



WATER AVAILABILITY FEE TARIFF

APPLICABLE TO:

- Global Water – Santa Cruz Water Company, Inc. (“GW-Santa Cruz” or “Company”)

The Water Availability Fee applies to all new metered service connections established after the effective date of this tariff, except applicants who already have a commitment letter for water service (see Condition 2 below) or a recorded plat for the applicant’s development or property in which the meter will be located. The Water Availability Fee is a one-time charge per metered service connection located in the two water systems in and around Maricopa, AZ, PWSIDs AZ04-11-131 and AZ04-11-575 (“Water Availability Fee Area”). This fee is an addition to all other Commission approved tariffs, including, but not limited to, the Offsite Hook-up Fee, Service Line and Meter Installation Charges and the Sustainable Water Surcharge.

PURPOSE:

The State of Arizona’s assured water supply (“AWS”) program sustains the State's economic health by preserving groundwater resources and promoting long-term water supply planning. It does this by ensuring that all subdivisions have a 100-year supply before they can be platted. GW-Santa Cruz has obtained a designation of assured water supply (“DAWS”) from the Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”) for the Water Availability Fee Area. This Water Availability Fee Tariff provides the method by which GW-Santa Cruz will collect from applicants for service the costs of obtaining and providing water supplies for those applicants’ developments or properties in the Water Availability Fee Area.

WATER AVAILABILITY FEE:

Applicants for service in the Water Availability Fee Area will pay a Water Availability Fee for each metered service connection.¹ GW-Santa Cruz will calculate the Water Availability Fee an applicant must pay for each metered service connection by multiplying the water demand in number of acre-feet (“AF”) of water per year that will be delivered to the applicant’s development or property through each metered service connection multiplied by the per AF cost of water multiplied by 100 (the number of years required for an AWS to be available). For all 1-inch or smaller meters, the assumed water demand GW-Santa Cruz will use to calculate the Water Availability Fee is 0.264 AF per year. For all meters larger than 1-inch, the water demand used to calculate the Water

¹ The Company has discretion to provide service and charge the Water Availability Fee contingent upon water availability. Approval or extension of a DAWS falls under the exclusive jurisdiction of ADWR.



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Availability Fee will be the actual demand in AF per year as determined mutually by the applicant's and GW-Santa Cruz's representatives. In the event of a dispute between the applicant's and GW-Santa Cruz's representatives regarding actual demand in AF or the number and size of meters required to serve a property or development, GW-Santa Cruz's representatives' determination will prevail.

The cost per AF of water per year is \$230.

The number of AF of water used to calculate the Water Availability Fee for an applicant's development or property will be reduced by the number of AF of New Water Supplies ("NWS") an applicant provides at its own cost or that are otherwise available for the development or property. To reduce the number of AF of water used to calculate the Water Availability Fee, applicant-provided NWS available for the development or property must be applicable and useful for AWS purposes under Arizona law and regulations. Examples of applicant provided or otherwise available NWS include effluent, long-term storage credits, imported water, or surface water rights appurtenant to the land. If GW-Santa Cruz (or its affiliate Global Water-Palo Verde Utilities Company, Inc.) owns or controls effluent generated from an applicant's property or development, the effluent volume as determined by GW-Santa Cruz will also be considered NWS and will be used to reduce the number of AF of water used to calculate the Water Availability Fee for the applicant's property or development.

Applicant's whose projects are located on property that that is substantially irrigated, and qualifies for relinquishment under A.R.S. § 45-465.05, and who pledge all applicable groundwater savings credits to GW-Santa Cruz, will receive a reduction of up to twenty-five percent of the Water Availability Fee as determined by the Company. Depending on projected demand and volume of groundwater savings credits pledged, this credit can be increased up to one hundred percent when applicants also contribute Extinguishment Credits to offset consistency with goal requirements per A.A.C. R12-15-722.

Applicant's whose project is located in the DAWS as defined in A.R.S. § 45-402.31 (delineated in the attached map) will receive a forty percent discount to the Water Availability Fee and those who are outside of the DAWS a twenty percent discount.

CALCULATION OF THE WATER AVAILABILITY FEE:

The formula to calculate the Water Availability Fee per metered service connection is as follows.

$$\left(\frac{\text{AF of water}}{\text{year}}\right) \times \left(\frac{\text{Cost}}{\text{AF of water}}\right) \times (100 \text{ years}) \times (\text{applicable discount(s)})$$

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Where an applicant provides other NWS available for the applicant's development or property, the formula to calculate the Water Availability Fee per metered service connection is as follows.

$$\left[\left(\frac{\text{AF of water}}{\text{year}} \right) - \left(\frac{\text{AF of NWS}}{\text{year}} \right) \right] \times \left(\frac{\text{Cost}}{\text{AF of water}} \right) \times (100 \text{ years}) \times (\text{applicable discount(s)})$$

The following examples illustrate how to calculate the Water Availability Fee.

