

## **SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE: ANNUAL SANITATION SERVICE CHARGES**

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The Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on the proposed rate increase on May 17, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Board Meeting Room, 575 Administration Drive, Room 102A, Santa Rosa, California. Protest procedures are contained in the original notice. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Badger at (707) 526-5370 for further information.



# ***PROPOSITION 218***

## **Airport-Larkfield-Wikiup Sanitation Zone**

### **Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Sewer Service Rate Increase**

#### **Date, Time, and Place of Public Hearing**

On **May 17, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Board of Directors (Board) of the Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water) will conduct a public hearing to consider increasing the annual sewer service charge (Sewer Charge) to be collected on account of sewage collection and treatment services provided by the sewer system of the Airport-Larkfield-Wikiup Sanitation Zone (Zone) to property within the Zone. If approved, the increased Sewer Charge and rate structure modifications will become effective on July 1, 2022.

**Please note:** The public hearing will be held in the Board Meeting Room, 575 Administration Drive, Room 102A, Santa Rosa, California. However, it may be held virtually if required by COVID-19 pandemic conditions. If the meeting is held virtually, then information regarding public online participation will be available on the Board's agenda 72 hours prior to the meeting at <https://sonoma-county.legistar.com/calendar.aspx>.

The Sewer Charge will be imposed on each parcel with one or more structures that are connected to the system. The Sewer Charge will be collected on the general property tax bill administered by Sonoma County. Payment of the Sewer Charge will be the responsibility of the owner of the parcel.

#### **Reasons for the Sewer Charge and Use of the Funds Collected**

The Sewer Charge is imposed to pay for the cost of providing safe and reliable sewer service to your property in conformance with legal requirements, and is necessary: (a) to finance the ongoing operation and maintenance costs of the system; (b) to pay the capital replacement program costs of the system, which provides for the long-term replacement of system facilities as they wear out; and (c) to maintain sufficient reserves. The Zone recognizes the far-reaching financial impacts of COVID-19 on its customers, and has gone to great lengths to cut operations and maintenance costs, defer maintenance where practicable, delay studies and capital improvement projects, and reduce the rate increase while continuing to keep public safety and system reliability our top priorities.

#### **Sewer Rate Increase**

Effective July 1, 2022, the Zone proposes to increase the Sewer Charge to \$1,148 per year per "equivalent single-family dwelling" (ESD), an increase of \$90, or 8.5% compared to the current year. A standard single-family home constitutes one ESD. Parcels with other uses (for example, apartments and commercial buildings) will be assigned a number of ESDs using standard equivalency factors that estimate the probable quantity and quality of sewage effluent normally generated by such uses in comparison to a single-family home. Additional information on this standard methodology is available from the Zone.

The increased Sewer Charge has been calculated by dividing the annual costs of providing wastewater treatment and collection service by the estimated number of ESDs, which results in a Sewer Charge of \$1,148 per ESD.

Each customer with a sewer connection will be charged an annual Sewer Charge calculated as follows:

**\$1,148 per ESD X Number of ESDs**

The number of ESDs for your parcel is included in this newsletter in the box to the left of your mailing address.

The draft proposed budget for fiscal year 2022-23 describes the total annual expenses in detail and is available for review at the Airport-Larkfield-Wikiup Sanitation Zone, c/o the Sonoma County Water Agency, 404 Aviation Boulevard, Santa Rosa, California 95403, and on Sonoma Water's website at [www.sonomawater.org/current-budget](http://www.sonomawater.org/current-budget).

## **Further Information Available Prior to the Hearing**

At the hearing, the Board will consider adoption of an ordinance that will establish the increased Sewer Charge. A copy of the ordinance is on file and available for review at the Sonoma County Water Agency, 404 Aviation Boulevard, Santa Rosa, CA 95403. In addition, the following person may be contacted at the Agency at (707) 526-5370 for further information and/or obtaining copies of the draft proposed budget for fiscal year 2022-23: Kathy Badger, Administrative Aide.

