

Grizzly Flats CSD Newsletter

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The mission of the Grizzly Flats Community Services District is to maintain the highest ethical standards for its Board members and employees while providing quality water in a fiscally responsible manner for the community of Grizzly Flats.

Scheduled Base Rate Increase Reminder

As a reminder, customers will see their water rate change on statements dated August 31, 2026 with the basic rate increasing to **\$91.52**. District staff and the Board of Directors evaluated the prior year’s revenue and expenses in July 2026 to verify that the scheduled base rate increase was needed to continue to operate in a fiscally responsible manner.

The volumetric charge was scheduled to increase as well, but the Board of Directors voted to keep it at the current rate of **\$3.87/hcf**.

The table below shows the 5-Year Plan for water service charges which was adopted in 2024:

	Prior to 2024	Approved Water Rates (by Fiscal Year)				
		2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Basic Rate (per month)	\$68.97	\$87.53	\$89.42	\$91.52	\$94.27	\$97.11
Scheduled Volumetric Rate (per hcf)*	\$1.20	\$3.87	\$3.97	\$4.07	\$4.21	\$4.35
Actual Volumetric Rate (per hcf)*	\$1.20	\$3.87	\$3.87	\$3.87		

*hcf = One hundred cubic foot = 748 gallons.

The rate structure includes two rate components: (i) a monthly basic rate for all customers within the District’s service boundaries that have a meter installed and (ii) a volumetric charge based on the volume of water actually consumed by the customer. This rate change was approved in 2024 during the Proposition 218 process. The Cost of Services Study, Prop 218 Notice, and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) can be found on our website, under the “Customer Info” tab.

Caldor Fire Recovery Progress

It has been close to five years since the Caldor fire forever altered our landscape and our community. More than 400 homes burned down along with cherished memories and keepsakes, many residents suffered negative health impacts from the shock and stress, children were separated from their classmates and friends, and close relationships were divided by survivor’s guilt or forced relocation.

The road to recovery has not been easy, but we have seen significant progress and would like to take a moment to highlight some of the positive accomplishments that have been made over the past few years here in the District.

Caldor Fire FEMA Projects - Funding Obligated

\$6,450.00 - Clearwell Tank: Tank repairs were made where flying embers from the wildfire caused multiple pinholes and water leaks in 200,000-gallon water tank. (8/18/21-8/24/21)

\$348,860.41 - Emergency Protective Measures & Temporary Repairs: Reimbursing costs for emergency power, repairs, materials, equipment, and water quality testing. (8/17/21-12/31/21)

\$178,435.94 - Emergency Protective Measures: Provided temporary water supply repairs (meters, supply lines, diversions, potability testing) to lessen or eliminate immediate threats to lives, public health and safety, and improved property through force account material and contracts. (1/1/22-10/31/22)

\$33,600.00 - Temporary Road Access: Provided emergency access to repair Big Canyon Water Diversion via construction of a temporary dirt road. (10/8/21-10/18/21)

\$199,160.00 - HDPE Reservoir: Repair to sections of the HDPE membrane system where flying embers and high heat damaged the Grizzly Flats Reservoir liner. (4/1/23-9/23/24)

\$367,082.00 - Fire Hydrants: Replace 82 fire hydrants damaged during the fire. This project is being revised to include isolation valves and thrust blocks per current codes and standards. The overall cost will increase.

\$23,777.58 - Miscellaneous Facility Damages: Glass Post Office display case, material containment area, box to overflow, access point locks, and security camera replacement.

\$152,264.89 - Miscellaneous Utility Damages: Forest View, Grizzly Pond, water quality sample stations, stream gages, Old Mine pressure reducing valve, and fire hydrant flow meter.

\$27,627.90 - Distribution Lines: Various leaks identified after the fire within the distribution system.

\$63,298.45 - Management Costs: Administrative reimbursement for meetings and time spent working with FEMA and Cal OES.

Caldor Fire FEMA Projects - Pending Funding Obligation

\$3,739,162.75 - Tanks & Booster Facilities: Consolidate lost storage from Tyler and Winding Way tanks into one 285,000-gallon welded steel tank located at the main district property, and installation of a new booster station.

\$2,870,019.12 - Water Lines & Meters: Water meters and their components were damaged by heat during the fire. Damaged parts included brass nipples, curb stops, water meters, meter tails, gate valves, service lines, meter boxes, and lids.

\$133,098.29 - Metering & Diversion Station: Work to replace the surface water metering diversion station within a concrete vault to include piping, valves, a strainer, and a flow meter.

Post-Fire Work Orders

78 - Fire Flow Letter Requests - Used to calculate sprinkler system hydraulics for new homes

296 - Miscellaneous - Debris clearance, meter marking, replacing meter box, etc.

132 - New Meter Installations - Replacing damaged equipment

283 - Transfers of Ownership - New customers

200 - Water Leaks - Investigations and repairs

Non-Fire Related Grant Projects

\$998,250 - United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Eagle Ditch Tree Felling Project

- Tree survey, marking, and felling work
- Pipeline repairs and cleanout installations
- New equipment - Case TV450B compact loader

\$2,530,000 - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Clearwell and Water Treatment Plant Improvements

- 235,000-gallon welded steel clearwell tank
- Two new Trident water treatment modules

\$155,500 - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Reservoir Rehabilitation Project

- Debris Survey
- Debris Removal and Inspection