

The Running Springs Water District operates and maintains three separate departments providing fire, water, and sewer services for the Running Springs area.

Availability charges are benefit assessments which are levied on an annual basis pursuant to State law to equalize the cost of providing and maintaining services for property owners.

-WATER AND SEWER AVAILABILITY CHARGES-

The District first began billing the water availability charges in 1969. Annual billing of the sewer availability charges began in 1978. The charges are levied according to need, and are assessed on unimproved and certain improved land within the boundaries of the Running Springs Water District. The water standby or availability charge was set not to exceed thirty (\$30) per year for each acre of land, or thirty (\$30) per year for each parcel of land smaller in size than one acre within the District, to which water is made available for any purpose by the District, whether the water is actually used or not. The sewer standby charge was set not to exceed (\$10) per year for each acre of land, or ten (\$10) per year for each parcel of land smaller in size than one acre within the District to which sewer is made available used or not. Each legally subdivided lot, meeting minimum San Bernardino County site requirements is subject to water and sewer availability charges. The revenue generated by these charges will be used for repair and replacement expenses on our water and sewer facilities.

-FIRE AVAILABILITY CHARGES-

In November 1980, the voters of Running Springs approved this availability charge pursuant to the provisions of Proposition 13. Unlike water and sewer, the fire suppression availability charge is levied only on improved properties in the District. Our criteria for establishing the unit of benefit was based on building occupancy load ratings from the Uniform Building Code. The amount to be raised by the charge is evaluated yearly according to alternate funding sources and the needs of the Fire Department. The amount of this charge as set by the voters is a maximum \$65 per unit of benefit per year. Revenues generated will be used to maintain and operate fire suppression equipment and to pay related personnel costs. Beginning with Fiscal Year 2001/02 the Fire Availability Charge will be collected on the San Bernardino County property tax bill.