

## **North Unit Irrigation District 2022 Explanation of Charges**

**The following charges are billed in December for following year, and become delinquent April 15:**

Operation & Maintenance Charge (O&M) \$66.08 / acre

This charge is for the operation & maintenance of the district and when paid allows a minimum of 2.0-acre feet of water per acre on Deschutes water rights and 1.0-acre foot per acre on Crooked River water rights before excess is charged, if available. This charge varies yearly based on the budget adopted by the district's board of directors.

Account Charge \$225 / account

The district implemented a yearly account charge starting with the 2005 water year. This charge covers administrative costs incurred by the district, which the board feels should be shared equally amongst landowners.

LEGAL/NEPA/OSF \$6.46 / acre

The district established a special assessment to cover the costs of Legal fees, which includes NEPA, the Oregon Spotted Frog litigation, the Crooked River legislation implementation and PR/Marketing for these issues.

Construction \$2.35 / acre

This charge is a repayment to the Bureau of Reclamation for the construction of the project. The district obtained a legislative amendment to our contract with the Bureau, which is effective starting the 2009 water season. Deschutes water right acres were previously subject to this charge, with the change Crooked River water right acres are now also subject to this charge.

Safety of Dams

The Bureau of Reclamation completed Safety of Dams modifications on Wickiup Dam and the district is required to pay 15% of the total cost. The estimated cost to the district is \$5,766,972 and the district has a 30-year repayment contract with the Bureau. After 2019, the repayment is \$6.00 per acre with an additional account charge of \$15.18 per account for any landowner with 10 acres or less of water rights. The Deschutes water right acres are subject to this charge.

**Excess charges are billed at the end of October, and become delinquent April 15<sup>th</sup> of the following year:**

Excess \$39.65 1<sup>st</sup> ft, \$46.25 2<sup>nd</sup> ft

At the end of the water season, usage over your minimum is calculated and bills for excess water are sent towards the end of October or the first week in November. This is a required under the district's contract, with the Bureau of Reclamation.