

# **LCRA Interruptible Water Rates for Calendar Year 2026**

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**Water Operations Committee  
Meeting**

**Jan. 28, 2026**



# Summary of Recommended Rates – Calendar Year 2026

Agricultural division	CY 2026 rate	Last rate charged*	Percent change
Gulf Coast	\$71.52	\$69.44	3%
Lakeside	\$71.52	\$69.44	3%
<b>Garwood (weighted average)</b>	<b>\$40.72</b>	<b>\$44.98</b>	<b>(9.5%)</b>
First lift (81% of total volume)	\$39.51	\$43.47	
Second lift (19% of total volume)	\$46.83	\$51.53	

\*Last rate charged in Gulf Coast and Lakeside was in CY 2022. Last rate charged in Garwood was in CY 2025.

# Summary of Recommended Rates – CY 2026 (Continued)

Agricultural division	Rice/turf and supplemental rate (dollars per a-f)	Excess use surcharge* (dollars per a-f)		
		Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Gulf Coast	\$71.52	\$28.61	\$57.22	\$107.28
Lakeside	\$71.52	\$28.61	\$57.22	\$107.28
Garwood – One lift	\$39.51	\$15.80	\$31.61	\$59.27
Garwood – Two lifts	\$46.83			

\*Surcharge rates are set at 40%, 80% and 150% of the underlying rate

- **Gulf Coast and Lakeside agricultural divisions:** Minimum charge of \$32.18 per acre-foot of interruptible stored water allocated under contract (45% of the interruptible water rate)
- **Garwood Agricultural Division:** Minimum charge of \$25 per acre of rice under contract
- **Minimum charges at all divisions are applicable to first season and second season contracts**

# **CY 2026 Interruptible Rules, Rates and DCP Implementation Summary and Timeline**

- **Interruptible rates – recalibrating to a 3% increase from last delivery period in Gulf Coast and Lakeside**
- **No proposed rules or Drought Contingency Plan changes for 2026**
- **Interruptible water availability – driven by conditions on March 1, 2026**

# Summary of Comments

- **Received five comments\* from the public and provided them to the Board for review**
- **The following is a summary of the comments:**
  - Agricultural use of water is wasteful
  - Interruptible rates should be higher to discourage waste and encourage conservation
  - LCRA should recover full cost of irrigation water through the rates
  - LCRA Agriculture Reserve Fund should not be used for interruptible uses not related to food production
  - LCRA should not lower rates

\*One comment was about lowering Lake Austin and not applicable



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