

2026 HIGHLANDS RANCH WATER PROPOSED BUDGET

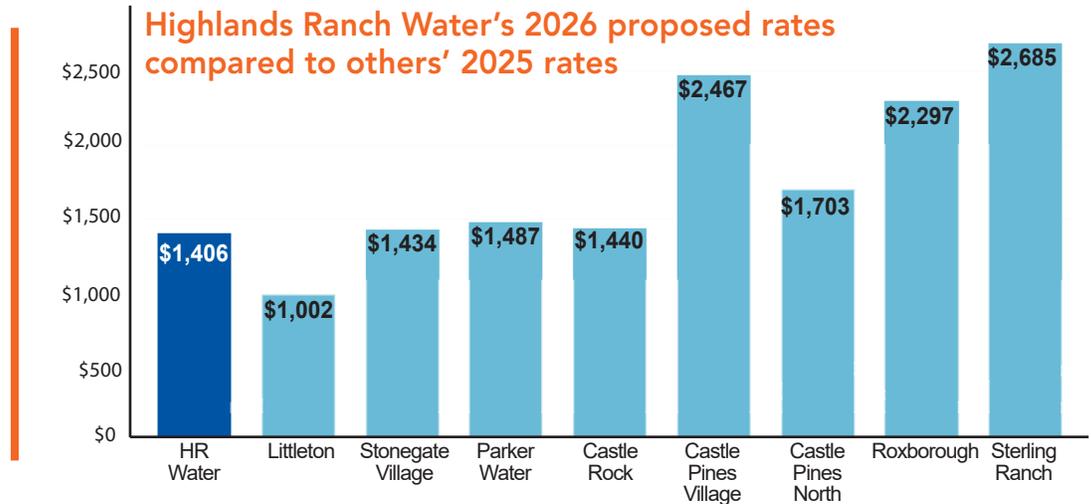


Highlands Ranch Water’s 2026 proposed budget includes rate increases to cover rising operational costs and fund key capital projects, including an upgrade to the Joseph B. Blake Water Treatment Plant. In January 2026, customers would see a proposed rate increase of 7.5% along with a \$2.25 monthly increase to the fixed Infrastructure Improvement Fee.

CAPITAL UPGRADES AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT WILL:

- ▶ Increase production capacity and reduce reliance on nonrenewable groundwater.
- ▶ Improve redundancy to reduce the risk of service interruptions.
- ▶ Replace aging infrastructure that was installed in the 1980s.
- ▶ Achieve new water quality regulations to ensure our water meets the highest safety standards.

We continue to offer competitive rates below the regional average. The estimated annual water and wastewater bill for a typical single family residence will be **\$1,406**.



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WHAT'S ON YOUR BILL?

- 1 | Water Charges** - The charge for water based on gallons of water used multiplied by the water rate.
- 2 | Water Service Availability Fee** - A fixed fee to cover costs directly related to the district's ability to provide service to customers. It includes costs such as debt service, billing, meter replacements and major repairs.
- 3 | Wastewater Charges** - A wastewater fixed fee plus your average wintertime usage.
- 4 | Infrastructure Improvement Fee** - A fixed fee designed to ensure the district can fund future infrastructure projects to provide the community with safe drinking water and reliable wastewater service.
- 5 & 6 | Two fees are passed through to the Highlands Ranch Metro District:**
 - Streetlight Fee** - Recovers the costs paid by the Metro District to Xcel Energy for streetlight electricity and maintenance.
 - Stormwater Fee** - Covers the costs of design, construction and maintenance of stormwater facilities.

