

2015 "One-Water" Connection Fee Information Sheet



***The Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA)** is a regional wastewater treatment agency and wholesale distributor of imported water and recycled water. Through its member agencies, IEUA serves approximately 830,000 people over 242 square miles in western San Bernardino County. IEUA is committed to investing in our water supply for today and tomorrow through fiscal responsibility, efficient business practices, water supply management and environmental stewardship.*

What is it?

- A one-time fee on new connections to the imported drinking water system.

What does it cover?

- Costs for available recycled water capacity and new construction.
- Capital investment in regional resiliency and water conservation projects.

What is the benefit?

- Ensures regional water reliability and sustainability to meet current and future needs.

Buy-In Portion – recovery of the capital costs related to IEUA's available capacity.

\$423/MEU



Incremental Portion – capital costs for building new capacity for future growth.

\$965/MEU



Connection Fee
\$1,388/MEU

PROPOSED "ONE-WATER" CONNECTION FEE

	EXISTING	PROPOSED ONE WATER CONNECTION FEE				
Fiscal Year	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Connection Fee, \$/MEU	None	1,388	1,430	1,475	1,520	1,565

MEU = Meter Equivalent Unit, a measure of water consumption compared to typical single family residence.

“ONE-WATER” CONNECTION FEE

- Connection fees currently in place do not pay for investments in the regional water system.
 - ***\$180 million deficit has been subsidized by debt financing and property taxes over the past 10 years.***
- With growth increasing, population is expected to reach **1.2 million within the next 20 years.**
 - ***\$91 million in expanded and new water infrastructure is needed to support recycled water, regional resiliency and water conservation projects.***
- IEUA has a responsibility to ensure that the regional water system is financially sound.
 - ***Without the new fee, \$91 million of regional water reliability projects needed to meet growth will be unfunded.***
- **Proposition 26** mandates costs should be reasonable and appropriately allocated to payers based on the benefit received.
 - ***A comprehensive rate study established the proposed fee based on projected capital investments needed to meet expected growth of approximately 93,856 new MEUs over the next 20 years.***