

Bid-The-Water Specification

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Caltrans Standard Specifications default language specifies that water for landscape irrigation will be provided to Contractors without change. This approach, however, does little to encourage Contractors to apply water efficiently. Use the optional standard special provision (SSP) below for NEW irrigation water meters to further improve water conservation. This is an optional specification, and only applies to NEW water meters.

The SSP below requires the Contractor to bid the projected irrigation water cost as well as pay the service charge (bill) for irrigation water during the life of the contract. Coordinate with District Construction staff before using this SSP since this approach will require additional oversight and coordination from Construction staff.

Contractor Pays Landscape Irrigation Water Bill

Condition	Payment	Standard Specification or Revised Standard Specification (RSS) that applies	Standard Special Provision (SSP) and SSP paragraphs to be used
<u>Use to make the irrigation water service charge (bill) a bid item. (This is an optional SSP, it will help conserve water, but you may want to pilot its use on some simple projects first.)</u>	Irrigation Water Service Charge bid item pays the Contractor for materials and labor. Use Bid Item 995200 Irrigation Water Service Charges	RSS 5-1.20F	Use <u>SSP 5-1.20F</u> . Edit to identify the local water authority, as well as the water cost per unit. Include tiered rate information if applicable.