



Grand Water & Sewer Service Agency

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Grand Water & Sewer Service Agency Water Rate Adjustment Information 2024

Water is a vital resource and our most essential service.

Grand Water & Sewer Service Agency (GWSSA) conducts regular reviews of its water operating budget. The current water rates are not sufficient to cover its future operating expenses. While GWSSA strives for cost efficiency; system growth, operating, repair, and maintenance expenses have increased necessitating a reconsideration of existing water utility rates. The proposal coming before the GWSSA Board of directors is to increase the base rate by 8% for all customers in 2024. Usage tiers 1-3 would see a 25% increase in 2024 only. Usage tiers 4-6 would have increases over the current rate of 35% in 2024, 45% in 2025, and 60% over the current rate at some point between 2026-2028. GWSSA operates on utility fees and cannot profit on the rates but is required to cover all operation costs and debt services as well as create reserve fund accounts for major expenses. Revenues must remain sufficient to sustain GWSSA water services, our most essential service, in a financially responsible manner.

GWSSA desires to build a strong financial foundation to prepare for the future challenges to provide services. Costs are scrutinized at GWSSA, and steps are taken to ensure efficient operations. A careful review and analysis have been conducted of projected revenues and adjusted rates have been calculated to mitigate the impact to residents while balancing the need for well-managed services. By implementing this plan, GWSSA can maintain a positive fund balance and ensure efficient operations for years to come.

Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) has worked diligently alongside GWSSA to complete a third-party review of the rates and GWSSA needs for sustainability. The proposed rate recommendation comes after careful evaluation of several scenarios with the best interests of GWSSA and its customers in mind.

Options were carefully narrowed down to three scenarios.

Scenario 1: NO change to existing rates- This option quickly proved that it was not an option at all with 2024 falling short of covering expenses and setting aside required reserve funds by \$280,184.00

Scenario 2 (PROPOSED FOR ADOPTION)- 8% base increase in 2024 for all customer classes. Usage tiers 1-3 ~25% increase in 2024 only. Usage tiers 4-6 ~35% (2024) ~45% (2025) ~60% (2026-2028). *Percentages are over current rates not compounding.*

Scenario 3 – Base rate increase of 48% across all use classes with no adjustment to the usage tiers.

Current and proposed water fee Schedules are attached below.

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GWSSA Fee Schedule

CURRENT RATES

Culinary Water Monthly Base Rates	
Residential Base Rate	\$21.75/month
San Juan Residential Base Rate	\$22.75/month
2 on 1 Residential Base Rate	\$43.50/month
3 on 1 Residential Base Rate	\$62.25/month
Commercial Base Rate 5/8" meter	\$26.75/month
Commercial/MDU Base Rate 1" meter	\$67.00/month
Commercial/MDU Base Rate 1.5" meter	\$133.75/month
Commercial/MDU Base Rate 2" meter	\$214.00/month
Commercial/MDU Base Rate 3" meter	\$428.00/month
Commercial/MDU Base Rate 4" meter	\$669.00/month
ADU Base Rate	\$10.25/month per ADU
Culinary Water Monthly Usage Rates	
Residential and Commercial	\$0.60/1,000 gallons from 0-6,000
	\$1.40/1,000 gallons from 6,001-10,000
	\$1.80/1,000 gallons from 10,001-20,000
	\$2.20/1,000 gallons from 20,001-30,000
	\$2.75/1,000 gallons from 30,000-50,000
2 on 1 residential	\$5.00/1,000 gallons from 50,001-and up
	\$0.60/1,000 gallons from 0-12,000
	\$1.40/1,000 gallons from 12,001-20,000
	\$1.80/1,000 gallons from 20,001-40,000
	\$2.20/1,000 gallons from 40,001-60,000
3 on 1 residential	\$2.75/1,000 gallons from 60,000-100,000
	\$5.00/1,000 gallons from 100,001-and up
	\$0.60/1,000 gallons from 0-18,000
	\$1.40/1,000 gallons from 18,001-30,000
	\$1.80/1,000 gallons from 30,001-60,000
Residential plus ADU	\$2.20/1,000 gallons from 60,001-90,000
	\$2.75/1,000 gallons from 90,000-150,000
	\$5.00/1,000 gallons from 150,001-and up
	\$0.60/1,000 gallons from 0-10,000
	\$1.40/1,000 gallons from 10,001-14,000
Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) 1" meter	\$1.80/1,000 gallons from 14,001-24,000
	\$2.20/1,000 gallons from 24,001-34,000
	\$2.75/1,000 gallons from 34,000-54,000
	\$5.00/1,000 gallons from 54,001-and up
	\$0.60/1,000 gallons from 0-10,000
	\$1.40/1,000 gallons from 10,001-20,000



