All About Water Rates

What Your Water Bill Pays For

Water is there for you 24/7. It’s a reliable service we often take for granted. Padre Dam staff work 365 days a year on behalf of our community to keep safe, clean, high quality water flowing. When you pay your water bill you are doing more than just purchasing water. You are investing in projects and programs to meet our community’s needs today and into the future.

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Padre Dam delivers water to elevations up to 2,646 feet. Pumping water to high elevations requires additional infrastructure including pump stations, adding to the operations and maintenance costs of our distribution system. Pumping water also uses a lot of electricity, which affects the cost of providing water.

Our 16 Pump Stations add $20M in infrastructure value to the District.

Large Service Area Per Customer

The size of a service area directly impacts the cost of services. Longer pipelines increase costs due to maintenance, replacements and travel time to cover the service area. Our service area covers 73 square miles for ~23,000 water customers - fewer customers per square foot than neighboring agencies.

Over $700 million of infrastructure supports this large service area - approximately $30,300 per water customer.

Most of Our Revenue is From Rates

Our Service Area does not have much growth to receive development revenue and we do not have a lot of District property available for leasing. Only a small portion of our revenue is received from property taxes. This means the majority of our revenue must come from rates.

Every penny from our customer’s water bills is invested back into providing high quality, reliable water to our customers 365 days a year.
Padre Dam imports 100% of our drinking water supply

The majority of our drinking water travels hundreds of miles from the Sacramento Bay Delta and the Colorado River.

Cost of Imported Water Per Acre Foot

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Padre Dam does not have any local sources of drinking water and must purchase water from the San Diego County Water Authority.

Cost Per Gallon

Tap water, delivered to your home, is the best deal around at approximately a penny and a half a gallon.

A Gallon of:

- Bottle: $2.56
- Bottle: $3.99
- Glass: $7.68
- Coffee: $21.20

Water Infrastructure

Much of our infrastructure was built over 50 years ago. Water pipelines, pumping stations and other infrastructure don’t last forever and must be replaced and maintained to ensure reliable water service. Capital expenses and debt service for these repairs and upgrades account for a significant portion of your monthly bill.