



Sonoma
Water

FY 2026-2027 Proposed Rates Sanitation Districts and Zones

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FY 2026/2027 Proposed Rate Increases – Zones

Zone	Airport, Larkfield, Wikiup	Geyserville	Penngrove	Sea Ranch
Percent Increase	7.5%	8.6%	7.8%	8.9%
FY 26-27 Annual Rate	\$1,552	\$1,824	\$2,476	\$1,966
FY 26-27 Annual Rate Increase	\$108	\$144	\$178	\$160
FY26/27 Monthly Rate	\$129	\$152	\$206	\$164
FY26/27 Monthly Rate Increase	\$9	\$12	\$14	\$13

Note: FY 26/27 Annual Rate = Annual charge per Equivalent Single Family Dwelling and annual dollar increase over FY 25/26. Includes FY26/27 monthly charge and monthly increase over FY25/26.



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FY 2026/2027 Proposed Rate Increases - Districts

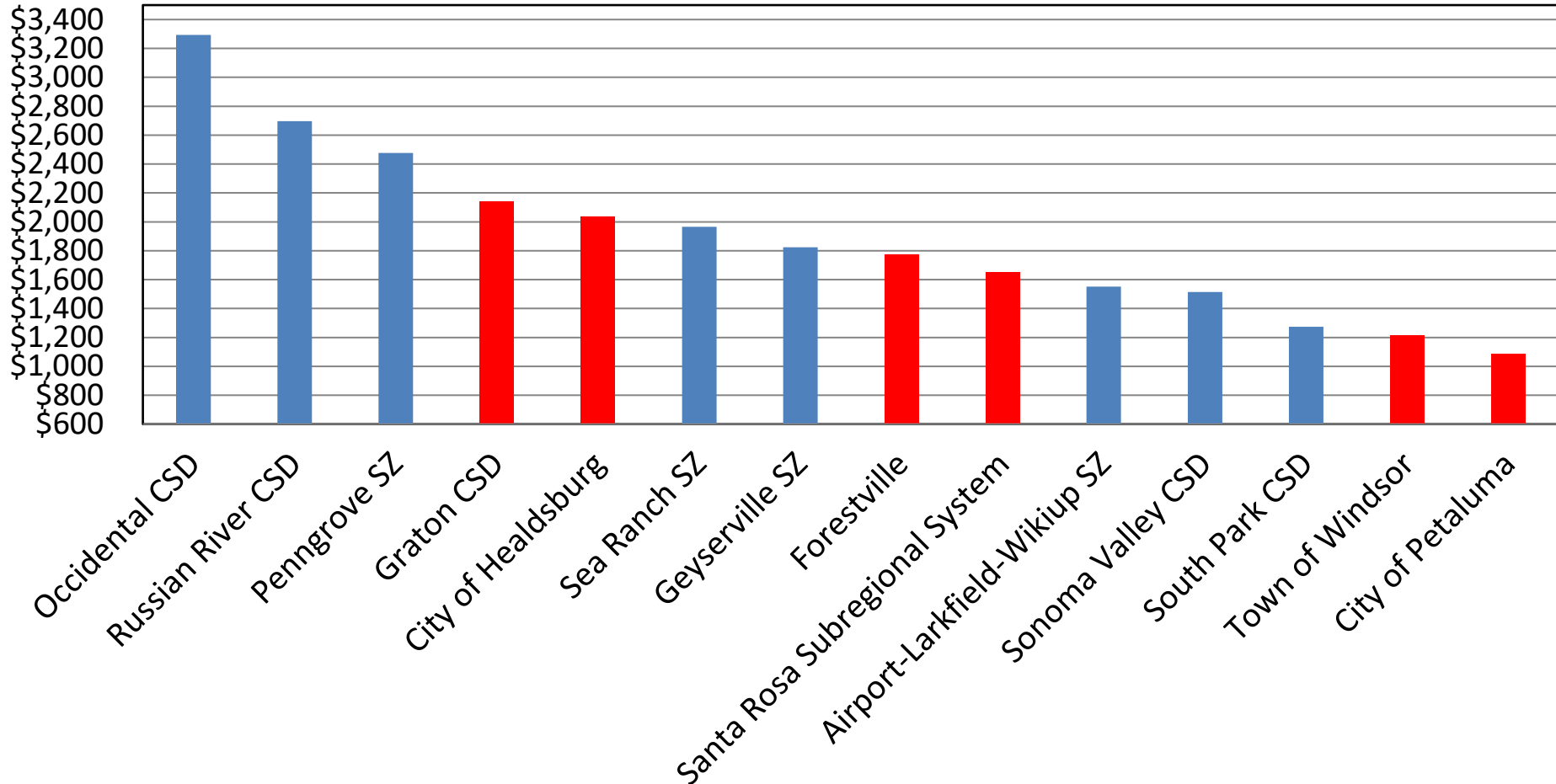
District	Occidental	Russian River	Sonoma Valley	South Park
Percent Increase	4.7%	8.5%	6.0%	3.5%
FY 26-27 Annual Rate	\$3,294	\$2,696	\$1,514	\$1,274
FY 26-27 Annual Rate Increase	\$148	\$210	\$86	\$42
FY26/27 Monthly Rate	\$275	\$225	\$126	\$106
FY26/27 Monthly Rate Increase	\$12	\$17	\$7	\$4



