

Understanding Your Water Rate



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CRD Infrastructure & Water Services operates the Juan de Fuca (JdF) Water Distribution System, which provides water directly to approximately 58,000 residential and business customers in Westshore communities.

What is the JdF Water Distribution Service water rate?

The CRD sets the retail water rate each year to ensure sufficient funding to support the operation, maintenance, and safe delivery of drinking water throughout the JdF water distribution system.

The 2026 CRD JdF Water Distribution Service retail water rate is \$3.04 per cubic meter, a 6.95% increase over the 2025 rate.

How is the JdF Water Distribution Service water rate calculated?

Each year, the total amount needed to fund the JdF Water Distribution Service is divided by the estimated water demand.

What does it pay for?

The costs of operating and maintaining the JdF Water Distribution System are funded entirely by the sale of drinking water to the service area customers. This includes paying for upgrades, repairs, and replacements for aging infrastructure, as well as paying down debt from past major projects. Regular maintenance includes flushing water mains, cleaning reservoirs, servicing water meters, repairing fire hydrants, and operating and maintaining pump and pressure stations.

The retail water rate also includes the cost of purchasing the treated water from the [Regional Water Supply Service](#) at the 'wholesale' rate. In 2026, the wholesale water rate is \$0.93.

Developers cover the cost of extending water infrastructure for new homes or businesses. They either pay for design and construction directly or through the Juan de Fuca Water Development Cost Charge Program, which collects fees as development occurs in the service area.

Why did the JdF Water Distribution water rate increase in 2026?

The rate increase is necessary as a result of:

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- Increases in operating expenses associated with water distribution system operation, maintenance and repair costs.
- Increased bulk water purchase expense due to the increasing Regional Water Supply Wholesale water rate in 2026.
- Annual capital funding and debt expenditures associated with ongoing capital infrastructure upgrades and renewal, and previous project funding requirements.
- The 2026 capital plan anticipates \$26.6.4 million in capital projects, including \$17.9 million in projects that are in progress or are multi-year projects and \$1.89 million in project costs shared with the Regional Water Supply Service.
- The major projects planned for 2026 include the Sooke Road Water Main Replacement, the Highway 14 Water Main Relocation, ongoing upgrades to aging pump stations within the system and residential service line and water meter replacements.