1. For a single-family home located in the DAWS with a 1-inch meter with returned effluent, the Water Availability Fee would be calculated as follows:

$$\left[\left(\frac{0.264 \text{ AF of water}}{\text{year}} \right) - \left(\frac{0.12 \text{ AF of Effluent}}{\text{year}} \right) \right] \times \left(\frac{\$230}{\text{AF of water}} \right) \times (100 \text{ years}) \times (0.60)$$
$$\left(\frac{.144 \text{ AF of water}}{\text{year}} \right) \times \left(\frac{\$230}{\text{AF of water}} \right) \times (100 \text{ years}) \times (0.60) = \$1,987$$

2. For a residential development with 600 homes and associated common area irrigation that has pledged the appurtenant groundwater savings credits to GW-Santa Cruz and is located in the DAWS.

- a. For the single-family homes, each of which has a 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter and therefore has an assumed water demand of 158.4 AF per year (600 multiplied by .264 equals 158.4), which will return 73.23 AF of effluent per year, the Water Availability Fee would be calculated as follows.

$$\left[\left(\frac{158.4 \text{ AF of water}}{\text{year}} \right) - \left(\frac{73.23 \text{ AF of Effluent}}{\text{year}} \right) \right] \times \left(\frac{\$230}{\text{AF of water}} \right) \times (100 \text{ years}) \times (0.75) \times (0.60)$$
$$\left(\frac{85.17 \text{ AF of Water}}{\text{year}} \right) \times \left(\frac{\$230}{\text{AF of water}} \right) \times (100 \text{ years}) \times (0.75) \times (0.60) = \$881,510$$

- b. For the associated 26 acres of common area with a calculated water demand of 51.7 AF, the Water Availability Fee would be calculated as follows:

$$\left(\frac{51.7 \text{ AF of water}}{\text{year}} \right) \times \left(\frac{\$230}{\text{AF of water}} \right) \times (100 \text{ years}) \times (0.75) \times (0.60) = \$535,095$$

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3. For a residential development with 200 homes and associated common area irrigation that has not pledged groundwater savings credits to GW-Santa Cruz and is not located in the DAWS.

- a. For the single-family homes, each of which has a 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter and therefore has an assumed water demand of 52.8 AF per year (200 multiplied by .264 equals 52.8), which will return 24.41AF of effluent per year, the Water Availability Fee would be calculated as follows.

$$\left[\left(\frac{52.8 \text{ AF of water}}{\text{year}} \right) - \left(\frac{24.41 \text{ AF of Effluent}}{\text{year}} \right) \right] \times \left(\frac{\$230}{\text{AF of water}} \right) \times (100 \text{ years}) \times (0.80)$$

$$\left(\frac{28.39 \text{ AF of water}}{\text{year}} \right) \times \left(\frac{\$230}{\text{AF of water}} \right) \times (100 \text{ years}) \times (0.80) = \$522,376$$

- b. For the associated 9 acres of common area with a calculated water demand of 17.8 AF, the Water Availability Fee would be calculated as follows:

$$\left(\frac{17.8 \text{ AF of water}}{\text{year}} \right) \times \left(\frac{\$230}{\text{AF of water}} \right) \times (100 \text{ years}) \times (0.80) = \$327,520$$

4. For a residential development with 200 homes and associated common area irrigation that has not pledged groundwater savings credits to GW-Santa Cruz and is located in the DAWS.

- a. For the single-family homes, each of which has a 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter and therefore has an assumed water demand of 52.8 AF per year (200 multiplied by .264 equals 52.8), which will return 24.41AF of effluent per year, the Water Availability Fee would be calculated as follows.

$$\left[\left(\frac{52.8 \text{ AF of water}}{\text{year}} \right) - \left(\frac{24.41 \text{ AF of Effluent}}{\text{year}} \right) \right] \times \left(\frac{\$230}{\text{AF of water}} \right) \times (100 \text{ years}) \times (0.60)$$

$$\left(\frac{28.39 \text{ AF of water}}{\text{year}} \right) \times \left(\frac{\$230}{\text{AF of water}} \right) \times (100 \text{ years}) \times (0.60) = \$391,782$$