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Proposed Annual Charges for Sewer Service - 2026

Based on 200 gallons per day per Equivalent Single-Family Dwelling



 = Sonoma Water owned/operated
 = Other local systems

Sanitation Rate Relief Program

Why?

- People with reduced or fixed income may struggle to pay sanitation bills

Who?

- Residential customers who own and live in their home as their primary residence
- Current participant in the PG&E CARE Program, or
- Total income of all persons living in the home is 75% or less of the area median family income
- 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations that provide housing to low-income renters

How much?

- 50% of FY 26-27 sewer bill for eligible customers
- Up to \$600,000 from Sonoma Water General Fund

How will people be informed?

- Website, social media, press release, outreach through social service agencies and non-profit organizations

Next steps?

- Seeking Board authorization for program



Sanitation Rate Relief Program

DISTRICT / ZONE	FY 2023/2024 Final Results		FY 2024/2025 Final Results		FY 2025/2026 Final Results	
	# of Eligible Applicants	Rate Relief Dollars	# of Eligible Applicants	Rate Relief Dollars	# of Eligible Applicants	Rate Relief Dollars
Airport Larkfield Wikiup Sanitation Zone	14	\$9,594	16	\$10,656	21	\$15,595
Geyserville Sanitation Zone	2	\$1,424	2	\$1,548	4	\$3,360
Penngrove Sanitation Zone	3	\$3,751	4	\$4,264	4	\$4,596
Sea Ranch Sanitation Zone	1	\$762	-	\$0	1	\$903
Occidental County Sanitation District	3	\$5,445	5	\$7,515	5	\$7,865
Russian River County Sanitation District	44	\$49,865	57	\$67,156	60	\$76,817
South Park County Sanitation District	16	\$9,324	20	\$41,887	23	\$43,113
Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District	85	\$49,187	108	\$98,451	121	\$74,826
Total	168	\$129,352	212	\$231,477	239	\$227,076

