

Explanation of our Water Rate:

As a Rural Water District, we had a Rate Analysis conducted by the ORWA on behalf of the state in December 2021. Even prior to that Rate Analysis we knew that we had to implement a rate increase as the District could not continue operating at a loss.

Anyone seeking public funding for Drinking Water or Clean Water projects, is required by both federal and state governments to implement a Graduated Rate on water consumption. Their intent is to encourage water conservation as we experience more extreme climate challenges. The Pecan Valley RWD Board of Directors rejected the state's original Rate Analysis recommendations because they believed that the recommended rates were too high. Yet it is necessary to show that we are SUSTAINABLE. We have begun a Long Range Sustainability Plan, of which our new rates are the first step. Having completed the initial portions of a Water Audit, we are actively finding unmetered water usage and correcting those situations. We are also formulating a 5 Year Plan to address both water and sewer system needs.

Results: We are already receiving the financial benefits of our efforts. Many of the projects do not require direct grants as the ORWA already has received the grant funds and will do the projects we need without us ever seeing a bill. We are utilizing every resource available, and it has already saved us tens of thousands.

To address the needs itemized on our Project Priority List, we have received ARPA funding and have applied for a grant from the DEQ that is being administered by the ORWA.

The ARPA funds will be financing the engineering work we must complete to apply for several much larger grants.

The DEQ/ORWA grant will be used to create the loop in the potable water system for Pecan Valley North to help correct a perpetual water pressure problem. They experience low pressure in the mornings and evenings that are barely legal. The current water system in Pecan Valley North needs entirely replaced, but that is a multi-million dollar project that will take some time to get funded. This first step will be done with that future goal in mind. This project is predicted to increase the water pressure of the homes in PV North by 50-75%. This will be done in such a way that the money spent now connecting across that 165' will not have to be redone when we replace the entire water system in PV North.

None of this financing would be available if we did not show that our water rates would sustain our District. No government entity will help a District that is not helping itself. And no grant committee will direct funds to a District that is not sustainable.

Anyone wishing to see a copy of the water rates of every District within 40-50 miles for comparison to ours can simply email our office at pecanvalleyrwd@gmail.com or use the [Contact Us](#) link on our website, pecanvalleyrwd.com

You are also welcomed to come visit about what we are doing now, what our plans are, and how we intend to accomplish them.