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CURRENT RATES

	\$5.00/1,000 gallons from 20,001-and up
Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) 1.5" meter	\$0.60/1,000 gallons from 0-20,000
	\$1.40/1,000 gallons from 20,001-40,000
	\$5.00/1,000 gallons from 40,001-and up
Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) 2" meter	\$0.60/1,000 gallons from 0-30,000
	\$1.40/1,000 gallons from 30,001-60,000
	\$5.00/1,000 gallons from 60,001-and up
Stationary Hydrant	\$10.00/1,000 gallons
Sewer Monthly Base Rates	
Residential	\$30.50/month
2 on 1 Residential	\$61.00/month
3 on 1 Residential	\$91.50/month
ADU Base Rate	\$30.50/month per ADU
Trailer Court	\$30.50/unit per month
Small Commercial - 1 ERC	\$38.00/month
Medium Commercial - 2-5 ERC	\$38.00/month plus \$13.30/ERC/month
Large Commercial – 5-10 ERC	\$54.00/month plus \$13.30/ERC/month
XL Commercial – 11+ ERC	\$108.00/month plus \$13.30/ERC/month
Overnight Accommodations 1 bedroom or studio	\$38.00/month
Overnight Accommodations 2+ bedrooms	\$45.00/month
MDU Sewer Base Rates	1" \$76.25/month
	1.5" \$152.50/month
	2" \$244.00/month
MDU Overnight Sewer Monthly Base Rates	1" \$115.00/month
	1.5" \$230.00/month
	2" \$368.00/month
All Others	By Study
Residential Secondary Irrigation (RSI)	
RSI Monthly Base Rate	\$12.30/month
RSI Monthly Usage Rates	\$0.50/1,000 gallons from 0-50,000 gallons
	\$0.80/1,000 gallons from 50,001-100,000 gallons
	\$1.50/1,000 gallons from 100,001 gallons and up
Irrigation Water Rates	
Irrigation Annual Meter Fee	\$25.00/year/meter
Irrigation Yearly Water Rates	0-4.9 AF \$50.16 /AF Minimum Bill \$143.33
	5-14.9 AF \$44.08/AF
	15-24.9 AF \$41.00/AF
	25-49.9 AF \$39.62/AF
	50-124.9 AF \$31.75/AF
	125 + AF \$29.77/AF
	Overuse / AF \$144.49/AF
Irrigation Pumping Surcharge – See Resolution 2012-11-8	



Scenario 2 - ~8% base increase in 2024 for all customer classes. Usage tiers 1-3 ~25% increase in 2024 only. Usage tiers 4-6 ~35% (2024) ~45% (2025) ~60% (2026-2028) increase over 2023 rate. *Rounded to nearest \$0.05

