



## "GRANDFATHERED" and "ACTIVE SERVICE TRANSFER" WATER METERS

<b>DEFINITIONS</b>	
In either case, there is a minimum service bill being paid to maintain the Grandfathered or Active Status of the service.	
<b>Grandfathered Meter:</b>	<b>Active Service Transfer:</b>
A water connection (and in some cases, sewer also) that was previously paid for, but a structure was not subsequently built. The water meter may or may not necessarily actually be in the ground.	A water (and usually but not necessarily sewer also) service currently providing service to a property, where the structure is being, or has been, removed and the service is transferred to an alternate property under the District's transfer program.

### **Building a NEW HOUSE with a Grandfathered or Active Service Transferred Meter:**

Although these two types of meters do not require that you wait for an "Intent to Serve" letter from the Waiting List, and therefore is not subject to the moratorium, there are still a number of fees and requirements. You must check with the San Luis Obispo County regarding obtaining your Construction Permit. Only a small number of Grandfathered permits are allowed annually, so you need to verify with County as to when your application can be accepted. Unless an "Active Service" is from an residence that has been torn down within the past six months, your application will be treated by County the same as a Grandfathered meter.

**FEES:** Your Grandfathered meter may be for water only. If so, you will be required to pay a sewer connection fee before you are allowed to hook up to the sewer system when you build. An Active Service meter that is transferred is subject to time and materials charges for the cost to physically remove the meter from the old location and reinstall it at the new location.

#### **RETROFIT FEES:**

(see Exhibit 1, Ordinance 09-2003 for Retrofit Points Equivalency Table)

A Grandfathered meter is subject to the same retrofit requirements as new construction from the waiting list, because it represents a connection that has not previously existed. The retrofit fee is based on the size of the parcel you are building upon and the number of water-using fixtures installed in your new residence.

An Active Service transfer is subject to retrofit fees in a slightly different way. You will receive credit for the number of water fixtures that existed in the structure that was torn down, and pay for all fixtures over and above that credit. It will be necessary to determine the number of fixtures that pre-existed, either through District records (if available) or by providing a floor plan of the house prior to demolition.

Due to the current Water Emergency declaration and moratorium, the California Coastal Commission has mandated that SLO County require proof of completion of your retrofit requirements. This proof shall be in the form of documentation of water savings created in the community which completely offset the water that will be required by the addition of your new home in the community. You should be aware that at times there may be a gap between the time that your retrofit fees are paid and the time that retrofit projects are completed by the District with the funds you paid. In the event that your retrofit fees have not been spent by the District by the time you need to "prove" your retrofit requirement to County, you may need to solicit retrofit projects in the community that can be specifically applied to your project. A retrofit project could consist of things such as, finding and signing up existing homes were 3 1/2 or 5-gallon toilets can be replaced with 1.6 gallon toilets, or replacing old washing machines with Energy-Star machines.

**EXHIBIT 1**

**RETROFIT POINTS EQUIVALENCY TABLE**

**POINTS:** 1 point is equal to .72 annual water unit or 1.47 gallons per day

**FIXTURE VALUES**

Each existing home or fixture retrofitted is worth the following points:

Each 3.5 gpm toilet replaced with 1.6 gpm	5.4	pts
Each whole house upgrade (faucets, shower heads & pressure regulator)	2.7	pts
Each Hot Water recirculation pump installed*	6.8	pts
Each Energy-Star domestic washing machine installed	6.65	pts
Each 3,000 gallon (minimum) non-potable cistern	22.0	pts

\* Hot water recirculation pump shall only be installed where the wait for hot water at the tap exceeds 20 seconds.

**NOTE:** Builders performing actual retrofits are responsible for locating their own retrofit points, arranging details and obtaining commitments from property owners. Payment of the "In Lieu" fee relieves builder of further involvement in retrofitting other properties, unless otherwise required as a condition of County building permit.

**POINTS Required To Build a NEW PROJECT:**

# of "Basic Full Baths" in proposed project (SEE PER FIXTURE FEES FOR ADDITIONAL PARTIAL BATHS)  
**"BASIC FULL BATH" = 1 toilet, 1 tub/shower combination, & 1 sink.**

<b>Each point = \$50 "In Lieu Fee"</b> <i>(Fees in this chart are illustrative only and subject to change. Fees should be confirmed with District Fee Schedule in effect at time of charges)</i>	# of "Basic Full Baths" in proposed project (SEE PER FIXTURE FEES FOR ADDITIONAL PARTIAL BATHS)				
	1 BATH POINTS/IN LIEU FEE	2 BATHS POINTS/IN LIEU FEE	3 BATHS POINTS/IN LIEU FEE	4 BATHS POINTS/IN LIEU FEE	5 OR MORE POINTS/IN LIEU FEE
<b><u>PARCEL SIZE</u></b>					
◆ Under 4,000 Sq. Ft.	80 / \$4,000	100 / \$5,000	125 / \$6,250	150 / \$7,500	175 / \$8,750
◆ 4,000 – 8,000Sq. Ft.	90 / \$4,500	125 / \$6,250	150 / \$7,500	175 / \$8,750	200 / \$10,000
<i>All projects over 8,000 sq ft require cistern installation in addition to retrofit points shown here.</i>					
◆ 8,001 - 16,000 Sq. Ft.	100 / \$4,500	150 / \$7,500	175 / \$8,750	200 / \$10,000	250 / \$12,500
◆ 16,001- 32,000 Sq. Ft.	110 / \$5,500	175 / \$8,500	200 / \$10,000	250 / \$12,500	300 / \$15,000
◆ Over 32,000 Sq. Ft.	120 / \$6,000	200 / \$10,000	225 / \$11,250	300 / \$15,000	325 / \$16,250

- ◆ Each common-wall condominium, or attached multi-family unit ..... 100 pts / \$5,000 (per UNIT)
- ◆ Commercial Projects ..... 125 pts / \$6,250 (per EDU)

**FEES for Each Additional Fixture in Partial &/or oversized Baths:**

Toilet or Sink \$400 (8 pts), Tub or Shower \$800 (16 points), Utility or Bar Sink \$200 (4 pts).