

FY 2015-16 Fee Change Summary

On September 16, 2015, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted a [fee schedule for FY 2015-16](#). Some changes impact all programs within the WDPF, while some changes impact select programs.

The following changes impact fees for all WDPF programs

- Increased budgetary costs for Health Care & Retirement.
- Increased budgetary cost for Pro-Rata. Each State fund pays into Pro-Rata. Pro-Rata costs are associated with other state agencies (State Controller's Office, Department of Finance, Governor's Office, etc.) associated to the oversight of the WDPF.
- Resource alignment to begin gradual transition from assessing fees based on historical allocations (Historical Budget) to assessing fees based on the actual staff work that is projected to be performed (Adjusted Budget).

The following changes impact fees for select WDPF programs

- **WDR Oil & Gas Facilities Surcharge** (non15)
 - Budget augmentation to add additional staff

Program with no fee rate changes for FY 2015-16

- As a result of revenue exceeding expenditures, the following fees will be kept at the FY 2014-15 levels:
 - Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) (except Oil & Gas Facilities)
 - Confined Animal Facilities (CAF)
 - Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP)

Based on forecasted revenue exceeding budgetary expenditures, the following programs will have one-time fee reductions for FY 2015-16 only

- **NPDES** -1.2%
- **Storm Water** -28.4%
- **Land Disposal Not Paying Tipping Fee** -19.2%
- **Land Disposal Paying Tipping Fee** -18.8%

Changes that do not directly impact fee rates

- **CAF** – revision of existing and addition of a new tier for mature dairy cattle (headcount: 50-149 and 150-299)
- **CAF** – Application only fee for facilities with 0-49 headcount for mature dairy cattle
- **Marijuana Cultivation** - changes in assessment based on acreage to an assessment based on threat to water quality
- **NPDES Community Water Systems** - inclusion of a separate fee for water systems that own or operate multiple drinking water systems

New programs or fees implemented for FY 2015-16

- **CAF** - New annual fee to dairy facilities currently enrolled under a waiver of waste discharge requirements
- **Recycled Water** - Assessment of fee to persons that serve as an Administrator under a General Order authorizing the use of recycled water
- **Storm Water** - Implementation of new Industrial General Permit (IGP) and No Exposure Certification requirements