STANDARD RATE SCHEDULE

Santa Clara Valley Water District Water Resource Protection Ordinance requires that applications for an encroachment permit be charged a filing fee in an amount established by the Board of Directors. The filing fee for an encroachment permit shall be $250. Permit filing fees are non-refundable. Actual costs are based on billing rates for staff services. Payments may be in the form of cash, check, credit card, money order, or cashier’s check after the receipt of an invoice.

Exceptions:

Fees are not required for:

- Preliminary assessments to determine if a permit is required.
- Adopt-a-Creek permits.
- Fence cost sharing permits.
- Temporary pedestrian access for environmental studies, sampling, surveying, and organized events.
- Activities covered by agreements with other agencies where there is already an exchange of benefits such as public access for recreational purposes allowed through joint use agreements.

Temporary Vehicular Access:

$250 Inclusive of filing fee

Insurance requirements must be met and a deposit may be needed. Additional amounts will be assessed if follow up inspection is required.

Construction Permits for Temporary Uses:

$250 Inclusive of filing fee

Temporary uses that involve construction include minor grading, construction support activities, exploratory borings, and monitoring wells. A summary of charges against the permit application in excess of 2 hours will be due and payable at the time of permit issuance. Reimbursement for staff costs for environmental review, inspection charge and key deposit will be assessed and due prior to issuance of a permit. Standard rates for the use of District property are shown below based on size of area used and duration of use. Durations longer than 1 year and use of property greater than 1000 sq ft will be subject to a license at fair market value.

- Duration up to 3 months—$600
- Durations longer than 3 months up to 1 year—$1000
- Monitoring wells on Valley Water property—$1000 with $100 annual renewal

Construction Permits for Permanent Uses:

$1000 Inclusive of filing fee plus reimbursement of actual review costs.

Permanent uses include utilities, telecommunications, outfalls, bridges, and major modifications, including flood protection channel construction or construction affecting Valley Water pipelines. Land rights must be acquired in advance of construction for major encroachments on to Valley Water property. A summary of charges against the permit application along with a request for any additional deposit will be made as the deposit is used. All applicable mounts are due and must be paid in full at the time of permit issuance. Applicant will be charged for any additional staff time spent on the project during construction.

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Environmental Review:

$300 initial deposit plus actual costs associated with preparation of documents and County Recorder’s filing fee.

Inspection:

$125 per trip: A minimum of one inspection will be charged per permit. The number of trips for major construction is determined on a case-by-case basis.

Key Deposit:

$50 (refundable)

Permit Extensions or Name Changes:

$100

Permit Amendments:

$100 Requests for changes or additions to permit purpose or conditions.

Appeals:

$100

Land Rights Transfers:

$2500 initial deposit plus actual costs Actual costs are based on billing rates for staff services. Estimates for other components are noted below, actual costs may be greater.

Appraisals: $2500 to $10,000.
Hazardous Substance Liability Assessment (HSLA): $5000.
Title report, if required: $450 to $700 depending on complexity.
Escrow fees: $450 depending on amount of transaction.
Title insurance, if required: actual cost.
Recording fees: actual cost, see County Recorder’s Office fee schedule.

Licenses:

- Telecommunications—per rate schedule adopted May 25, 2010.
- Durations less than 1 year—see rates listed under Construction Permits for Temporary Uses.
- Durations longer than 1 year and use of property greater than 1000 sq ft will be subject to a license at fair market value.

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