## **Protest Procedure**

This notice has been mailed to you because records of the Sonoma County Assessor list you as an owner of one or more parcels within the Zone that will be subject to the Sewer Charge while connected to the system. In the event you have sold property you may have owned within the Zone, please send this notice to the new owner. This document can be found in the spring newsletter online at: [www.sonomawater.org/alwsz](http://www.sonomawater.org/alwsz).

Prior to the public hearing, property owners, or tenants who are directly liable for the payment of the Sewer Charges, may submit written protests respecting the Sewer Charge. At the public hearing, the Board will consider all written protests that have been received by the prescribed deadline. In order to be considered, a written protest must be made on the attached form. Only one protest will be counted per parcel. Only protests signed by the current owner(s), or tenant(s) directly liable for paying the Sewer Charge, will be allowed and must be received no later than the following deadlines:

*If submitted by mail, the protest must be received (NOT postmarked) no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2022 at the mailing address on the form.*

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Sonoma Water  
404 Aviation Blvd.  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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**Date of this Notice: March 31, 2022**

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## WRITTEN PROTEST

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Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Use opposite side or attach additional sheets if needed.

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Signature of Property Owner Required

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The Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on the proposed rate increase on May 17, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Board Meeting Room, 575 Administration Drive, Room 102A, Santa Rosa, California. Protest procedures are contained in the original notice. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Badger at (707) 526-5370 for further information.



# ***PROPOSITION 218***

## **Geyserville Sanitation Zone**

### **Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Sewer Service Rate Increase**

#### **Date, Time, and Place of Public Hearing**

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**Please note:** The public hearing will be held in the Board Meeting Room, 575 Administration Drive, Room 102A, Santa Rosa, California. However, it may be held virtually if required by COVID-19 pandemic conditions. If the meeting is held virtually, then information regarding public online participation will be available on the Board's agenda 72 hours prior to the meeting at <https://sonoma-county.legistar.com/calendar.aspx>.

The Sewer Charge will be imposed on each parcel with one or more structures that are connected to the system. The Sewer Charge will be collected on the general property tax bill administered by Sonoma County. Payment of the Sewer Charge will be the responsibility of the owner of the parcel.

#### **Reasons for the Sewer Charge and Use of the Funds Collected**

The Sewer Charge is imposed to pay for the cost of providing safe and reliable sewer service to your property in conformance with legal requirements and is necessary: (a) to finance the ongoing operation and maintenance costs of the system; (b) to pay the capital replacement program costs of the system, which provides for the long-term replacement of system facilities as they wear out; and (c) to maintain sufficient reserves.

#### **Sewer Rate Increase**

Effective July 1, 2022, the Zone proposes to increase the Sewer Charge to \$1,310 per year per "equivalent single-family dwelling" (ESD), an increase of \$106, or 8.8% compared to the current year. A standard single-family home constitutes one ESD. Parcels with other uses (for example, apartments and commercial buildings) will be assigned a number of ESDs using standard equivalency factors that estimate the probable quantity and quality of sewage effluent normally generated by such uses in comparison to a single-family home. Additional information on this standard methodology is available from the Zone.

The increased Sewer Charge has been calculated by dividing the annual costs of providing wastewater treatment and collection service by the estimated number of ESDs, which results in a Sewer Charge of \$1,310 per ESD.

Each customer with a sewer connection will be charged an annual Sewer Charge calculated as follows:

**\$1,310 per ESD X Number of ESDs**

The number of ESDs for your parcel is included in this newsletter in the box to the left of your mailing address.

The draft proposed budget for fiscal year 2022-23 describes the total annual expenses in detail and is available for review at the Geyserville Sanitation Zone, c/o the Sonoma County Water Agency, 404 Aviation Boulevard, Santa Rosa, California 95403, and on Sonoma Water's website at [www.sonomawater.org/current-budget](http://www.sonomawater.org/current-budget).

