

Drinking Water Fee Regulations
Public Water Systems

Amend Section 64300

Section 64300. Definitions.

As used in this article:

(a) "Disadvantaged community" means ~~a community with~~ the entire service area of the public water system has a median annual household income of less than eighty percent (80 %) of the statewide median annual household income.

(b) "Wholesaler" means a public water system that sells water to other public water systems. A public water system that has 1,000 or more service connections or that sells water only on a short-term or intermittent basis is not a wholesaler.

(c) "Group quarters" means a group living arrangement that is owned or managed by an entity or organization providing housing and / or services for the residents, including but not limited to, correctional facilities, college residences, residential treatment facilities, skilled nursing facilities, and military barracks.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 116271, 116350, 116375, and 116565, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Sections 116565 and 116590, Health and Safety Code.

Amend Section 64305.

Section 64305. Fee Schedule for Annual Fees

(a) Each public water system shall pay an annual fee to the State Board in the amount provided in Table 64305-A.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), for each community water system, the number of service connections is equal to the number of service connections that the public water system reported on the electronic Annual Report (eAR) that the public water system filed with the State Board for the calendar year immediately preceding the year in which the invoice is submitted to the public water system. If the public water system did not file an eAR, or did not report the number of service connections, for the calendar year immediately preceding the year in which the invoice is submitted, the State Board will calculate the number of service connections by increasing the number of service connections most recently reported on the eAR by 10% for each year that the number of service connections was not reported, except that if the public water system did not file an eAR for the calendar year 2012 or any calendar year thereafter, the State Board will calculate the number of service connections.

(c) For each community water system that serves a group quarters, the number of service connections for the group quarters is equal to the greater of the population for which the group quarters is designed or for which it is permitted divided by 3.3.

TABLE 64305-A – Public Water Systems Annual Fee

Water System Type	Fee
Community Water System	
100 or fewer service connections	\$250.00 or \$6.00 per service connection, whichever is greater.
100 or fewer service connections (disadvantaged community)	\$100.00
101 to 1,000 service connections	\$6.00 per service connection
101 to 1,000 service connections (disadvantaged community)	\$100 plus \$2.00 per each service connection greater than 100
1,001 to 5,000 service connections	\$6.00 per each of first 1,000 service connections plus \$3.50 per each service connection greater than 1,000
1,001 to 5,000 service connections (disadvantaged community)	\$100 plus \$2.00 per each service connection greater than 100
5,001 to 15,000 service connections	\$6.00 per each of first 1,000 service connections plus \$3.50 per each service connection greater than 1,000 but less than 5,001 plus \$2.00 per each service connection greater than 5,000
5,001 to 15,000 service connections (disadvantaged community)	\$100 plus \$2.00 per each service connection greater than 100
15,001 or more service connections	\$6.00 per each of first 1,000 service connections plus \$3.50 per each service connection greater than 1,000 but less than 5,001 plus \$2.00 per each service connection greater than 5,000 but less than 15,001 plus \$1.35 per each service connection greater than 15,000
15,001 or more service connections (disadvantaged community)	\$100 plus \$2.00 per each service connection greater than 100 but less than 15,001 plus \$1.35 per each service connection greater than 15,000
Nontransient Noncommunity Water System	\$2.00 per person served, but not less than \$456.00.
Transient Noncommunity Water System	\$800.00.
Wholesaler	\$6,000.00 plus \$1.36 per each MG ¹

¹ "Million Gallons" (MG) means the annual average, rounded to the nearest million, as reported to the State Board by the wholesaler in the Electronic Annual Report for the ~~three most recent~~ four years of data available immediately preceding the year in which the invoice is submitted to the public water system, of the total gallons of water that the wholesaler produced from surface water and from groundwater and gallons of finished water that the wholesaler purchased or received from another public water system.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 116271, 116350, 116375, and 116565, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Sections 116565 and 116590, Health and Safety Code.

Amend Section 64310.

Section 64310. Reduction of Fees for Public Water Systems Serving Disadvantaged Community.

(a) A public water system must pay the full amount of the annual fee unless it requests and receives from the State Board a determination that its annual fees are reduced because it is a community water system that serves a disadvantaged community in which case the fee to be paid is the amount for a disadvantaged community as shown in Table 64305-A.

(b) To qualify for the reduction provided for in subsection (a), a public water system must certify under penalty of perjury that it served a disadvantaged community for the calendar year immediately preceding the year in which the invoice is submitted to the public water system, and, if requested to do so by the State Board, provide documentation to the State Board upon request, which may include an income survey, that it serves a disadvantaged community during that calendar year.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 116271, 116350, 116375, and 116565, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Sections 116565 and 116590, Health and Safety Code.

Amend Section 64315.

Section 64315. Payment of Fees

(a) Each public water system shall pay to the State Board the fee required by this chapter article shall be paid to the State Board within forty five (45) calendar days of the date. Payment is due upon receipt of the date of the invoice, except that this date may be extended by the State Board for good cause, which shall be determined at the State Board's sole discretion.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 116271, 116350, 116375, and 116565, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Sections 116565 and 116590, Health and Safety Code.