

## Price Water to Encourage Conservation (Booths 19-22) (/initiative/4Wcg/price-water-to-encourage-conservation-booths-19-22)

Design water rates to encourage conservation. Various ways to do this: Lower the fixed monthly charge and raise the charge on volume consumed or make the fixed monthly charge a tiered rate depending on the month of highest use. Charge landscape irrigation at a higher rate. Put all dedicated landscape accounts on a water budget, etc.

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## **Comments**

Chris Nunez 1m, 1w ago CON

Oh, good grief NO! If this was strictly for businesses perhaps it 'might' be feasible. But to charge households for water use is not only not acceptable, but it would be signaling that water is not a human right. Unless folks know something I don't know, most usage at home is for drinking, cooking, bathing and washing. This is and should remain a human right unimpinged upon by neither government or private companies... Over my dead body!

Jim Mekis 4w ago CON

We already have tiered pricing. No residential properties have separate landscape metering, and most commercial properties have little landscaping.

Jean Brocklebank 3w, 6d ago

PRO

The cost of water used should be much greater than \$2.00 for 748 gallons. A baseline rate of \$3.00/748 gallons is not too much to ask of consumers. The next 748 gallons should then cost \$3.50. The third unit, \$4.50. The fourth, \$5.50. The fifth, \$6.50. Anything more than that should be \$10.00/unit (748 gallons). Edible landscaping must not be discouraged by charging more. If my household of 2 adults consumes only 75 gallons of water per day (three units) during growing months and less than 50 gallons/day/total the rest of the year, we should be able to irrigate our food crops without being charged extra. Each household should be able to choose the best way to use limited water. We choose vegetables and fruits; others choose daily showers.

Fred Martinez 2w, 6d ago

CON

We are already leading in conservation.

James Lewis 2w, 3d ago

The proposed water rate plan favors commercial users. Ready to serve charges are fundamentally unfair and essentially an oxymoron here. SCMU needs to wake up to fairness.

Jan Karwin 2w ago

This proposal is worthy of further research and evaluation by the panel of experts.

Christine Y Kirven 1w, 6d ago

**PRO** 

This is super clear and the city council should have used this in voting for the rate increases now in place.