

CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

DISTRICT SURFACE WATER BILLING POLICIES

2026 Season — Adopted May 2026

2026 BILLING METHODOLOGY — DEPOSIT AND TRUE-UP

For the 2026 irrigation season, the District has adopted a **Deposit and True-Up** billing methodology. All surface water users must complete a Customer Application and Agreement, submit the required deposit, and comply with the ordering procedures described below before receiving any surface water delivery.

2026 Surface Water Rate	\$ 62.50 / Acre-Foot (AF)
Deposit Requirement	1 AF per Irrigated Acre × \$ 62.50/AF = Deposit (\$)
Billing Basis	All Water Ordered from the District
True-Up Timing	November 1 – December 15

GENERAL POLICIES

1. Customers shall complete a **Customer Application and Agreement** and remit a deposit equal to **1 acre-foot per irrigated acre at \$62.50/AF** prior to receiving any surface water delivery. Customer deposit amounts and ordered water data will be verified against Field Staff water order forms submitted to SEWD.
2. **Water Ordering:** The District can only adjust the requested total diversion every 24-hours. To ensure timely and efficient delivery of surface water, all water orders must be placed by **12:00 noon the day prior to the requested delivery date**. Unless otherwise arranged prior to delivery, the surface water orders are to be placed in 24-hour increments. Customers will be billed for all water ordered from the diversion start-date until the diversion end-date regardless of actual on-farm use.
3. **True-Up Billing:** At the conclusion of the water season, the District will issue a true-up accounting based on actual deliveries during the irrigation season. Customers will receive either an invoice for water used in excess of their deposit or a credit memo for unused water below the deposit amount.
 - a. The District will keep detailed and accurate records of communications, deliveries, meter readings, and any other matters regarding surface water billing.
 - b. The Total bill for any year shall be based on all water ordered unless District review indicates the ordered volume is inaccurate or a customer disputes said amount. All disputes shall be submitted to the District office in writing in a timely manner. All disputed bills will be reviewed, investigated, and addressed on an individual basis.
4. **Delinquent Accounts:** All accounts in delinquent status with outstanding amounts shall be settled prior to receipt of surface water for the 2026 Water Season.

5. **Capital Improvement Credit:** Capital Improvement Credit is only afforded to customers in compliance with the District's established billing procedures and not in delinquent status. Capital Improvement Program credit shall be calculated in the same manner and using the same method of calculation as the Total Surface Water Bill.
6. **Penalty:** Surface water users acknowledge they are subject to District penalties of **\$2.50/AF** for all 2026 Surface Water ordered and delivered for failure or refusal to comply with the District's billing processes.

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2026 SURFACE WATER USER INFORMATION SHEET

Customer Application and Agreement — Please complete this form entirely

2026 Surface Water Rate: \$62.50 / Acre-Foot

Deposit Required: 1 AF per Irrigated Acre × \$62.50 = Deposit Amount

True-up invoice or credit will be issued at end of season based on actual deliveries.

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Customer Name
(Last, First): _____

Mailing Address
(Street, City, State, Zip): _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Irrigator / Field Contact
(Name, Phone): _____

Property Status: Owned Leased *If Leased — Owner Name:* _____

DEPOSIT CALCULATION

Total Irrigated Acres:	_____ acres	× \$62.50/AF =	\$ _____ (Deposit Due)
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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Surface water bills will be issued on **all water ordered** from the District.
- Surface water must be ordered **by 12:00 noon the day prior** to the requested delivery date.
- Surface water orders are to be placed in **24-hour increments**.
- This completed form **must be returned to the District, along with your deposit payment, prior to the first intended irrigation**.
- Any surface water user who fails and refuses to comply with the District's billing processes shall be subject to an increase of **\$2.50/AF** in the surface water rate.
- At the conclusion of the water season, you will receive a **true-up invoice** (if actual deliveries exceed your deposit) or a **credit** (if actual deliveries are less than your deposit).
- If your meter breaks during the season, please contact Field Staff immediately:
Tyler (209) 502-5317 / Carson (209) 665-6659.
- For delivery or maintenance issues, contact Field Staff or the District Office: **(209) 466-7952.**

CUSTOMER AGREEMENT

By signing below, I acknowledge and agree to the 2026 Surface Water Billing Policies of the Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District, including the deposit and true-up billing methodology, the \$62.50/AF rate, water ordering deadlines, and all terms and conditions described herein.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

APN / Account #: _____

Return completed form and deposit payment to: Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District — (209) 466-7952

