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AND WATER SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT FEE**

*The mission of
Eastern Municipal Water District
is to deliver value to our diverse
customers and the communities
we serve by providing safe, reliable,
economical, and environmentally
sustainable water, wastewater, and
recycled water services.*

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What are Financial Participation Charges (FPCs)?

- FPCs help ensure that everyone pays a fair share of EMWD's capital facilities.
- FPCs, sometimes referred to as "connection fees," are collected to pay for planned and existing water and wastewater facilities.
- Individuals are required to buy in to these capital facilities.
- This buy-in process may include paying toward debt associated with existing facilities.
- Some capital facilities include:
 - Pipelines
 - Pumping Stations
 - Wastewater Treatment Plants
 - Sewage Transmission Lines
 - Freshwater Connections
 - Sewage Lift Stations

What are Water Supply Development Fees (WSD Fee)?

- The WSD Fee finances pressurizing EMWD's recycled water systems. Providing recycled water under pressure will make it easier for more customers to take advantage of this supply. By making recycled water more accessible for irrigation and industrial processes, fresh water then can be diverted for higher beneficial uses such as drinking and bathing.

Why do EMWD customers pay FPCs?

- EMWD's Board of Directors has adopted a policy that "growth pays for growth." This means:
 - New customers must buy in to the existing infrastructure.
 - Existing customers do not pay for facilities needed by new customers.

How does EMWD calculate FPCs?

- The **\$10,065 FPC for sewage services** is assessed per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) to cover the cost for collecting and treating wastewater. One (1) EDU is based on a single family home generating 235 gallons per day of domestic wastewater. Commercial/institutional building EDUs are calculated using tenant type factors, which are based on estimated flows per specified base units comparable to 1 EDU.
- The **\$403 WSD Fee** is based on the number of calculated sewer EDU's at \$403 per EDU. If the project is for water only, then the WSD Fee will be based on the number of Equivalent Meter Sizes (EMS).



- The **\$7,416 FPC for water services** is based on one EMS. One EMS is capable of delivering 15 gallons per minute (gpm). This is typically the maximum and continuous delivery rate to a standard single-family home.
- Landscape meters have FPCs \$684 lower than domestic meters. This is because landscape meters are not subject to fire service.

Are FPCs the same throughout EMWD's service area?

- Yes, in most cases, but not all. Customized FPCs have been set in a few areas where EMWD's costs to provide service have differed from standard cost allocations. Customized fees can be higher or lower than the standard, depending on actual, documented construction costs.

I pay my sewer bill to someone other than EMWD. Why do I still pay FPCs to EMWD?

- In some cases, cities or local water agencies construct and operate their own water and sewer facilities that connect with EMWD's facilities. In those instances, you pay for the use of both the city's and EMWD's facilities. If you have questions about other agencies' fees, you must contact them directly.

If I feel that my sewage FPC has been overestimated, how can I assure fairness?

- EMWD estimates sewer flow based on tenant type factors to calculate FPCs for Commercial/Institutional projects depending on the type of tenant. EMWD's goal is to estimate sewage flow within 15 percent of the true flow.
- Upon request, at the time payment of connection fees is made, EMWD can closely track your sewage flow for a year after full occupancy has occurred. At the end of the year, we will adjust your FPC and refund the difference if you used less than our estimate. If you used more, EMWD will expect additional payment.

To view the FPCs, visit: emwd.org/FPCS