



Recycled Water Analysis and Other System Wide Rate Structure Issues

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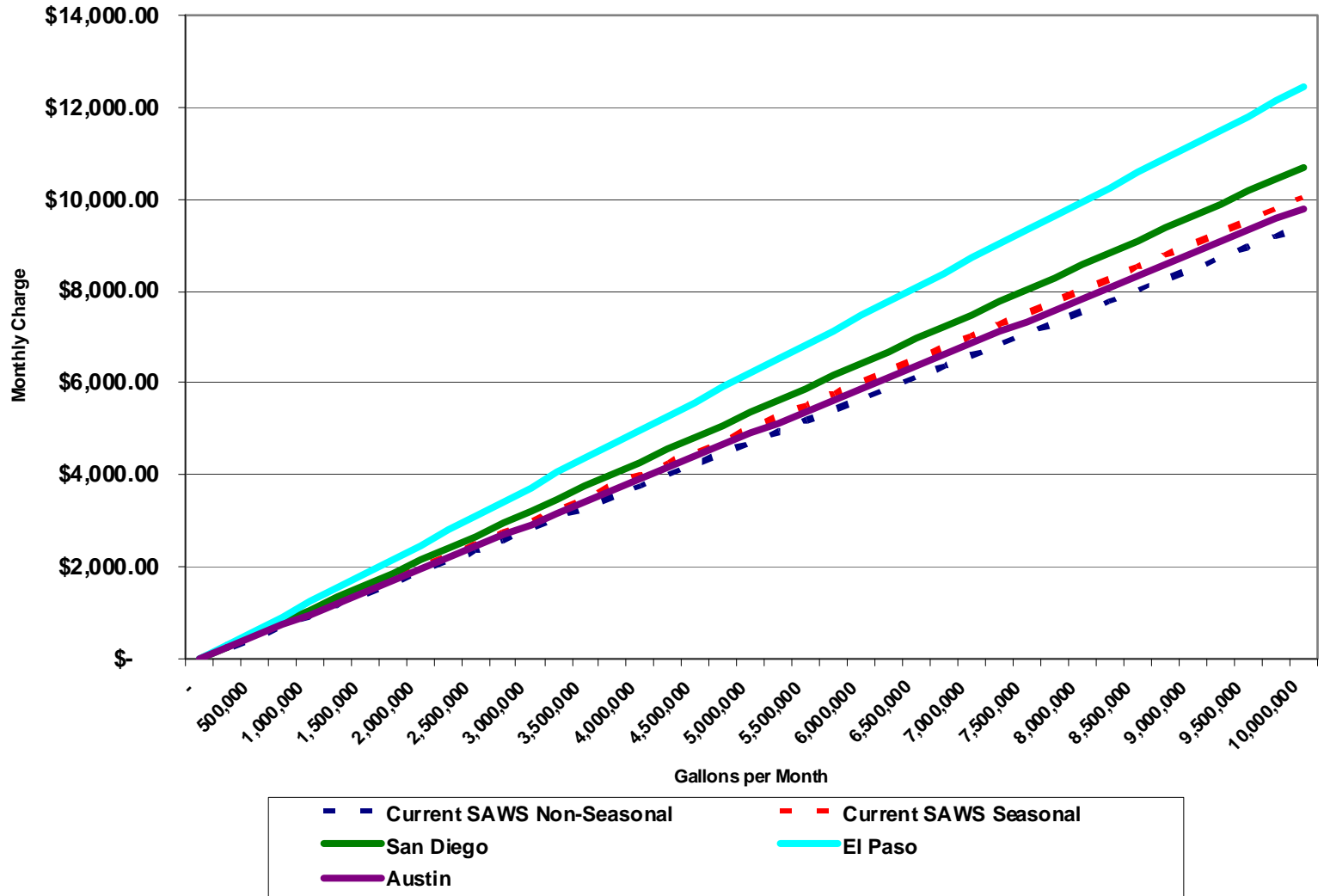


