



FEE DEPOSIT SCHEDULE FOR WDS EXEMPTIONS AND PERMITS

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD or District) has enacted Rules & Regulations that govern Water Distribution Systems (WDS), and has prepared Implementation Guidelines that explain four possible permit pathways. For more information, consult the District website at: <http://www.mpwmd.net/regulations/wells-water-systems/water-distribution-systems/>.

Each application entails an initial application fee (deposit). The current fee schedule is as follows:

| PERMIT LEVEL | INITIAL FEE | NOTES |
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| Exemption | \$600 | Based on staff hours, Legal Counsel review, and other direct costs. |
| Level 1 WDS Permit | \$1,200 | Estimate based on 10 staff hours, 1 hour of Counsel review, plus other direct costs . |
| Level 2 WDS Permit | \$1,200 | Estimate based on 10 staff hours, 1 hour of Counsel review, plus other direct costs. |
| Level 3 WDS Permit | \$3,000 | Estimate based on 20 staff hours, 3 hours of Counsel review, plus other direct costs. If a public hearing before the MPWMD Board is involved, or consultant review is needed, total costs will likely exceed \$3,000. |

If actual costs exceed the initial application fee, the applicant must pay the overage before the Confirmation of Exemption or WDS Permit is finalized. The District provides an accounting of costs to each applicant. If total costs are less than the application fee, a refund is provided. Current fees are based on current rates (\$95/hour for staff and \$230/hour for Legal Counsel). Rates and fees are subject to change pursuant to Board Resolution (Rule 60) or contracts with Counsel or consultants. The County Clerk/Recorder also amends their fees annually.

In unusual cases, the actual time to process an application may greatly exceed the initial fee due to legal complexities, the need for additional hydrogeologic testing, or more detailed environmental review. In these situations, staff will review the cumulative total of hours and expenses accrued each quarter (January, April, July and October). The applicant will be billed if the quarterly unpaid total is more than \$500 over the initial fee. The applicant must pay the overage within 30 days of the invoice for staff to continue processing the application. This quarterly billing policy also avoids a significant fee at the end of the permit process. The Confirmation of Exemption or WDS Permit is not signed and recorded until all fees are paid.

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