



PUBLIC HEARING
RESCHEDULED FROM
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH TO
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

Proposed Water Supply Fees

Frequently Asked Questions

Background

The Beverly Hills City Council will be holding a public hearing to consider the adoption of a new **Water Supply Fee**. The Public Hearing will be held during the regular meeting of the City Council on **Tuesday, November 15, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

Prior to the Public Hearing, the City will hold 4 public meetings to present an overview of the water supply fee and to answer questions related to the fee. The meetings will be held as follows:

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, November 3, 2016	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	City of Beverly Hills Public Works Building – Rm 217 345 Foothill Road Beverly Hills, CA 90210
	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	
Friday, November 4, 2016	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	City of West Hollywood City Hall – 1 st Floor EOC Conference Room 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard West Hollywood, CA 90069
	2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	

One of the public meetings will be filmed and posted on the City's website at www.beverlyhills.org/watersupplyfee for those customers that are unable to attend any of the meetings.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the proposed Water Supply Fee?

The proposed Water Supply Fee will pay for the development of alternative sources of supply to reduce the City's reliance on imported Metropolitan Water District (MWD) water as well as develop non-potable sources for irrigation. The fee will be used to develop a high capacity groundwater well in the unadjudicated Central Basin, as well as, capture and develop non-potable water for development irrigation purposes. To view a copy of the draft Water Supply Fee report, please refer to the City's website: www.beverlyhills.org.

2. How is this fee different from the previously adopted Water Capacity Charge?

The City's existing Water Capacity Charge (WCC) adopted in 2015 pays for the City's existing distribution and treatment systems along with any associated capital improvements. The existing Water Capacity Charge is a "buy-in" fee to the public water system. The City maintains the public water system and all its metered connections, pipelines, and associated appurtenances in perpetuity once a new developer, redeveloper, and/or water applicant connects to the City's current water system.

The proposed Water Supply Fee is in addition to the Water Capacity Charge. The Water Supply Fee will pay for developing future alternative sources of supply that would otherwise be impacted by new development, redevelopment, or any new water applicant.

3. *Who is affected by the proposed fee?*

If you are a residential property owner with an existing meter or meter(s) that does not need upgrading and/or your net square footage increase is less than 1,000 square feet, you are not affected by the proposed Water Supply Fee.

You will be impacted by the proposed fee if:

- 1) You are increasing the size of your water meter; or
- 2) The net square footage increase of your **residential** project is greater than 1,000 square feet; or
- 3) You are building or expanding a commercial/industrial or non-residential project. The proposed fee will be calculated based on the type of commercial/industrial or non-residential use and the size of the expansion.

You can see the proposed water supply fees and how they are calculated for both residential and commercial/industrial projects within the draft Water Supply Fee Resolution at www.beverlyhills.org/watersupplyfee.

4. *When is the fee anticipated to take effect?*

Following the initial public hearing on November 15, 2016 (1st Reading), a subsequent second reading of the proposed ordinance to adopt the Water Supply Fee will be held at the December 6, 2016 City Council meeting. The fees are anticipated to become effective thirty days following City Council adoption, on January 6, 2017.

5. *Is this a one-time fee or a recurring fee?*

The proposed Water Supply Fee is only a one-time fee and not a recurring fee.

6. *When is the fee due?*

The proposed Water Supply Fee will be due prior to connection to the City of Beverly Hills' water system. This typically occurs at the time of meter, hydrant, and other associated appurtenance connection.

7. *Where can I find more information about the water supply fee?*

Copies of the proposed draft ordinance, resolution, and the related fee study are available for review and purchase in the Office of the City Clerk, Room 290, 455 N. Rexford Drive; Beverly Hills, CA 90210. The proposed documents are also available for viewing on the City's website at www.beverlyhills.org.