### **Further Information Available Prior to the Hearing**

At the hearing, the Board will consider adoption of an ordinance that will establish the increased Sewer Charge. A copy of the ordinance is on file and available for review at the Sonoma County Water Agency, 404 Aviation Boulevard, Santa Rosa, CA 95403. In addition, the following person may be contacted at the Agency at (707) 526-5370 for further information and/or obtaining copies of the draft proposed budget for fiscal year 2022-23: Kathy Badger, Administrative Aide.

### **Protest Procedure**

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Prior to the public hearing, property owners, or tenants who are directly liable for the payment of the Sewer Charges, may submit written protests respecting the Sewer Charge. At the public hearing, the Board will consider all written protests that have been received by the prescribed deadline. In order to be considered, a written protest must be made on the attached form. Only one protest will be counted per parcel. Only protests signed by the current owner(s), or tenant(s) directly liable for paying the Sewer Charge, will be allowed and must be received no later than the following deadlines:

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Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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The Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on the proposed rate increase on May 17, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Board Meeting Room, 575 Administration Drive, Room 102A, Santa Rosa, California. Protest procedures are contained in the original notice. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Badger at (707) 526-5370 for further information.



# ***PROPOSITION 218***

## **Penngrove Sanitation Zone**

### **Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Sewer Service Rate Increase**

#### **Date, Time, and Place of Public Hearing**

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**Please note:** The public hearing will be held in the Board Meeting Room, 575 Administration Drive, Room 102A, Santa Rosa, California. However, it may be held virtually if required by COVID-19 pandemic conditions. If the meeting is held virtually, then information regarding public online participation will be available on the Board's agenda 72 hours prior to the meeting at <https://sonoma-county.legistar.com/calendar.aspx>.

The Sewer Charge will be imposed on each parcel with one or more structures that are connected to the system. The Sewer Charge will be collected on the general property tax bill administered by Sonoma County. Payment of the Sewer Charge will be the responsibility of the owner of the parcel.

#### **Reasons for the Sewer Charge and Use of the Funds Collected**

The Sewer Charge is imposed to pay for the cost of providing safe and reliable sewer service to your property in conformance with legal requirements and is necessary: (a) to finance the ongoing operation and maintenance costs of the system; (b) to pay the capital replacement program costs of the system, which provides for the long-term replacement of system facilities as they wear out; and (c) to maintain sufficient reserves.

#### **Sewer Rate Increase**

Effective July 1, 2022, the Zone proposes to increase the Sewer Charge to \$1,828 per year per "equivalent single-family dwelling" (ESD), an increase of \$136, or 8.0% compared to the current year. A standard single-family home constitutes one ESD. Parcels which have other uses (for example, apartments and commercial buildings) will be assigned a number of ESDs using standard equivalency factors that estimate the probable quantity and quality of sewage effluent normally generated by such uses in comparison to a single-family home. Additional information on this standard methodology is available from the Zone.

The increased Sewer Charge has been calculated by dividing the annual costs of providing wastewater treatment and collection service by the estimated number of ESDs, which results in a Sewer Charge of \$1,828 per ESD.

Each customer with a sewer connection will be charged an annual Sewer Charge calculated as follows:

**\$1,828 per ESD X Number of ESDs**

The number of ESDs for your parcel is included in this newsletter in the box to the left of your mailing address.

The draft proposed budget for fiscal year 2022-23 describes the total annual expenses in detail and is available for review at the Penngrove Sanitation Zone, c/o the Sonoma County Water Agency, 404 Aviation Boulevard, Santa Rosa, California 95403, and on Sonoma Water's website at [www.sonomawater.org/current-budget](http://www.sonomawater.org/current-budget).

## **Further Information Available Prior to the Hearing**

At the hearing, the Board will consider adoption of an ordinance that will establish the increased Sewer Charge. A copy of the ordinance is on file and available for review at the Sonoma County Water Agency, 404 Aviation Boulevard, Santa Rosa, CA 95403. In addition, the following person may be contacted at the Agency at (707) 526-5370 for further information and/or obtaining copies of the draft proposed budget for fiscal year 2021-22: Kathy Badger, Administrative Aide.

