



Proposed Water Dedication and In-Lieu Fee for Development Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Who would be impacted by this new ordinance?

Ventura Water staff is recommending that the ordinance apply to any project that has not received approved entitlement from the City's Community Development Department. Projects currently in the planning process could be impacted by the new requirements of this ordinance if this recommendation is accepted. Project owners with complete tentative tract map applications would not have their maps conditioned, but their building permits could be conditioned to comply with the ordinance. Project owners with approved vesting tentative maps would be exempt from the ordinance. If approved by the City Council the new ordinance would go into effect 31 days thereafter, on January 2, 2014. The fees would not be applicable until 60 days thereafter, on January 31, 2014.

2. How does this new ordinance apply to me?

If you are planning to develop your current residence or develop your property in a way that increases your water demand, then you would be required to dedicate water rights to offset the increased or new water demand or pay an in-lieu fee based on the demand you would be placing on the City's water supply. This is a new one-time fee that would be added to all currently required fees.

3. Does this have to do with the amount of water I am currently using?

Correct. The water demand calculation is for new or intensified development.

4. Would I get a credit if my water demand goes down?

Under these circumstances, no credits would be issued. However, reduced water usage would help keep your water and wastewater charges as low as possible.

5. How would the new ordinance be applied across various parcel types?

The determining factor is an increase in water demand, not parcel type. The City's current water demand factors would be used to calculate the new or intensified water demand.

6. Which parcels are most affected by the new ordinance?

All parcels within the City limits and to be annexed to the City, would be impacted by the proposed ordinance.

7. Would the City's policy for providing water to parcels in the County area change?

Those parcels outside the City limits would also be impacted through the Water Connections Outside the City Limits Ordinance process which would be updated to mirror the water dedication and in-lieu fee requirements.

8. Where can I get these water demand factors?

Water demand factors are outlined in the Final 2013 Comprehensive Water Resources Report, RBF Consulting, June 2013, Table 3-3, Summary of Planning-Level Water Consumption Factors, available at cityofventura.net/water/supply.

9. What are the basic land use assumptions that go into the calculations that would be applied to my development?

The demand factors used to calculate the new or intensified water usage are land use based (per area (gpd/ksf) or per dwelling unit). See the Final 2013 Comprehensive Water Resources Report, RBF Consulting, June 2013, Table 3-3, Summary of Planning-Level Water Consumption Factors, available at cityofventura.net/water/supply.

10. Why are the in-lieu fees established for two water zones? Are there different criteria for each zone?

In Zone 1, the additional water supplies available for new development are future supplies from the Casitas Municipal Water District, City's Foster Park groundwater, and Mound Basin Direct Potable Reuse water, while in Zone 2, only the City's Foster Park groundwater and Mound Basin Direct Potable Reuse water are available for new development. The recommended water resource in-lieu fees for 2013 are \$10,686 per AFY of additional demand for Zone 1 and \$15,538 per AFY of additional demand for Zone 2.

11. On average, how much would these new requirements add to the cost of development?

The costs would be calculated on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, the financial impact would be specific to each development based on the calculated water demand and if there are usable water rights that can be transferred to the City to offset the calculated water demand.

12. Would these in-lieu fees change?

The recommended fees could be updated and revised as additional opportunities and cost information is developed for future water supplies.

13. What would the money from the in-lieu fee be used for?

The collected one-time fees would be used to fund future water supply projects required to meet new water demand.

14. When are fees paid?

The one-time in-lieu fee will be paid upon approval of annexation of a parcel; when a project receives approval entitlement; or when construction or enlargement of any water service connection is approved