Grants and Loans

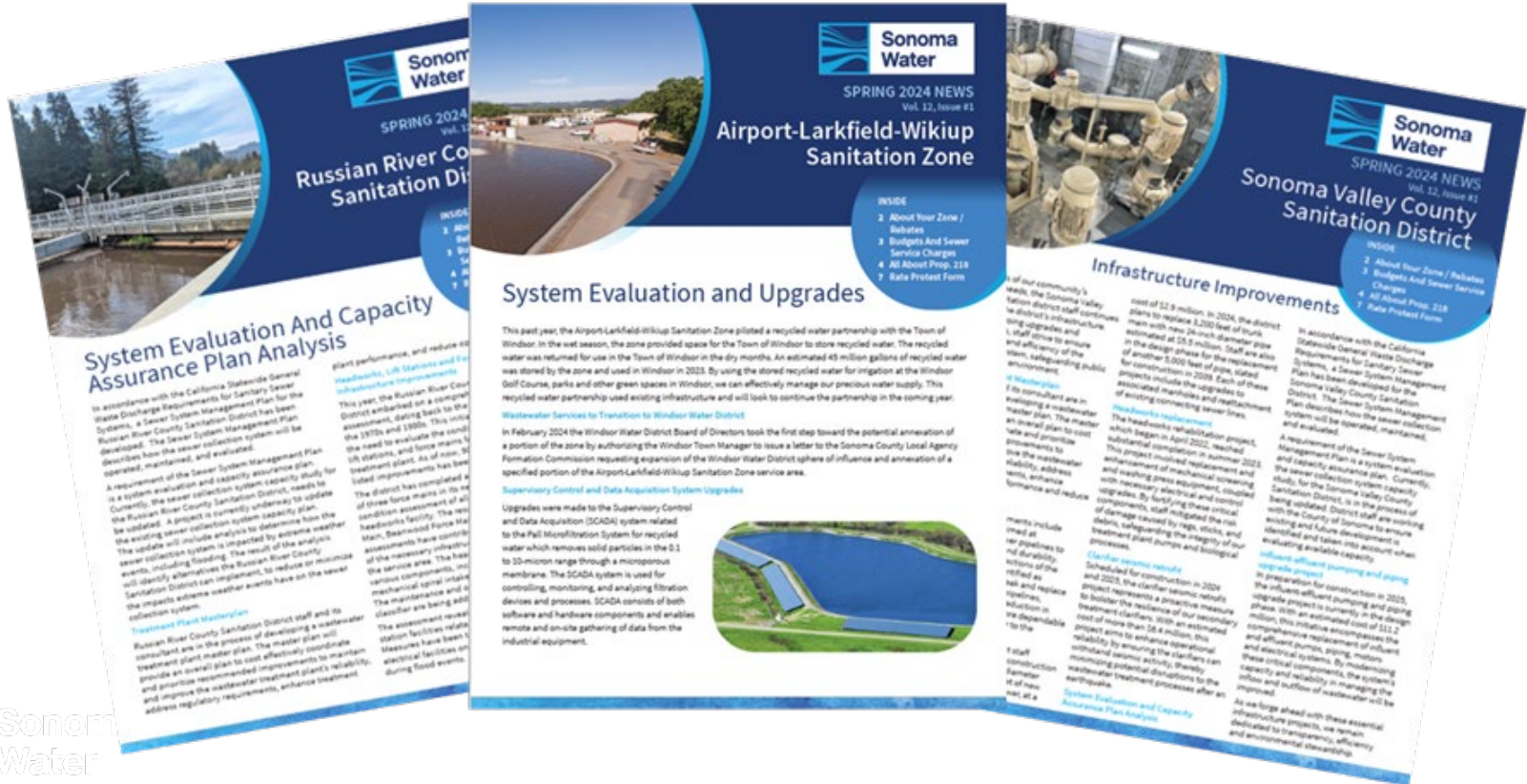
District/Zone	Grant/Bond/Loan Awards past 5 Years (Dollars)	Grant/Loan Applications Pending (Dollars)
Airport-Larkfield-Wikiup SZ	48,566	-
Geyserville SZ	54,438	-
Occidental CSD	1,460,467	-
Penngrove SZ	226,116	2,000,000
Russian River CSD	5,034,421	49,186,537
Sea Ranch SZ	3,864	-
South Park CSD	42,828	-
Sonoma Valley CSD	20,653,330	1,780,943
Total	27,524,029	52,967,480

State Water and Wastewater Arrearage Grants: FY 22/23: \$146,500 for 86 customers. FY 23/24: \$189,600 for 109 customers. Russian River CSD pursuing \$47.7 million for Headworks Lift Station Force Main Project. Sonoma Valley CSD will issue \$28 Million in Revenue Bonds in May 2027 to fund capital improvements.



Total Protest Returns

Report of Results



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