## **Protest Procedure**

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Prior to the public hearing, property owners, or tenants who are directly liable for the payment of the Sewer Charges, may submit written protests respecting the Sewer Charge. At the public hearing, the Board will consider all written protests that have been received by the prescribed deadline. In order to be considered, a written protest must be made on the attached form. Only one protest will be counted per parcel. Only protests signed by the current owner(s), or tenant(s) directly liable for paying the Sewer Charge, will be allowed and must be received no later than the following deadlines:

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The Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on the proposed rate increase on May 17, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Board Meeting Room, 575 Administration Drive, Room 102A, Santa Rosa, California. Protest procedures are contained in the original notice. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Badger at (707) 526-5370 for further information.



# ***PROPOSITION 218***

## **Sea Ranch Sanitation Zone**

### **Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Sewer Service Rate Increase**

#### **Date, Time, and Place of Public Hearing**

On **May 17, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Board Meeting Room, 575 Administration Drive, Room 102A, Santa Rosa, California, the Board of Directors (Board) of the Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency) will conduct a public hearing to consider increasing the annual sewer service charge (Sewer Charge) to be collected on account of sewage collection and treatment services provided by the sewer system of the Sea Ranch Sanitation Zone (Zone) to property within the Zone. If approved, the increased Sewer Charge and rate structure modifications will become effective on July 1, 2022.

**Please note:** The public hearing will be held in the Board Meeting Room, 575 Administration Drive, Room 102A, Santa Rosa, California. However, it may be held virtually if required by COVID-19 pandemic conditions. If the meeting is held virtually, then information regarding public online participation will be available on the Board's agenda 72 hours prior to the meeting at <https://sonoma-county.legistar.com/calendar.aspx>.

The Sewer Charge will be imposed on each parcel with one or more structures that are connected to the system. The Sewer Charge will be collected on the general property tax bill administered by Sonoma County. Payment of the Sewer Charge will be the responsibility of the owner of the parcel.

#### **Reasons for the Sewer Charge and Use of the Funds Collected**

The Sewer Charge is imposed to pay for the cost of providing safe and reliable sewer service to your property in conformance with legal requirements and is necessary: (a) to finance the ongoing operation and maintenance costs of the system; (b) to pay the capital replacement program costs of the system, which provides for the long-term replacement of system facilities as they wear out; and (c) to maintain sufficient reserves.

#### **Sewer Charge Increase**

Effective July 1, 2022, the Zone proposes to increase the Sewer Charge to \$1,400 per year per "equivalent single-family dwelling" (ESD), an increase of \$114, or 8.9% compared to the current year. A standard single-family home constitutes one ESD. Parcels with other uses (for example, apartments and commercial buildings) will be assigned a number of ESDs using standard equivalency factors that estimate the probable quantity and quality of sewage effluent normally generated by such uses in comparison to a single-family home. Additional information on this standard methodology is available from the Zone.

The increased Sewer Charge has been calculated by dividing the annual costs of providing wastewater treatment and collection service by the estimated number of ESDs, which results in a Sewer Charge of \$1,400 per ESD.

Each customer with a sewer connection will be charged an annual Sewer Charge calculated as follows:

**\$1,400 per ESD X Number of ESDs**

The number of ESDs for your parcel is included in this newsletter in the box to the left of your mailing address.

The draft proposed budget for fiscal year 2022-23 describes the total annual expenses in detail and is available for review at the Sea Ranch Sanitation Zone, c/o the Sonoma County Water Agency, 404 Aviation Boulevard, Santa Rosa, California 95403, and on Sonoma Water's website at [www.sonomawater.org/current-budget](http://www.sonomawater.org/current-budget).

### **Further Information Available Prior to the Hearing**

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### **Protest Procedure**

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The Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on the proposed rate increase on May 17, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Board Meeting Room, 575 Administration Drive, Room 102A, Santa Rosa, California. Protest procedures are contained in the original notice. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Badger at (707) 526-5370 for further information.



