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## **Mandate tiered rate structures for multi-family buildings**

Conservation needs to be incentivized. For residential customers this occurs with a tiered rate structure, similar to electricity rates that increase with usage.

However, multifamily customers are often not on a tiered rate structure, e.g. for San Diego:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/water/rates/rates/index.shtml>

Even though multifamily buildings typically use substantially less water per resident than single family buildings (due to smaller areas of irrigated land per resident) the multifamily water rate is between the 2nd and 3rd (highest) tier.

Tiered rate structures for multifamily buildings should be mandated.