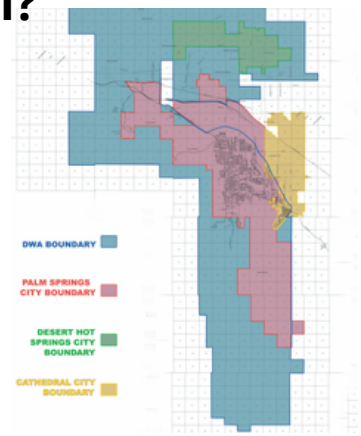
Desert Water Agency & Your Property Tax Bill

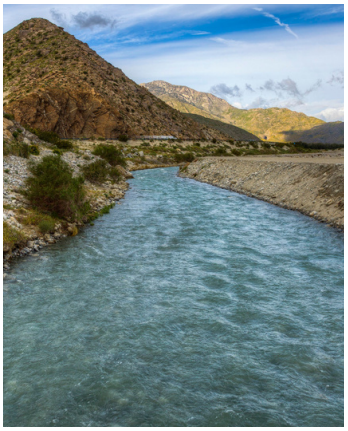
Desert Water Agency appears on tax bills of properties within our boundary (www.dwa.org/boundary) **To explain the charge, here are some FAQs:**

Why is Desert Water Agency on my property tax bill?



Desert Water Agency brings imported water to the region to replenish the underground aquifer. The amount that appears on your tax bill is $0.06 per $100 in assessed value of your property. That amount helps pay for our community's share of the State Water Project imported water infrastructure. Even if you are not connected to our system, your property value benefits from these efforts. Our taxing authority was initially approved by voters in 1961.

What is the State Water Project?



The State Water Project is California's primary water system from north to south. It brings snowmelt from the Sierras to Southern California. Because there is no pipeline or aqueduct from the State Water Project to Palm Springs, DWA and Coachella Valley Water District exchange their State Water Project water with Metropolitan Water District for Colorado River water, which comes through the valley in an aqueduct.

How is the aquifer replenished?

Water delivered from the Colorado River flows to the valley through an aqueduct, and into replenishment ponds. The water seeps into the ground and replenishes the aquifer, which is then pumped out to valley residents. Replenishment of the aquifer ensures an adequate water supply for the region.

For more information and imported water facts please visit:
www.dwa.org/importedwater

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