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PROPOSED

Culinary Water Monthly Base Rates	
Residential Base Rate	\$21.75 \$23.50/month
San Juan Residential Base Rate	\$22.75 \$24.60/month
2 on 1 Residential Base Rate	\$43.50 \$47.00/month
3 on 1 Residential Base Rate	\$62.25 \$67.25/month
Commercial Base Rate 5/8" meter	\$26.75 \$28.90/month
Commercial/MDU Base Rate 1" meter	\$67.00 \$72.40/month
Commercial/MDU Base Rate 1.5" meter	\$133.75 \$144.45/month
Commercial/MDU Base Rate 2" meter	\$214.00 \$231.15/month
Commercial/MDU Base Rate 3" meter	\$428.00 \$462.25/month
Commercial/MDU Base Rate 4" meter	\$669.00 \$722.25/month
ADU Base Rate	\$10.25 \$11.10/month per ADU
Culinary Water Monthly Usage Rates	
Residential and Commercial	\$0.60 \$0.75/1,000 gallons from 0-6,000
	\$1.40 \$1.75/1,000 gallons from 6,001-10,000
	\$1.80 \$2.25/1,000 gallons from 10,001-20,000
	\$2.20 \$3.00 (2024) \$3.20 (2025) \$3.50 (2026-2028)/1,000 gallons from 20,001-30,000
	\$2.75 \$3.70 (2024) \$4.00 (2025) \$4.40 (2026-2028)/1,000 gallons from 30,000-50,000
2 on 1 residential	\$5.00 \$6.75 (2024) \$7.25 (2025) \$8.00 (2026-2028)/1,000 gallons from 50,001-and up
	\$0.60 \$0.75/1,000 gallons from 0-12,000
	\$1.40 \$1.75/1,000 gallons from 12,001-20,000
	\$1.80 \$2.25/1,000 gallons from 20,001-40,000
	\$2.20 \$3.00 (2024) \$3.20 (2025) \$3.50 (2026-2028)/1,000 gallons from 40,001-60,000
3 on 1 residential	\$2.75 \$3.70 (2024) \$4.00 (2025) \$4.40 (2026-2028)/1,000 gallons from 60,000-100,000
	\$5.00 \$6.75 (2024) \$7.25 (2025) \$8.00 (2026-2028)/1,000 gallons from 100,001-and up
	\$0.60 \$0.75/1,000 gallons from 0-18,000
	\$1.40 \$1.75/1,000 gallons from 18,001-30,000
	\$1.80 \$2.25/1,000 gallons from 30,001-60,000
Residential plus ADU	\$2.20 \$3.00 (2024) \$3.20 (2025) \$3.50 (2026-2028)/1,000 gallons from 60,001-90,000
	\$2.75 \$3.70 (2024) \$4.00 (2025) \$4.40 (2026-2028)/1,000 gallons from 90,000-150,000
	\$5.00 \$6.75 (2024) \$7.25 (2025) \$8.00 (2026-2028)/1,000 gallons from 150,001-and up
	\$0.60 \$0.75/1,000 gallons from 0-10,000
	\$1.40 \$1.75/1,000 gallons from 10,001-14,000
Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) 1" meter	\$1.80 \$2.25/1,000 gallons from 14,001-24,000
	\$2.20 \$3.00 (2024) \$3.20 (2025) \$3.50 (2026-2028)/1,000 gallons from 24,001-34,000
	\$2.75 \$3.70 (2024) \$4.00 (2025) \$4.40 (2026-2028) /1,000 gallons from 34,000-54,000
	\$5.00 \$6.75 (2024) \$7.25 (2025) \$8.00 (2026-2028)/1,000 gallons from 54,001-and up
	\$0.60 \$0.75/1,000 gallons from 0-10,000
	\$1.40 \$1.75/1,000 gallons from 10,001-20,000



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	\$5.00 \$6.75 (2024) \$7.25 (2025) \$8.00 (2026-2028)/1,000 gallons from 20,001-and up
Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) 1.5" meter	\$0.60 \$0.75/1,000 gallons from 0-20,000
	\$1.40 \$1.75/1,000 gallons from 20,001-40,000
	\$5.00 \$6.75 (2024) \$7.25 (2025) \$8.00 (2026-2028)/1,000 gallons from 40,001-and up
Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) 2" meter	\$0.60 \$0.75/1,000 gallons from 0-30,000
	\$1.40 \$1.75/1,000 gallons from 30,001-60,000
	\$5.00 \$6.75 (2024) \$7.25 (2025) \$8.00 (2026-2028)/1,000 gallons from 60,001-and up
Stationary Hydrant	\$10.00 \$12.50/1,000 gallons
Sewer Monthly Base Rates	
Residential	\$30.50/month
2 on 1 Residential	\$61.00/month
3 on 1 Residential	\$91.50/month
ADU Base Rate	\$30.50/month per ADU
Trailer Court	\$30.50/unit per month
Small Commercial - 1 ERC	\$38.00/month
Medium Commercial - 2-5 ERC	\$38.00/month plus \$13.30/ERC/month
Large Commercial – 5-10 ERC	\$54.00/month plus \$13.30/ERC/month
XL Commercial – 11+ ERC	\$108.00/month plus \$13.30/ERC/month
Overnight Accommodations 1 bedroom or studio	\$38.00/month
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All Others	By Study
Residential Secondary Irrigation (RSI)	
RSI Monthly Base Rate	\$12.30/month
RSI Monthly Usage Rates	\$0.50/1,000 gallons from 0-50,000 gallons
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Irrigation Water Rates	
Irrigation Annual Meter Fee	\$25.00/year/meter
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Scenario 3 - Base increase only to 48% of theoretical (fixed) costs to residential class and commercial/MDU and SJ, 2 on 1, 3 on 1 and commercial 5/8 customers increase based on the current relationship to the residential class.

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3 on 1 Residential Base Rate	\$62.25 \$99.06/month
Commercial Base Rate 5/8" meter	\$26.75 \$48.53/month
Commercial/MDU Base Rate 1" meter	\$67.00 \$82.54/month
Commercial/MDU Base Rate 1.5" meter	\$133.75 \$165.08/month
Commercial/MDU Base Rate 2" meter	\$214.00 \$264.13/month
Commercial/MDU Base Rate 3" meter	\$428.00 \$528.25/month
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