



## LAS FLORES WATER COMPANY

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### Las Flores Water Company 2024 Update

On behalf of the Las Flores Water Company, the Board of Directors extends its best wishes to all of you as we move into the New Year. Here are a few topics related to your water company that we want to share with you.

**California Water Outlook:** Climate change has fundamentally altered our state's hydrologic system – intensifying severe weather as we swing from extreme dry to extreme wet situations. While we experienced a tremendously wet season in water year 2023, the outlook for water year 2024 is still uncertain at this point in time.

Extensive coordination with State and Federal agencies is being done, to both ensure reservoirs have flood space in case of another flood year and that as much water as possible will be stored in case of drought conditions.

We urge you to continue your strong water conservation efforts in 2024. For more information on sustainable landscapes, local plant nurseries, gardening tips and conservation, please visit [www.bewaterwise.com](http://www.bewaterwise.com).

**Capital Improvement Program:** The Company continues to focus efforts on upgrading the aging infrastructure. Although no major projects were undertaken in 2023, we continued implementing our automated meter reading system and quickly responded to all pipeline breaks. It is anticipated that two major projects will be undertaken in 2024. We will rehabilitate our 98-year-old well located on Mountain View, and one of our reservoirs located at our Lake property will undergo structural repairs. We are currently pursuing the use of grants or low-interest loans to fund these two important projects. Over the last 20 years, the Company has invested more than \$3 million in new pipelines and facilities. It is our goal to continue with this program, while being capable of promptly responding to any unplanned incidents that may occur.

**Water Rates:** Imported water costs continue to rise. In 2023, both Foothill Municipal Water District and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California increased their rates; and they are increasing rates again in 2024. As such, it is necessary to implement an overall six percent rate increase for 2024. Additionally, we have revised our rate structure to eliminate the energy surcharge. To offset the elimination of the surcharge, the base water rates have been adjusted correspondingly.

The table below shows the new rates:

Tier	Range	Rate per units consumed
1	1 to 10 HCF	\$4.46
2	10.1 to 20 HCF	\$4.88
3	20.1 to 39 HCF	\$5.73
4	39.1 HCF and greater	\$6.92
Foothill MWD Charge	Per HCF	\$0.647
Energy Surcharge	Per HCF	DELETED
Monthly Service Charge	Per Connection	\$33.43

The new rates go into effect January 1, 2024 and will be reflected on the bill you receive in February for your January usage.

If there are any questions, please feel free to call our General Manager, William Kimberling, at 626-797-1138.

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