# ***PROPOSITION 218***

## **Occidental County Sanitation District**

### **Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Sewer Service Rate Increase**

#### **Date, Time, and Place of Public Hearing**

On **May 17, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Board of Directors (Board) of the Occidental County Sanitation District (District) will conduct a public hearing to consider increasing the annual sewer service charge (Sewer Charge) to be collected on account of sewage collection and treatment services provided by the sewer system of the District to property within the District. If approved, the increased Sewer Charge and rate structure modifications will become effective on July 1, 2022.

**Please note:** The public hearing will be held in the Board Meeting Room, 575 Administration Drive, Room 102A, Santa Rosa, California. However, it may be held virtually if required by COVID-19 pandemic conditions. If the meeting is held virtually, then information regarding public online participation will be available on the Board's agenda 72 hours prior to the meeting at <https://sonoma-county.legistar.com/calendar.aspx>.

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#### **Sewer Rate Increase**

Effective July 1, 2022, the District proposes to increase the Sewer Charge to \$2,732 per year per "equivalent single-family dwelling" (ESD), an increase of \$128, or 4.9% compared to the current year. A standard single-family home constitutes one ESD. Parcels with other uses (for example, apartments and commercial buildings) will be assigned a number of ESDs using standard equivalency factors that estimate the probable quantity and quality of sewage effluent normally generated by such uses in comparison to a single-family home. Additional information on this standard methodology is available from the District.

The increased Sewer Charge has been calculated by dividing the annual costs of providing wastewater treatment and collection service by the estimated number of ESDs, which results in a Sewer Charge of \$2,732 per ESD.

Each customer with a sewer connection will be charged an annual Sewer Charge calculated as follows:

**\$2,732 per ESD X Number of ESDs**

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The Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on the proposed rate increase on May 17, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Board Meeting Room, 575 Administration Drive, Room 102A, Santa Rosa, California. Protest procedures are contained in the original notice. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Badger at (707) 526-5370 for further information.



# ***PROPOSITION 218***

## **Russian River County Sanitation District**

### **Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Sewer Service Rate Increase**

#### **Date, Time, and Place of Public Hearing**

On **May 17, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Board Meeting Room, 575 Administration Drive, Room 102A, Santa Rosa, California, the Board of Directors (Board) of the Russian River County Sanitation District (District) will conduct a public hearing to consider increasing the annual sewer service charge (Sewer Charge) to be collected on account of sewage collection and treatment services provided by the sewer system of the District to property within the District. If approved, the increased Sewer Charge and rate structure modifications will become effective on July 1, 2022.

**Please note:** The public hearing will be held in the Board Meeting Room, 575 Administration Drive, Room 102A, Santa Rosa, California. However, it may be held virtually if required by COVID-19 pandemic conditions. If the meeting is held virtually, then information regarding public online participation will be available on the Board's agenda 72 hours prior to the meeting at <https://sonoma-county.legistar.com/calendar.aspx>.

The Sewer Charge will be imposed on each parcel with one or more structures that are connected to the system. The Sewer Charge will be collected on the general property tax bill administered by Sonoma County. Payment of the Sewer Charge will be the responsibility of the owner of the parcel.

#### **Reasons for the Sewer Charge and Use of the Funds Collected**

The Sewer Charge is imposed to pay for the cost of providing safe and reliable sewer service to your property in conformance with legal requirements, and is necessary: (a) to finance the ongoing operation and maintenance costs of the system; (b) to pay the capital replacement program costs of the system, which provides for the long-term replacement of system facilities as they wear out; and (c) to maintain sufficient reserves.

#### **Sewer Rate Increase**

Effective July 1, 2022, the District proposes to increase the Sewer Charge to \$1,932 per year per "equivalent single-family dwelling" (ESD), an increase of \$158, or 8.9% compared to the current year. A standard single-family home constitutes one ESD. Parcels with other uses (for example, apartments and commercial buildings) will be assigned a number of ESDs using standard equivalency factors that estimate the probable quantity and quality of sewage effluent normally generated by such uses in comparison to a single-family home. Additional information on this standard methodology is available from the District.

The increased Sewer Charge has been calculated by dividing the annual costs of providing wastewater treatment and collection service by the estimated number of ESDs, which results in a Sewer Charge of \$1,932 per ESD.

