



## LAS FLORES WATER COMPANY

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### Las Flores Water Company 2023 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 and continue to cope with the on-going pandemic. Here are a few topics related to your water company that we want to share with you.

**California Drought Update:** All 58 counties in California are under a drought emergency proclamation. Californians are being asked to reduce their water use by 15 percent over 2020 levels to protect water reserves.

In December 2022, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Board of Directors adopted a resolution reaffirming a regional drought emergency for its entire service area and calling on all its customers to reduce use of State Water Project (SWP) and Colorado River supplies. In adopting the resolution, the board warned the water-saving call could become mandatory if drought conditions persist in the coming months.

We urge you to continue your strong water conservation efforts in 2023 as this unprecedented drought continues to impact water supplies. For more information on sustainable landscapes, local plant nurseries, gardening tips and conservation, please visit [www.bewaterwise.com](http://www.bewaterwise.com). Your 2022 conservation efforts have reduced water use by almost 20% the comparable timeframe in 2021.

**Capital Improvement Program:** The Company continues to focus efforts on upgrading the aging infrastructure. Although no major projects were undertaken in 2022, we improved security at our reservoir site on north Lake and quickly responded to all pipeline breaks. It is anticipated that a major rehabilitation project on our 97-year old well located on Mountain View will take place in 2023. 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 2022, both Foothill Municipal Water District and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California increased their rates; and they are increasing rates again in 2023. As such, it is necessary to implement a modest five percent rate increase for 2023.

The table below shows the new rates:

Tier	Range	Rate per units consumed
1	1 to 10 HCF	\$4.03
2	10.1 to 20 HCF	\$4.43
3	20.1 to 39 HCF	\$5.09
4	39.1 HCF and greater	\$6.37
Foothill MWD Charge	Per HCF	\$0.64
Energy Surcharge	Per HCF	\$0.17
Monthly Service Charge	Per Connection	\$31.84

The new rates go into effect January 1, 2023 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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Board President