigation Meter for Single Family Premises).

³ REGION	GENERAL DESCRIPTION
1	Central Area (gravity zones West-of-Hills) El Sobrante and North (pumped zones)
2	South of El Sobrante to vicinity of Highway 24 (pumped zone) South from vicinity of Highway 24 (pumped zones) Castro Valley Area (pumped zones) North Oakland Hill Area (pumped zones, formerly 4A)
3	Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette Area (pumped zones) San Ramon Valley and Walnut Creek (pumped and gravity zones)



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2. Single Family Service Connections SCC² with typical use demand patterns that can be served by meters up to 1-1/2 inches (dollars per connection)

METER SIZE (INCHES)	REGION ³		
	1	2	3
3/4	\$13,280	\$20,940	\$39,140
1	18,880	44,870	59,910
1-1/2	24,120	57,840	77,080

The District reserves the right to request additional information, including specific water use information, from the applicant. The District reserves the right to determine the appropriate meter size to serve the applicants projected demand needs and assess the SCC using this Section (A)(2).

Where two or more single family dwelling units are located on one premises the District shall determine the appropriate meter size for each single-family dwelling individually and determine the SCC in for each dwelling in accordance with Section (A)(2).

For service connections with larger meters or greater than 1,940 gpd projected average annual demand for single family residential service, Section(A)(3) shall be used to determine the SCC based on the applicant's projected average annual demand and the unit charges set forth therein. The District's decision regarding the applicable SCC shall be final.

For an increase or change in water use caused by the creation of an accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory dwelling unit on a premises, installation fees and capacity charges will be imposed only as authorized by Government Code Sections 65852.2 and 65852.22.



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3. SCC for Larger Meters

The SCC for service connections with meters larger than 1-1/2 inches shall be determined on a case-by-case basis by the District based on water use information furnished by the applicant and applying the same unit charge and criteria as apply to the SCC for smaller meters. The SCC will be calculated based on the unit charges for each of the four components listed below:

Component	Unit Charge (\$/100 gpd)
Post-2000 (Add'l Regions 3C & 3D only)	SCC Region Specific
Regional Facilities Buy-in	SCC Region Specific
System-wide Facilities Buy-in	\$4,025
Future Water Supply ⁴	1,017

The unit charges for the components that are specific to a SCC Region are:

Region	Post-2000 Component	Regional Facilities Buy-In Component
1	n/a	\$1,949
2	n/a	4,930
3	n/a	2,946
3C	\$7,610	2,462
3D	7,610	2,462

In no instance will the SCC for a meter larger than 1-1/2 inches be less than the 1-1/2 inch price from the appropriate Section 1 or 2, above.

The SCC, rounded to the nearest hundred dollars, will be determined by multiplying the sum of the unit charge of the four components by the water use information furnished by the applicant, rounded to three significant places.

If the District has determined, based on water use information furnished by the applicant, that a meter size larger than 1-1/2 inches is required to meet the applicant's projected demand needs or if the projected average annual demand exceeds 3,200 gpd (non-residential) or 1,940 gpd (single family residential), the SCC shall be calculated pursuant to this subdivision irrespective of the arrangement of water metering or meter size at the premises.

⁴ The Future Water Supply component for Region 3C is based on 1993 agreement (see Section B1).



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4. SCC for Standard Service to Multi-Family Premises

The System Capacity Charge for water service at multi-family premises shall be as listed below. For purposes of this Schedule J, “multi-family premises” shall mean premises with two or more attached or separate residential dwelling units, rental or owner-occupied, which is determined by the District to be a single premises for receiving water service.

