



BELLA VISTA WATER DISTRICT

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FACT SHEET - CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT IMPROVEMENT ACT RESTORATION CHARGE

Each customer of the District, who is charged a residential, commercial, or rural water rate pays a Central Valley Project Improvement Act Restoration fee (shown as “CVP act Surcharge” on your bill). This fee was authorized by Section 3407 of Title XXXIV of the Act of October 30, 1992, otherwise known as the Central Valley Project Improvement Act. The Act requires that the Central Valley Project (CVP) water and power customers make payments to the federal government for mitigation and restoration of fish and wildlife. The payments are to be allocated so as not to exceed \$12.00 per acre foot (October 1992 price levels) for municipal and industrial water sold and delivered by the CVP. The Act further allows the above prices to be adjusted for inflation. Each year on or about July the District is given the new rates which begin on October 1 of that year. (Customer water bills will reflect this increase for inflation with the first billing after September 30 of each year.)

Because the District sells more water than it purchases from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), the fee to the customer is adjusted downward. The intent is to bill an amount sufficient to just offset this cost from Reclamation. We supplement CVP water with well water and water purchased from other sources.) The fund created by payment of this fee is used by the Secretary of the Interior to carry out habitat restoration, improvements and acquisitions to mitigate fish and wildlife impacts from the CVP.

The CVP Improvement Fee surcharge is presently \$0.023 per 100 cubic feet for commercial, residential, and rural customers. District customers who qualify for agricultural water service are currently exempt from this charge. This exemption is reviewed periodically by Reclamation.