Each customer with a sewer connection will be charged an annual Sewer Charge calculated as follows:

**\$1,932 per ESD X Number of ESDs**

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# **PROPOSITION 218**

## **Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District**

### **Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Sewer Service Rate Increase**

#### **Date, Time, and Place of Public Hearing**

On **May 17, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Board of Directors (Board) of the Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District (District) will conduct a public hearing to consider increasing the annual sewer service charge (Sewer Charge) and make rate structure modifications. If approved, the increased Sewer Charge will become effective on July 1, 2022.

**Please note:** The public hearing will be held in the Board Meeting Room, 575 Administration Drive, Room 102A, Santa Rosa, California. However, it may be held virtually if required by COVID-19 pandemic conditions. If the meeting is held virtually, then information regarding public online participation will be available on the Board's agenda 72 hours prior to the meeting at <https://sonoma-county.legistar.com/calendar.aspx>.

The Sewer Charge will be imposed on each parcel upon which is located one or more structures that are connected to the system and the Sewer Charge will be collected on the general property tax bill administered by Sonoma County. Payment of the Sewer Charge will be the responsibility of the owner of the parcel.

#### **Reasons for the Sewer Service Charge and Use of the Funds Collected**

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#### **Calculation of the Sewer Rate Increase**

The District has two categories of users:

**A) Non-Residential Users and Residential Users with No Public Water Connection.** This category of users has a Sewer Charge that is fixed. NOTE: Residential Users that have a Public Water Connection but have no water usage in winter months and multi-family complexes including condominiums with only one Public Water Connection for all of the units are also included in this category.

**B) Residential Users with a Public Water Connection.** This category of users has a Sewer Charge that has both a fixed charge component and a volume-based component.

The method for calculating the Sewer Charge for each category of user is described in more detail below.

#### **A) Amount of Proposed Sewer Rate Increase for Non-Residential Users and Residential Users with No Public Water Connection.**

Effective July 1, 2022, the District proposes to increase the charge per Equivalent Single-Family Dwelling (ESD) from \$1,132 per ESD per year to \$1,200 per ESD per year for users in this category. This represents an increase of \$68 or 6.0% compared to the current year. This increase to the ESD charge has been calculated by dividing the annual costs of providing wastewater treatment and collection service by the total estimated number of ESDs in the District.

A standard single-family home constitutes one ESD. Properties that are not single-family homes are converted to ESDs based on industry standard methods and more information about this conversion is available from the district. Parcels which have other uses (for example, apartments and commercial buildings) will be assigned a number of ESDs using standard equivalency factors which estimate the probable quantity and quality of sewage effluent normally generated by such uses in comparison to a single-family home.

The Sewer Charge for Non-Residential Users and Residential Users with No Public Water Connection is calculated as follows:

$$\text{\$1,200 per ESD} \times \text{Assigned Number of ESD's} = \text{Annual Sewer Charge}$$

## **B) Sewer Rate Increase Proposed For Residential Users With a Public Water Connection**

All residential sewer customers with a public water connection must pay a Sewer Charge with two components: a fixed charge and a volume-based charge. The Residential Users with a Public Water Connection category includes single-family dwellings, multiple-family units, apartments, and mobile home parks. A multi-family complex or condominium complex will also fall within this category if each unit in the complex has its own public water connection.

**1. Fixed Charge Component:** The fixed charge component of the Sewer Charge funds 70% of the District's costs to provide sewer services, including costs that the sewage treatment and collection system incurs regardless of increased or decreased sewage flow into the system.

Effective July 1, 2022 the District proposes to increase the fixed charge to \$840.36 per ESD per year for residential users with a public water connection. This represents an increase of \$47.56 (6.0% above the current year).