Multi-Family Premises			
Dollars per Dwelling Unit (DU)			
	REGION ⁵		
	1	2	3
For Dwelling Units Over 500 square feet	\$8,390	\$11,970	\$9,590
For Dwelling Units 500 square feet and under ⁶	6,640	9,470	7,590

The above SCC shall apply regardless of the arrangement of water metering or meter size at the premises; however, the District may limit the size and number of service connections to a combined capacity appropriate to the anticipated water use at the premises. No additional SCC shall be applicable to provide irrigation for landscaping on the premises for landscape areas up to 5,000 square feet. All other rates and charges shall be based on actual number and size of meters and does not apply to the requirements listed below.

An SCC shall be applicable for separate meters installed to serve landscape areas greater than 5,000 square feet and for other water uses in the vicinity of the multi-family premises, such as irrigation of open space areas, parks, roadway medians, golf courses, community clubhouse and recreational facilities, and areas designated for public use. The SCC shall be based on meter size as provided under A.1 above. If these other water uses are included in the water service connection to the multi-family premises, the District shall, for purposes of determining the applicable SCC, determine the equivalent meter size for these uses based on plumbing code and water industry standards, as if there were a separate service connection.

For an increase or change in water use caused by the creation of an accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory dwelling unit on a premises, installation fees and capacity charges will be imposed only as authorized by Government Code Sections 65852.2 and 65852.22.

⁵ Same regions as described in A.2.

⁶ The applicant must submit sufficient documentation, as determined by the District, from the local building department that shows the dwelling unit living space square footage is 500 square feet or less for any dwelling unit to qualify for the 500 and under square foot MFR SCC. Documentation can be approved architectural drawings or other approved records of the dwelling unit living space.



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B. SEPARATE SCC FOR STANDARD SERVICE FOR ADDITIONAL REGIONS⁷

The System Capacity Charge for non-residential and single family residential water service at premises other than multi-family premises shall be as follows (dollars per connection):

1. Non-residential water service at premises other than multi-family premises shall be as follows (dollars per connections)

METER SIZE (INCHES)	ADDITIONAL REGION ⁸	
	3C ⁹	3-D
5/8	n/a	\$117,130
3/4	n/a	175,700
1	n/a	293,420
1-1/2	n/a	586,840

For service connections with larger meters see Section 3 below.

2. Single-family service connections shall be as follows (dollars per connections)

METER SIZE (INCHES)	ADDITIONAL REGION ⁷	
	3C ⁸	3-D
3/4	\$114,980	\$117,130
1	192,020	195,610
1-1/2	384,040	391,220

For an increase or change in water use caused by the creation of an accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory dwelling unit on a premises, installation fees and capacity charges will be imposed only as authorized by Government Code Sections 65852.2 and 65852.22.

For service connections with larger meters see Section 3 below.

⁷ This charge covers the cost of System-wide Facilities Buy-In, Regional Facilities Buy-In and Future Water Supply. The Additional Regions are low-density, residential in nature. It is not anticipated that meters larger than 3/4-inch (excluding fire flow requirements) will be installed in these Regions.

⁸ ADDITIONAL REGION	GENERAL DESCRIPTION
3-C	South of Norris Canyon Road (pumped zones)
3-D	South of Norris Canyon Road outside Wiedemann Ranch (pumped zone)

⁹ The Future Water Supply component of the SCC for Region 3C is set by the July 20, 1993 Wiedemann Agreement, indexed to the U.S. City Average of the Consumer Price Index and used by EBMUD to fund conservation programs. The total Future Water Supply component of the SCC for the common areas in Region 3C shall be paid as a condition for the issuance of the first water meter for the common area. The SCC for non-residential services (e.g., common area irrigation) shall be uniquely calculated in accordance with the Wiedemann Agreement.



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3. SCC for Larger Meters

The SCC for service connections with meters larger than 1-1/2 inches shall be determined on a case-by-case basis by the District based on water use information furnished by the applicant and applying the same cost components and criteria as apply to the SCC for smaller meters. (See Section A.3)

4. Separate SCC for Standard Service to Multi-Family Premises

The SCC for water service at multi-family premises shall be as listed below. For purposes of this Schedule J, “multi-family premises” shall mean premises with two or more attached or separate residential dwelling units, rental or owner-occupied, which is determined by the District to be a single premises for receiving water service.

