



Rate for Watermaster Fees

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- **In 2015, TCEQ established the Brazos Watermaster Program.**
- **Funded by fees assessed to water right holders within the basin, including BRA.**
- **Watermaster fee is invoiced annually by TCEQ.**
- **BRA will bill a portion of this expense to all non-System Rate contracts holders, where allowed by contract.**
- **The balance of the fee is built into the System Rate.**



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- The BRA Watermaster Fee is calculated:

$$\frac{\text{Watermaster Assessment Fee}}{\text{Acre-Feet under BRA Contract}} = \text{Watermaster Rate}$$

- FY 2018 calculated rate to non-System Rate customers equals \$0.66 per Acre-Foot.
 - $(\$420,540/633,302 \text{ AF}) = \$0.66/\text{AF}$
- \$114K will be billed in August 2018 to eligible non-System Rate customers, where allowed by contract



“WHEREAS, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality established a Watermaster program for the Brazos River basin in 2015, which program is funded through fees assessed annually to water right holders in the basin, including the Brazos River Authority;

WHEREAS, the Brazos River Authority passes its share of the costs associated with the Watermaster program to its water supply contract customers by allocating a portion of the cost as a Watermaster fee, to those customers with long-term contracts that are not subject to the System Rate, to the extent allowed by such contracts, and by incorporating the remainder of the cost into the System Rate, to be paid by customers with contracts subject to the System Rate; and



WHEREAS, the Brazos River Authority desires to standardize the methodology for calculating the rate of the Watermaster fee to be charged to the long-term, non-System Rate water supply customers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Brazos River Authority hereby adopts the following methodology for calculating the rate used to determine the annual Watermaster fee charged to Brazos River Authority customers with long-term, non-System Rate water supply contracts:



The annual Watermaster fee rate shall be calculated by dividing the total annual Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Brazos Watermaster Assessment Fee charged to the Brazos River Authority by the total number of acre-feet the Brazos River Authority has committed under long-term water supply contracts;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that customers with long-term, non-system rate water supply contracts, to the extent such contracts allow for the assessment or pass-through of additional fees, shall be charged an annual Watermaster fee that is calculated by multiplying the total number of acre-feet of long-term non-System Rate water such customer has under contract by the Watermaster fee rate.”



Brazos River Authority