



Sonoma
Water

FY 2024-2025 Proposed Rates Sanitation Districts and Zones

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FY 2024/2025 Proposed Rate Increases

Zone	Airport, Larkfield, Wikiup		Geyserville		Penngrove		Sea Ranch	
Percent Increase	7.0%		8.7%		8.0%		8.8%	
FY 24-25 Amount	\$1,332	\$86	\$1,548	\$124	\$2,132	\$158	\$1,658	\$134

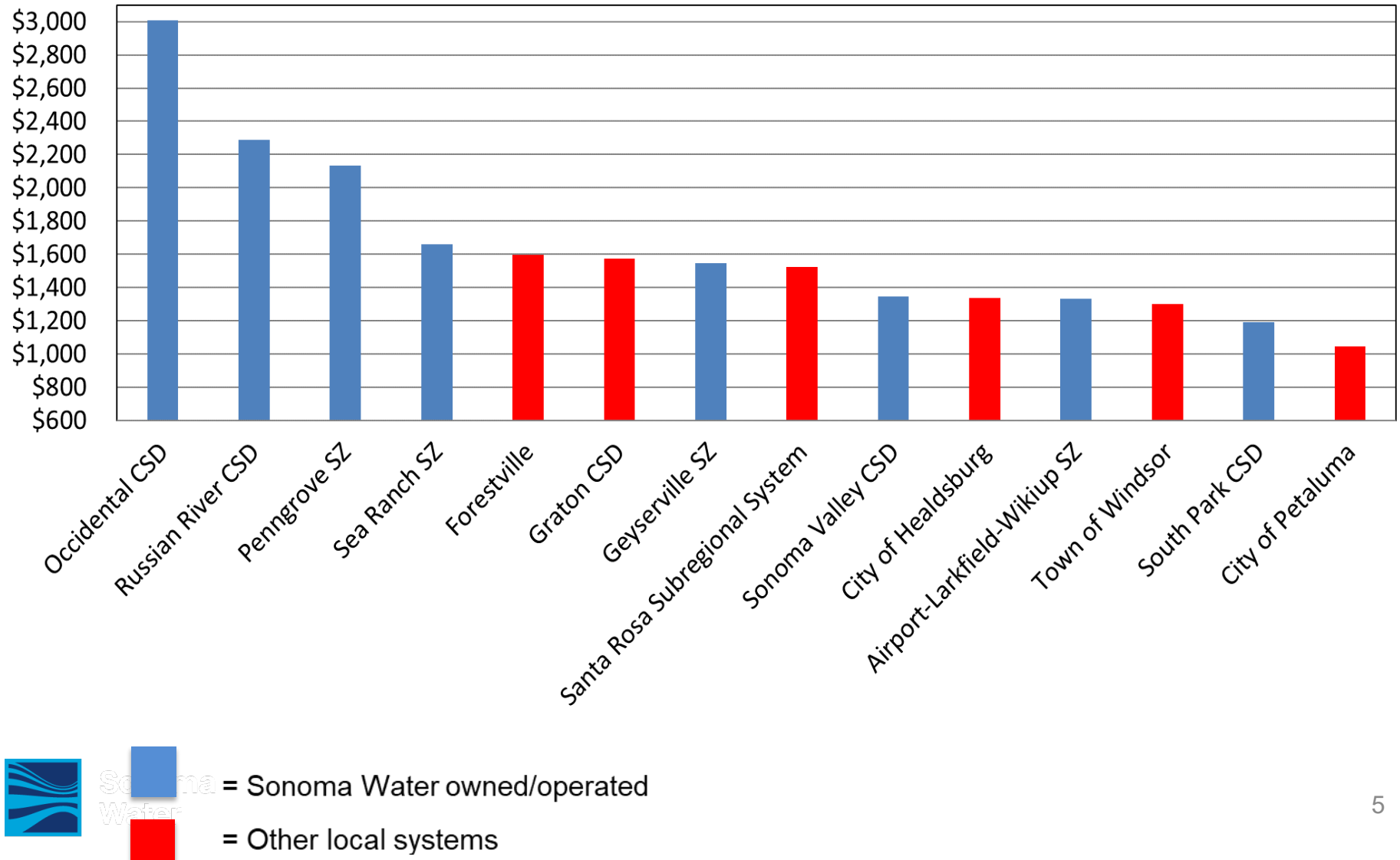
District	Occidental		Russian River		Sonoma Valley		South Park	
Percent Increase	4.9%		8.8%		6.0%		3.5%	
FY 24-25 Amount	\$3,006	\$140	\$2,290	\$186	\$1,348	\$76	\$1,190	\$40

Note: FY 24/25 amount = Annual charge per Equivalent Single Family Dwelling and annual dollar increase over FY 23/24. Monthly Increase over FY 23/24 ranges from \$3.30 to \$15.50.



Annual Charges for Sewer Service - 2024

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



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 of 60% 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 24-25 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

FY 2023/2024 Results

DISTRICT / ZONE	# OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	# OF ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	RATE RELIEF DOLLARS
Airport Larkfield Wikiup Sanitation Zone	14	14	\$9,594
Geyserville Sanitation Zone	2	2	\$1,424
Penngrove Sanitation Zone	4	3	\$3,751
Sea Ranch Sanitation Zone	1	1	\$762
Occidental County Sanitation District	3	3	\$5,445
Russian River County Sanitation District	45	44	\$49,865
South Park County Sanitation District	16	16	\$9,324
Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District	89	85	\$49,187
TOTAL	174	168	\$129,352

Grants and Loans

	Grant/Bond/Loan Awards (Dollars) past 5 Years	Grant/Loan Applications Pending (Dollars)
Airport-Larkfield-Wikiup SZ	49,145	-
Geyserville SZ	54,438	-
Occidental CSD	1,460,467	-
Penngrove SZ	532,959	-
Russian River CSD	7,867,674	45,144,230
Sea Ranch SZ	3,864	-
South Park CSD	42,828	-
Sonoma Valley CSD	4,228,642	1,669,650
Total	14,240,014	46,813,880



State Water and Wastewater Arrearage Grant: FY 22/23: \$146,500 for 86 customers. FY 23/24: \$210,037 for 109 customers.

Total Protest Returns

Report of Results



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