Multi-Family Premises Dollars per Dwelling Unit		
ADDITIONAL REGIONS ¹⁰		
	3-C	3-D
For each Dwelling Unit	\$44,360	\$41,110

The above SCC shall apply regardless of the arrangement of water metering or meter size at the premises; however, the District may limit the size and number of service connections to a combined capacity appropriate to the anticipated water use at the premises. No additional SCC shall be applicable for separate meters installed to provide irrigation for landscaping on the premises for landscape areas up to 5,000 square feet. All other rates and charges shall be based on actual number and size of meters and do not apply to the requirements listed below.

An SCC shall be applicable for separate meters installed to serve landscape areas greater than 5,000 square feet and for other water uses in the vicinity of the multi-family premises, such as irrigation of open space areas, parks, roadway medians, golf courses, community clubhouse and recreational facilities, and areas designated for public use. The SCC shall be based on meter size as provided under B.1 above. If these other water uses are included in the water service connection to the multi-family premises, the District shall, for purposes of determining the applicable SCC, determine the equivalent meter size for these uses based on plumbing code and water industry standards, as if there were a separate service connection.

For an increase or change in water use caused by the creation of an accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory dwelling unit on a premises, installation fees and capacity charges will be imposed only as authorized by Government Code Sections 65852.2 and 65852.22.

¹⁰ Same regions as described in B.1.



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C. LOW-PRESSURE SERVICE

Where a larger meter is installed because of low-pressure conditions, the applicable System Capacity Charge shall be determined on the basis of the size of the meter which would be required for a standard service as determined by the District based on plumbing code and water industry standards. All other rates and charges shall be based on actual meter size.

D. COMBINATION STANDARD AND FIRE SERVICE

Where a meter is installed to provide both standard service and a supply to a private fire protection system, at other than multi-family premises, the applicable System Capacity Charge shall be based on the meter size required for standard service exclusive of the capacity for supplying the fire protection system as determined by the District based on plumbing code, fire protection code and water industry standards. The installation charges shown in Schedule D and all other rates and charges pertaining to the service shall be based on the actual size of the meter that is installed.

E. FIRE SERVICES AND STANDBY SERVICES

For fire services and standby services (additional service connections for security of supply), there shall be no System Capacity Charges.

F. ADDITIONAL WATER USE ON PREMISES RECEIVING SERVICE

The System Capacity Charge applicable to enlargement of an existing service at other than multi-family premises shall be based on the difference in SCC for the new service size and the existing service size.

If additional dwelling units are constructed on premises subsequent to the installation of service and payment of an SCC under B.1, then the SCC applicable to each additional dwelling unit shall be immediately due and payable.

G. CREDIT FOR EXISTING SERVICES

Where one or more new services will replace one or more existing or prior services to a premises where an SCC was paid to initiate the water service, a credit will be given toward the new SCC based on the customer classification, meter size or water use information that was used to calculate the initial SCC payment (see Section A – SCC for Standard Service). For instances where the existing or prior services were installed prior to 1983 and no SCC was paid, the SCC credit for meter sizes under 2" will be based on Sections A.1 and A.2 – SCC for Standard Service. For existing or prior services with meter sizes 2" and greater where no SCC was paid, the annual average of the past ten years of water consumption will be used to determine the SCC credit, but in no instance will the credit be less than that of a 1.5" meter size for the customer classification listed in Sections A.1 and A.2 – SCC for Standard Service. No SCC credit will be given unless prior service to the premises is verified. If the SCC is paid with the service connection to be completed by meter installation at a later date, and existing service(s) are to remain in service until that time, the applicable credit for the existing service(s) will be in the form of a refund when the existing services are removed.



