



# ARVIN-EDISON WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

November 18, 2024

Dear Landowner/Water User:

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Enclosed are the following for the 2025 Water Year:

- Exhibit A - Notice of Fixing Surface Water Service Area Water Service Charges
- Exhibit B - Schedule of Preliminary 2025 Charges
- Exhibit C - Application of Standby Charges/Credits
- Exhibit D - Annual Application for Water Service

**Notice of Fixing Preliminary Surface Water Service Area Water Charges (Exhibit A)**

On November 12, 2024 the Arvin-Edison Water Storage District Board of Directors (Board) fixed preliminary charges and further provided notice that the final budget and water charges will be approved at the December 10, 2024 Board of Directors' meeting.

**Schedule of Preliminary 2025 Charges and Application of Standby Charges/Credits (Exhibit B & C)**

The Board, following a detailed review of the Preliminary 2025 Water Year Budget, has determined, on a preliminary basis, to increase the average total Water Use Charges (consisting of the Water Use Charge and Energy Charges) for the 2025 Water Year as shown below and on **Exhibit B**. The

Energy Charge on the first pump lift will increase by \$3/AF, all subsequent lifts will increase \$1/AF, and the Water Use Charge will increase by \$6/AF to reflect an overall average increase in Water Use Charges of \$11/AF or approximately 4% increase. The Board has also determined that for an Unrestricted Water Year the Standby Charge will remain at \$100/acre and to allow 100 percent (100%) of the Water Use Charges to be credited towards the Standby Charge for the year. The last column of **Exhibit C** indicates how much water (AF/AC) must be delivered to completely eliminate the Standby Charge based on pumping lifts, and ranges from 0.27 AF/AC to 0.43 AF/AC. For water users who take delivery of at least these amounts, the additional cost of the Standby Charge will effectively be zero.

If the 2025-2026 Water Year is Drought Year (or has a Prorate Period) the non-refundable Standby Charge amount fixed for the "Standby" charge shall be based on a sliding scale from \$7 to \$105 per each contract acre.

More specifically, the Water Use Charge would increase from \$159/AF to \$165/AF, the Energy Charge for the 1st lift will increase from \$63/AF to \$66/AF, and the Energy Charge for each additional lift(s) 2 through 6 will increase to \$28/AF/lift. A summary of the Preliminary Charges for 2025 as compared to charges for 2024 is as follows:

	<b><u>2025 Preliminary</u></b>	<b><u>2024 Approved</u></b>
Standby Charge (\$/AC) Unrestricted	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Standby Charge (\$/AC) Drought Year	\$ 7 to \$105	\$ 8 to \$98
Water Use Charge (\$/AF)	\$ 165.00	\$ 159.00
Energy Charge Lift 1 (\$/AF/lift)	\$ 66.00	\$ 63.00
Energy Charge Lift(s) 2-6 (\$/AF/lift)	\$ 28.00	\$ 27.00
*GA & GP Service (\$/AC)	\$ 155.57	\$ 155.57

\*Final to be determined in May 2025. Collected by Kern County April '25- \$155.57; December '25- \$155.57

Also note, although not finalized at this time, the Preliminary 2025 Budget does **not** include an increase in GA & GP Service Charges. A final determination of any increase in the GA & GP Service Charges will likely occur in May 2025, if approved by the Board.

**Annual Application for Water Service (Exhibit D)**

The Annual Application must be **fully completed** and signed by the Landowner or Operating Agent (if such agent has been appointed) and **returned to the District on or before January 31, 2025.** This Annual Application is for the 2025 Water Year beginning March 1, 2025 and ending February 28, 2026. Division IV, Section 1, of the Arvin-Edison Water Storage District's "Rules and Regulations for Distribution of Water" (Rules), contains detailed information regarding the Annual Application for Water Service. If the land is leased and/or someone other than the legal owner is authorized to file the Annual Application for Water Service, and perform such other functions of an Operating Agent as are set forth in Division 111, Section 2b, of the Rules, please contact the District office and the appropriate forms for appointing an Operating Agent can be forwarded to you. **It is emphasized that if an Operating Agent has already been appointed, the appointment remains in effect until superseded or revoked.**

In addition, pursuant to Division III, Section 2e, of the Rules, the Board is further considering application of Tiered Water Pricing that may be implemented in 2025. Notice regarding Tiered pricing may not be given until after March 1, 2025 when the first water supply declaration is anticipated by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact us.

Sincerely,



David A. Nixon  
Deputy General Manager

Enclosures

cc: Board of Directors  
Joseph Hughes, Esq.  
Jeevan Muhar, Engineer-Manager  
Watermaster(s)  
Millie Kovacevich, Accounts Receivable  
Grant Neumann, Land Clerk

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**EXHIBIT A**  
**ARVIN-EDISON WATER STORAGE DISTRICT**

**NOTICE OF FIXING SURFACE WATER SERVICE AREA  
WATER SERVICE CHARGES FOR THE 2025-2026 WATER YEAR;  
CONSISTING OF A "STANDBY" CHARGE AND A "WATER USE" CHARGE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by Resolution No. 24-27, adopted November 12, 2024 by the Board of Directors has fixed the following preliminary charges affecting Water Service to lands in the Surface Water Service Area entitled thereto pursuant to an Agricultural Water User Contract with the District, namely:

