

RICARDO WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION

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Rate/Fee Change Notice

The Ricardo Water Supply Corporation (RWSC) Board of Directors met on December 12, 2023 to adopt a Fiscal Year 2024 Budget. The Board continues to review the USDA debt service requirements on the 12" transmission line and Pump Station #2 elevated storage tank. The water lines along US Hwy77/169 have been moved as required by Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and RWSC added 21 additional customers to the system. Kleberg County obtained grant funds for RWSC to replace a portion of the 14" transmission line on CR 1030. South Texas Water Authority hired ICE Engineering, Inc. to create a Master Plan which includes upgrades, repairs and improvements to the Ricardo system. The Master Plan was necessary in order for RWSC to apply for grants and low interest loans from the Texas Water Development Board State Revolving Fund. The Board and Staff are hopeful that RWSC will be awarded funding which will be available in late 2024.

Taking these items into consideration, the Board decided to increase the monthly minimum for a standard 5/8" meter by \$1.00 per month to cover increases in operations. Water rates will increase by 45¢ per thousand gallons which is a direct increase in the cost of water from South Texas Water Authority. New rates will take effect as of **January 2024** and will be reflected on your **February 2024** bills.

1. The **Monthly Minimum** increases are as follows:

Meter Size	Current Minimum	New Minimum	Increase
5/8"	\$42.00	\$43.00	\$1.00
3/4"	\$63.77	\$65.29	\$1.52
1"	\$89.38	\$91.51	\$2.13
2"	\$106.77	\$109.31	\$2.54
2"/compound	\$213.00	\$218.07	\$5.07

2. The **New Water Rates** are as follows:

Number of Gallons	Current Rate	2024 Rate
0 - 20,000	\$4.55	\$5.00
20,001+	\$4.75	\$5.20

Below is a sample for a 5/8" residential meter using 7,000 gallons in a month.

Charge	Current Bill	New Bill
Monthly Minimum	\$42.00	\$43.00
Gallons Usage	\$31.85	\$35.00
TCEQ Fee (0.5%)	\$0.37	\$0.39
Total	\$74.22	\$78.39

CHANGES WILL BE REFLECTED ON YOUR FEBRUARY 2024 BILL.