- b. For the associated 11 acres of common area with a calculated water demand of 21.7 AF, the Water Availability Fee would be calculated as follows:

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$$\left(\frac{21.7 \text{ AF of water}}{\text{year}}\right) \times \left(\frac{\$230}{\text{AF of water}}\right) \times (100 \text{ years}) \times (0.60) = \$299,460$$

5. For a commercial restaurant development with a 2-inch meter that has not pledged groundwater savings credits to GW-Santa Cruz and is located in the DAWS, which requires 2.60 AF of water per year, which will return 1.6 AF of effluent per year, the Water Availability Fee would be calculated as follows.

$$\left[\left(\frac{2.6 \text{ AF of water}}{\text{year}}\right) - \left(\frac{1.6 \text{ AF of Effluent}}{\text{year}}\right)\right] \times \left(\frac{\$230}{\text{AF of water}}\right) \times (100 \text{ years}) \times (0.60)$$

$$\left(\frac{1 \text{ AF of water}}{\text{year}}\right) \times \left(\frac{\$230}{\text{AF of water}}\right) \times (100 \text{ years}) \times (0.60) = \$13,800$$

REQUIREMENTS:

YEARLY UPDATE

The Company will annually update the assumed water demand GW-Santa Cruz will use to calculate the Water Availability Fee and the per AF cost of water, if needed, by filing revised tariff documents with the Commission no later than March 1.

CONDITIONS

1. Payment of the total Water Availability Fee by an applicant is a condition of service.
2. If required, the Company will give an applicant a preliminary written commitment to provide water service to allow the applicant to seek approval of the applicant's lot, parcel, or subdivision. The applicant must pay the Water Availability Fee in full prior to the Company signing the final plat for recordation. If a platting authority does not require the Company to sign the plat before recordation, the applicant must pay the Water Availability Fee prior to recording the plat. If an approval by a planning or platting authority is not required for the Applicant's property, the applicant must pay the Water Availability Fee prior to final plan review by GW-Santa Cruz if applicable, if not applicable, prior to any construction of facilities by GW-Santa Cruz.

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3. For a commercial or industrial customer that receives annual delivery of water through a metered service connection in excess of the volume of water used to calculate the Water Availability Fee for that metered service connection, GW-Santa Cruz may require the customer to establish and implement a water use reduction plan to reduce water deliveries to the volume used to calculate the Water Availability Fee. If the customer is unwilling to establish and implement a water use reduction plan or if the water use reduction plan fails to reduce water deliveries to the volume used to calculate the Water Availability Fee, GW-Santa Cruz may recalculate the Water Availability Fee for that metered service connection and invoice the customer for the difference between the original Water Availability Fee paid by that customer and the recalculated Water Availability Fee. The invoiced amount will be due and payable by the customer within 30 days. If not paid within 30 days, GW-Santa Cruz may shut-off the customer or restrict flows to the customer. For a commercial or industrial customer that receives annual delivery of water through a metered service connection below the volume of water used to calculate the Water Availability Fee for that metered service connection, the customer, after one year of full deliveries and before three years may apply to GW-Santa Cruz and GW-Santa Cruz may allow for, a refund of a portion of the Water Availability Fee. GW-Santa Cruz will be purchasing water supplies with the fees and any potential refunding is subject to the availability of unspent collected Water Availability Fees. In no way shall an individual commercial or industrial customer be subsidized on water supply purchases by other customers.
4. An applicant must pay the total Water Availability Fee in addition to any and all other fees the applicant pays to GW-Santa Cruz.
5. The Company may expend the Water Availability Fee only on water supplies. GW-Santa Cruz may not expend the Water Availability Fee for typical operating expenses.
6. Accounting
 - a. The amounts collected under this tariff shall be segregated into a separate bank account until dispersed for water purchases.
 - b. When GW-Santa Cruz capitalizes water purchases in connection with fees collected under this tariff, these funds shall be applied as an offsetting contribution in aid of construction.

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7. No later than March 1 of each year, GW-Santa Cruz will submit to Docket Control a Water Availability Fee status report for the previous calendar year. The status report will contain a list of all applicants that have paid the Water Availability Fee, the amount each has paid, the physical location/address of the development or property for which the applicant paid the fee, the amount of money GW-Santa Cruz expended from the account during the year, a list of all water supplies and rights GW-Santa Cruz purchased during the year using Water Availability Fees, and the related accounting.
8. Solely at GW-Santa Cruz's determination, if GW-Santa Cruz determines it cannot find an appropriate water supply to purchase, it can refund all balances to applicants that paid this fee and have no further obligations.

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