

GULF COAST WATER AUTHORITY  
FY 2020 AG RATE ORDER

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF GALVESTON

RECITALS

**WHEREAS**, the Gulf Coast Water Authority (the "Authority"), a conservation and reclamation district under the provisions of Section 59, Article XVI of the Texas Constitution created and operating under the provisions Chapter 712, Acts of the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 1965 (originally codified as Article 8280-339, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is the holder of permits and other rights for the storage, diversion, transport, and withdrawal of water from the Brazos River, Jones Creek, Oyster Creek, Chocolate Bayou, Mustang Bayou, and Hall's Bayou ("Raw Water"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority may establish and adjust the rates for the sale of irrigation water used in conjunction with agriculture use ("Ag Water") from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager is also charged by the Board of Directors with authority to make Interruptible Water sales; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined it necessary and prudent to adjust its rate for the sale of Ag Water;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordered by the Board of Directors of the Gulf Coast Water Authority that:

ARTICLE I  
FINDINGS; EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICABILITY

Section 1.01: Findings. Each of the recitals stated in this Rate Order are hereby adopted as findings of fact of the Board of Directors. All statutory and contractual requirements and conditions have been met for the establishment of fees, rates, and charges under this Rate Order.

Section 1.02: Effective Date: Prior Resolutions or Orders. This Rate Order shall be effective as of February 13, 2020. Any and all previously adopted or stated water rates pertaining to the sale of Ag Water, are repealed and superseded hereby in all respects as of February 13, 2020.

Section 1.03: Applicability. This Rate Order shall be applicable to all sales of Ag Water under Ag Water Contracts.

ARTICLE II  
WATER RATES; FUTURE AMENDMENTS

Section 2.01: Water Rates.

- (a) Unless otherwise agreed in writing and as approved by the Board, the Water Rates shall be as stated in Exhibit A, attached hereto.
- (b) The various provisions of the Ag Water Contracts, the Addenda, shall govern all matters other than the prevailing rate for the sale of Ag Water, including but not limited to quality, quantity, diversion rates, diversion points, operations, repairs, maintenance, re-sales or exchanges, metering, billing, payment, credits against the Water Rate, collections, late fees, penalties and interest, shortages or water and force majeure, in respect of the sale of Water thereunder.

Section 2.02: Future Amendments. As determined necessary by the Authority, the Authority reserves the right to amend from time to time: (1) the rates, charges and fees contained in this Rate Order; and (2) any other terms and provisions of this Rate Order.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Directors on April 2, 2020.

  
Russell C. Jones, President

ATTEST:

  
Cliff Mock, Secretary



**2020 Ag Water Rates**  
**Gulf Coast Water Authority**

2019 Prices		2020 Prices	
Rice - First Crop			
Base Rate = \$55.06/AF x Average AF/Acre x Certified Acres		Base Rate = \$57.04/AF x Average AF/Acre x Certified Acres	
\$55.06 was arrived at based on GCWA 2019 Industrial Rate with a 30% discount for Agriculture Customers (BRA Cost Method)		\$57.04/AF was based on GCWA 2020 Raw Water Rate with a 30% discount for Agriculture Customers (BRA Cost Method)	
Depending on Average AF/Acre Usage, a Conservation Credit or an "Above average" Usage fee may apply.		Depending on Average AF/Acre Usage, a Conservation Credit or an "Above average" Usage fee may apply.	
Conservation Incentive Credit		Conservation Incentive Credit	
0.00 - 2.24 AF per acre	\$10.00 per Certified Acre Credit	0.00 - 2.24 AF per acre	\$10.00 per Certified Acre Credit
2.25 - 2.75 AF per acre	Base Rate \$55.06	2.25 - 2.75 AF per acre	Base Rate \$57.04
"Above Average" Usage Fee		"Above Average" Usage Fee	
2.76 - 3.25 AF per acre	\$5.00 per Certified Acre Fee	2.76 - 3.25 AF per acre	\$5.00 per Certified Acre Fee
3.26 - 3.75 AF per acre	\$7.50 per Certified Acre Fee	3.26 - 3.75 AF per acre	\$7.50 per Certified Acre Fee
3.76 AF per acre & Above	\$10.00 per Certified Acre Fee	3.76 AF per acre & Above	\$10.00 per Certified Acre Fee

Rice - Ratoon Crop		
Permanent Hold - To be determined	Base Rate \$55.06 (2019)	Pricing at June Board Meeting

Rice Water off Canal System (Acres Not Under Current Rice Contract)		
<b>Note!!!</b> <b>Water at the discretion of Authority</b> Water is only available if sufficient run-of-river water exists. Water will be measured at the point of discharge from the canal. Fifty (50) percent deposit of anticipated usage must be paid up front. Balance due at completion of each watering. Not eligible for BRA Stored Water	\$79.96 per Acre Foot (2018)	25% Above Raw Water Cost of \$57.04/AF
	\$87.16 per Acre Foot (2019)	\$71.29 per Acre Foot (2020)

Row Crop		
Corn, Milo, Soybeans and Cotton <b>Note!!!</b> <b>Water at the discretion of Authority</b> Water is only available if sufficient run-of-river water exists. Water will be measured at the point of discharge from the canal. Fifty (50) percent deposit of anticipated usage must be paid up front. Balance due at completion of each watering. Water must be applied by an approved industry Standard metered irrigation piping system. Not eligible for BRA Stored Water	\$67.50 per Acre Foot (2018)	25% Above Raw Water Cost of \$57.04/AF
	\$73.58 per Acre Foot (2019)	\$71.29 per Acre Foot (2020)

Commercial Water		
Crawfish <b>Note!!!</b> <b>Water at the discretion of Authority</b> Water is only available if sufficient run-of-river water exists. Water will be measured at the point of discharge from the canal. Fifty (50) percent deposit of anticipated usage must be paid up front. Balance due at completion of each watering. Not eligible for BRA Stored Water	\$122.54 per Acre Foot (2018)	25% Above Raw Water Cost of \$57.04/AF
	\$133.57 per Acre Foot (2019)	\$71.29 per Acre Foot (2020)

Commercial Water		
Duck Water <b>Note!!!</b> <b>Water at the discretion of Authority</b> Water is only available if sufficient run-of-river water exists. Water will be measured at the point of discharge from the canal. Fifty (50) percent deposit of anticipated usage must be paid up front. Balance due at completion of each watering. Not eligible for BRA Stored Water	\$122.54 per Acre Foot (2018)	50% Above Raw Water Cost of \$57.04/AF
	\$133.57 per Acre Foot (2019)	\$85.55 per Acre Foot (2020)