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WATER CHARGES 2011/2012

Pioneer Valley Water has adopted its budget for 2011/2012 and set the water charges for the year. The charges are shown in the following table.

AREA	Access Charge \$/ML	Usage Charge \$/ML	Levy Charge \$/ML
Riparian	27.45	8.25	18.60
Palmyra	32.55 (35.20)	27.70	23.00
Silver McGregor			
Pipeline	32.85	33.10	27.40
Creek	32.85	33.10	23.00
Septimus	38.90	41.20	27.40
Palm Tree Creek			
Pipeline	37.95	12.40	36.20
Cattle Creek	30.25	9.30	23.00

The bracketed number for the Palmyra Access Charge is the charge that will apply for Palmyra if the rock stabilisation work along the Bakers Creek Channel is able to be completed this year. This project depends on there being an extended dry period to allow access along the channel. The additional \$2.65/ML will apply from completion of the work as was discussed with Palmyra members last year.

The budget for 2011/2012 has been based on 3.6% CPI increase in some areas and an increase of 6.6% for electricity. As explained in our recent newsletter the Government has imposed an additional \$2/ML increase on the SunWater bulk water charge for the Pioneer River Scheme. This is on top of a CPI increase from last year's charge and while the Queensland Competition Authority's review of SunWater irrigation pricing is still in progress.

Access Charges include a \$0.65/ML increase in the asset renewal charge in all areas in accordance with the Asset Renewal Strategy that has been adopted for our scheme. An increase of \$1.25/ML had been planned under the Strategy for this year but the Board has delayed the full increase until 2012/13 to provide some relief for members.

The attached chart shows the major areas of increase in your water charges for this year. As can be seen the Board has again maintained very close control of its own costs but must pass on increases that are totally outside of its control.



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For Non-members of Pioneer Valley Water Co-operative enclosed with this Newsletter is the Schedule of Service Charges that will apply for 2011/2012. This is in accordance with the supply contract between the Co-operative and Non-members. The Service Charges do not apply to Co-operative members.

ANNOUNCED ALLOCATION 2011/2012

With Teemburra Dam at full supply level, Announced Allocation for the 2011/2012 Water Year has been set at 100% from 1st July. This means again that Streamflow Allocation Periods will not need to be declared during the 2011/2012 Water Year.

LEASE OF WATER ALLOCATIONS FROM MEMBERS

Again a reminder to Members to get the documentation back to us to extend the lease of water allocations as part of your membership of Pioneer Valley Water Co-operative. Although the lease term finished on 30 June 2011 it can still be extended through completion of the documentation we sent out in April and May. Please give this matter your urgent attention and get in touch with us if you have any questions on it.