- (a) For an Unrestricted Year a preliminary total "Standby" charge/credit for the 2025-2026 Water Year of \$100 per acre under contract pursuant to the Water User Contracts; and
- (c) For a drought year, the amount fixed for the "Standby" charge for the 2025-2026 Water Year shall be based on a sliding scale from \$7 to \$105 per each contract acre; and
- (c) A preliminary total "Water Use" charge for the 2025-2026 Water Year of \$165 per acre-foot, plus an "Energy" charge of \$66 per acre-foot for the 1<sup>st</sup> lift and \$28 per acre-foot for each additional pumping lift, of water used under conditions of Water Service as set forth in the Water User Contracts; and

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the meeting of the Board of Directors to be held at 12:00 p.m. on December 10, 2024 at the District office, 20401 East Bear Mountain Boulevard, Arvin, California, is the time and place the Board will adopt said charges as proposed or as modified and order that said charges be payable and be collected upon the terms and conditions and under conditions of Water Service set forth in said Water User Contracts, and the District's "Rules and Regulations for Distribution of Water," and order that delinquent charges and penalties shall constitute a lien upon the land as provided in said Water User Contracts, and the District's "Rules and Regulations for Distribution of Water."

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of said Resolution No. 24-27 and the District's "Rules and Regulations for Distribution of Water," is available at the District office upon request.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that questions regarding this matter may be directed to the District at P.O. Box 175, Arvin, California, 93203-0175, or by telephone at (661) 854-5573.

Dated: November 12, 2024

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
ARVIN-EDISON WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Dennis B. Johnston, Secretary-Treasurer  
of the Board of Directors



**EXHIBIT B**  
ARVIN-EDISON WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

**PRELIMINARY WATER YEAR 2025 CHARGES**

Unrestricted Allocation

<b>Standby - \$/ac</b>		\$100.00	
<b>Water Use - \$/AF</b>			
<u># Lifts</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Energy</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	\$165.00	\$66.00	\$231.00
2	\$165.00	\$94.00	\$259.00
3	\$165.00	\$122.00	\$287.00
4	\$165.00	\$150.00	\$315.00
5	\$165.00	\$178.00	\$343.00
6	\$165.00	\$206.00	\$371.00
<b>In Lieu Charges - \$/AF</b>			
	5(a) Water Use	\$	231.00
	6(b) O,M&R	\$	38.08
<b>Miscellaneous Water</b>			
Cattle Water		\$110/mo.	
Construction Water		\$375/day	
Construction Water \$/AF (turnout with meter)		\$1,000	
<b>General Admin &amp; General Project Service Charge</b>			
GA		\$3.48/Acre	
GA/GP		\$155.57/Acre	
Ranchettes		\$110.63/Acre	
Sub Acre		\$31.70/parcel	

Drought Year (Prorate Period)

<b>*Standby - \$/ac</b>		\$7 to \$105 varies on 1.7 AF/AC to 1.0 AF/AC	
<b>Water Use - \$/AF</b>			
<u># Lifts</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Energy</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	\$165.00	\$66.00	\$231.00
2	\$165.00	\$94.00	\$259.00
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5	\$165.00	\$178.00	\$343.00
6	\$165.00	\$206.00	\$371.00
<b>In Lieu Charges - \$/AF</b>			
	5(a) Water Use	\$	231.00
	6(b) O,M&R	\$	38.08
<b>Miscellaneous Water</b>			
Not available during prorate perio			
<b>General Admin &amp; General Project Service Charge</b>			
GA		\$3.48/Acre	
GA/GP		\$155.57/Acre	
Ranchettes		\$110.63/Acre	
Sub Acre		\$31.70/parcel	

*Prorate Period Range (AF/AC)								
AF/AC	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0
\$/AC	\$ 7	\$ 20	\$ 33	\$ 46	\$ 60	\$ 73	\$ 86	\$ 105

**EXHIBIT C**  
**ARVIN-EDISON WATER STORAGE DISTRICT**  
**APPLICATION OF STANDBY CHARGES/CREDITS**

<b>PROPOSED 2025 WATER SERVICE COSTS</b>								
# Lifts	% Water	AF Basis	Cumulative	\$/AF			Standby Credits	
				Water	Energy	Total	\$/AC	AF/AC
1	18.5%	22,231	120,000	\$165.00	\$66.00	\$231.00	\$100	0.43
2	31.9%	38,291	97,769	\$165.00	\$94.00	\$259.00	\$100	0.39
3	25.4%	30,435	59,479	\$165.00	\$122.00	\$287.00	\$100	0.35
4	16.0%	19,179	29,043	\$165.00	\$150.00	\$315.00	\$100	0.32
5	5.9%	7,067	9,864	\$165.00	\$178.00	\$343.00	\$100	0.29
6	2.3%	2,798	2,798	\$165.00	\$206.00	\$371.00	\$100	0.27
	100.0%	120,000						

*Prorate Period Range (AF/AC)								
<b>AF/AC</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>\$/AC</b>	<b>\$7</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>\$33</b>	<b>\$46</b>	<b>\$60</b>	<b>\$73</b>	<b>\$86</b>	<b>\$105</b>

Note:

The last column indicates the equivalent water use so that the remaining Standby Charge is effectively zero (under Unrestricted Use assumption).

Standby column does NOT reflect Prorate Period charge assumptions.

\* A Non-Refundable Standby Charge will be assessed if the Board approves a Drought Year (Prorate).