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The SCC credit cannot be applied to a standby meter, fire service meter, or in the case of a combination standard and fire service meter, the portion of the meter oversized for the private fire protection system. Where the initial SCC payment was made under Schedule J Section I – Required Separate Irrigation Meter for Single Family Premises, the SCC credit cannot be applied to the separate irrigation meter without a SCC credit on the residential meter. The SCC credit for an existing service can only be applied to the premises where the existing service is located. “Premises” is defined in Section 1 of the District’s Regulations Governing Water Service.

For a common area meters installed under the July 20, 1993 Wiedemann Agreement, credit toward a new SCC for these meters will be based on the actual SCC payment for each meter installed, not based on the size of the existing meter.

H. TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION SERVICE

A System Capacity Charge paid on a temporary construction service will be refunded if said service is removed within a 1-year period after installation.

I. REQUIRED SEPARATE IRRIGATION METER FOR SINGLE FAMILY PREMISES

If an irrigation meter is required for a single-family premises because the landscape exceeds the threshold for a dedicated irrigation meter in Section 31 of the Regulations, two meters will be installed – one for the indoor and private fire service (if applicable) needs of the building and a separate meter dedicated for irrigation. One single-family premises SCC shall be applicable based on the hydraulic capacity needed to serve the irrigation and indoor needs. The hydraulic capacity of the installed meter or meters will be equal to or exceed the hydraulic of the meter size that was charged in the SCC fee. The installation charges shown in Schedule D and all other rates and charges pertaining to the service(s) based on the actual size of the meter(s) that are installed shall apply.

J. NONPOTABLE WATER SERVICE

1. Nonpotable Water Service Connections (dollars per connection)

METER SIZE (INCHES)	REGION		
	1	2	3
5/8	\$2,500	\$3,400	\$4,680
3/4	4,090	4,860	7,160
1	7,780	8,710	12,750
1-1/2	20,290	24,710	31,420

All SCC for nonpotable water service connections with meters larger than 1-1/2 inches shall be determined by applying the Future Water Supply Component unit charge to the defined



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projected water demand approved by the District. The SCC will not be less than the 1-1/2 inch meter charge from Section J.1 above.

K. DUAL STANDARD SERVICES

An SCC shall be applicable for separate meters installed to provide dual (potable and nonpotable) standard service, based on the meter size(s) for each service.

L. ADJUSTMENT OF SCC FOR WATER-CONSERVING LANDSCAPING ON PUBLICLY OWNED PROPERTY

To further encourage water conservation, the SCC for a water service connection exclusively for irrigation of landscaping on property owned by a public agency may be reduced or not required based on long-term water service needs after an initial planting establishment period of not more than three years (the “initial period”); provided that (1) the landscape plan incorporates drought-tolerant and other low-water-use planting materials on a major part of the landscaped area, and (2) the long-term water need would result in replacement of the initial water meter with a smaller meter or water service would be discontinued and removed at the end of the initial period, as solely determined by the District.

A public agency applying for water service under such conditions shall submit a written request to the District prior to the time of payment of the SCC. The request shall set forth in detail the facts supporting an adjustment of the SCC, shall include information and plans clearly describing the planting materials and irrigation system, and shall include data and calculations clearly demonstrating the estimated initial and long-term water needs.

If the District determines that the SCC can be based on a smaller meter or discontinuation of service after the initial period, the public agency shall enter into a water service agreement which provided for (1) payment of the reduced SCC prior to installation of service; (2) verification of the long-term need at the end of the period; and (3) payment of the additional SCC required if the initial meter is not to be replaced, or the replacement meter is larger than initially determined, or water service is not discontinued and removed. If additional SCC payment is required, it shall be based on the charges in effect at the time of initial SCC payment, and shall be due and payable within 30 days of written notice from the District. The agreement shall be binding upon all subsequent owners of the property and shall be recorded.

Installation charges for the service connection shall be based on the meter size initially installed.

The above-mentioned SCC adjustments do not apply to nonpotable water service accounts.