Recycled Water Rates

Current Recycled Water Rate Structure and Rates

Service Availability Fee		Volumetric Rates		
<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<i>Edwards Exchange Customers</i>		
5/8"	\$8.74	<u>Rate Category</u>	<u>Standard</u>	<u>Seasonal</u>
3/4"	\$11.37	Transferred Amount	\$0.0230	\$0.0230
1"	\$14.81	All Excess	\$0.0863	\$0.0917
1 1/2"	\$23.55	<i>Non-Edwards Exchange Customers</i>		
2"	\$34.44	<u>Rate Tier</u>	<u>Standard</u>	<u>Seasonal</u>
3"	\$91.60	Tier 1 - First 748,000 gal	\$0.0924	\$0.0992
4"	\$136.14	Tier 2 - Above 748,000 gal	\$0.0943	\$0.1002
6"	\$259.71			
8"	\$391.47			
10"	\$536.79			
12"	\$662.31			

Monthly Recycled Water Charges Comparison (under Existing Rates)



Water Resource Costs

Comparison of Water Resource Capital Costs

	Capital \$	Capacity (Ac.Ft.)	Capital \$/Ac.Ft.
Recycled Water	\$ 134,829,275	35,000	\$ 3,852
Edwards Acquisitions⁽¹⁾	\$ 402,418,645	60,000	\$ 6,707
Brackish Groundwater Desal⁽²⁾	\$ 216,203,715	11,800	\$ 18,322
Additional Recharge	\$ 141,568,199	13,451	\$ 10,525
Ocean Water Desal	\$ 3,288,752,697	120,000	\$ 27,406

(1) Cost includes \$5,250 /acft purchase cost plus additional capital infrastructure costs.

(2) Includes 50% of the costs of the Integration Pipeline



Annual Costs

Comparison of Water Resource Annual Costs

	Total Annual Cost/Ac.Ft.
Recycled Water	\$ 447
Edwards Acquisitions	\$ 283
Brackish Groundwater Desal	\$ 2,140
Additional Recharge	\$ 839
Ocean Water Desal	\$ 3,168

Source: Water Supply Master Plan presentation



Recommendation

- Leave recycled rate structure unchanged
- Tie future rate increases to overall Water Delivery/Water Supply increases



Other System-wide Rate Structure Issues



Lift Station Maintenance Fee

Issue: Is current Lift Station Maintenance Fee fair and equitable?

Assessment: Current Lift Station Maintenance Fee based on the present value of costs associated with O&M of stations over a 10 year period.

Conclusion: Fee calculation methodology is appropriate and results in a fair fee.

Private Fire Protection Fees

Meter Size	Existing Rate (Inside-City)	Calculated Rate (Inside-City)	Existing Differentials	Proposed Differentials	Number of Private Fire Protection Accounts (includes Outside-City)
1"	\$ 250.00	\$ 77.50	1.00	1.00	18
1 1/2"	\$ 250.00	\$ 77.50	1.00	1.00	21
2"	\$ 250.00	\$ 77.50	1.00	1.00	16
4"	\$ 250.00	\$ 77.50	1.00	1.00	238
6"	\$ 345.00	\$ 225.20	1.38	2.91	1,631
8"	\$ 420.00	\$ 479.80	1.68	6.19	1,690
10"	\$ 485.00	\$ 862.80	1.94	11.13	59
12"	\$ 580.00	\$ 1,393.60	2.32	17.98	149
14"	\$ 580.00	\$ 2,090.30	2.32	26.97	1
					3,823

- Proposed differentials are based on flow estimates provided in AWWA M1 Manual
- Customers with meters between 1" and 4" are assessed the same charge
- Outside-City rates will continue to be 30% higher than Inside-City rates
- Recovers same amount of revenues, but rate structure is based on AWWA meter ratios
- Annual increases in private fire protection fees could be tied to increases in Water Delivery/Water Supply rates to combat inflation



Edwards Recharge

Issue: Should special wastewater charge be developed for customers located within the Edwards Recharge Zone?

Implications: Customers within Edwards Recharge Zone boundary would pay more than their neighbors outside the boundary.

Assessment: Numerous geographically based cost of service differences exist (elevation, distance, etc.).

Conclusion: Industry standards do not support the splitting up of retail rates to recognize relatively small geographically based cost of service differences that are difficult to quantify.