

## Ratepayer Advocate

Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

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## Why RDN?

- Ratepayer Advocate Experience
  - SCV Water Ratepayer Advocate 2019 2023
  - Moulton Niguel Water District Rate/Fee Review 2017, 2022
- Two Ratepayer Advocates
  - Backup Ratepayer Advocate ensures availability to customers and Board
- Independence and Integrity
  - RDN will review rate/fee assumptions and methodologies and provide our independent assessment
  - Offer Finance & Administration (F&A) Committee and Board our assessment and alternative rate/fee options as appropriate
  - Serve SCV Water ratepayers and at the pleasure of the Board
- Effective Customer Engagement
  - Ratepayer Advocate will attend all public meetings regarding rates and fees
  - Available and accessible to answer customer questions in-person, website Q&A, e-mail, phone
  - Reports that clearly demonstrate nexus between Agency costs and proposed rates/fees
  - FAQ on website, interactive customer bill impact tool, rate calculator



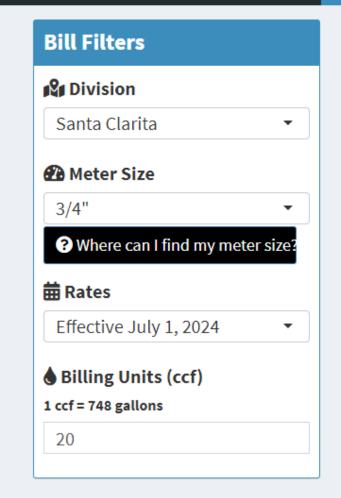


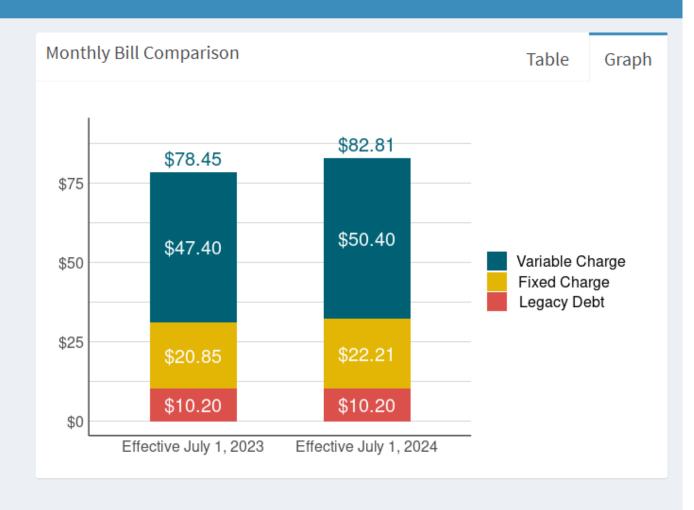












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