The fixed charge component of the Sewer Charge will be calculated as follows:

$$\text{\$840.36 per ESD} \times \text{Number of ESD's} = \text{Fixed Charge Component of the Sewer Charge}$$

**2. Volume-Based Component:** The volume-based component funds approximately 30% of the District's costs to provide sewer service, including costs to the sewage treatment and collection system that vary with the amount of sewage conveyed and treated. The District's volume-based component uses a customer's lowest winter water use (November – March) as the basis for the calculation. Winter water use is used because it generally provides the best available estimate of indoor water use and its impact to the district's treatment facilities because outdoor irrigation is usually minimal during the winter months.

The Volume-Based Component of the Sewer Charge has three parts, which are multiplied together:

$$\text{Winter Water Usage} \times \text{Number of Billing Periods Annually from your Water District} \times \text{per thousand gallon} = \text{Volume-Based Component of Sewer Charge}$$

Effective July 1, 2022, the District proposes to increase the volume-based component charge from \$6.42 per thousand gallons to \$6.80 per thousand gallons for residential users with a public water connection. This represents an increase of \$0.42 per thousand gallons (6.0% compared to current year). Each residential user with a sewer connection and a public water connection with winter water use greater than zero will be charged as follows:

$$\text{Total Sewer Charge (fixed charge + volumetric charge) for Residential Customers with a Public Water Connection}$$

### **For Customers with a Valley of the Moon Water District bill:**

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{\$840.36 per ESD} \times \text{Number of ESD's (Fixed Charge Component)} \\ &+ \text{\$6.80 per thousand gallons} \\ &\times \text{Lowest Winter Water Usage in thousand gallons} \\ &\times \text{6 billing periods annually (Volumetric Charge Component)} \end{aligned}$$

### **For Customers with a City of Sonoma Water District water bill:**

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{\$840.36 per ESD} \times \text{Number of ESD's (Fixed Charge Component)} \\ &+ \text{\$6.80 per thousand gallons} \\ &\times \text{Lowest Winter Water Usage in thousand gallons} \\ &\times \text{12 billing periods annually (Volumetric Charge Component)} \end{aligned}$$

## **Further Information Available Prior to the Hearing**

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The Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on the proposed rate increase on May 17, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Board Meeting Room, 575 Administration Drive, Room 102A, Santa Rosa, California. Protest procedures are contained in the original notice. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Badger at (707) 526-5370 for further information.



# PROPOSITION 218

## South Park County Sanitation District

### Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Sewer Service Rate Increase

#### Date, Time, and Place of Public Hearing

On **May 17, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Board of Directors (Board) of the South Park County Sanitation District (District) will conduct a public hearing to consider increasing the annual sewer service charge (Sewer Charge) and make rate structure modifications. If approved, the increased Sewer Charge will become effective on July 1, 2022.

**Please note:** The public hearing will be held in the Board Meeting Room, 575 Administration Drive, Room 102A, Santa Rosa, California. However, it may be held virtually if required by COVID-19 pandemic conditions. If the meeting is held virtually, then information regarding public online participation will be available on the Board's agenda 72 hours prior to the meeting at <https://sonoma-county.legistar.com/calendar.aspx>.

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#### Reasons for the Sewer Charge and Use of the Funds Collected

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#### Calculation of the Sewer Rate Increase

The District is working with the City of Santa Rosa on a multi-year transition process to turn over the operation and management of the District to the City. The District's rate structure historically included only fixed charges. The District has moved to a new rate structure that includes both (A) fixed charges; and (B) volumetric charges that are based on the amount of water used by the customer. This rate structure is designed to fund the cost of District services and it also provides customers greater control over their sewer bill. It is also consistent with industry best practices and is similar to the City's rate structure. The proposed rate increase is 3.5% compared to the current year.

##### A. Fixed Charge Calculation

The fixed charge is calculated based on usage of a standard "equivalent single-family dwelling" (ESD). A standard single-family home constitutes one ESD which is defined as what an average single family home would use in a given year. Properties that are not single family homes are converted to ESDs based on industry standard methods and more information about this conversion is available from the District. The fixed charge funds 40 percent of the District's costs to provide sewer services, including costs associated with the sewage treatment and collection system that are incurred regardless of increased or decreased sewage flow into the system.

Effective July 1, 2022, the District proposes a fixed charge of \$424.62 per ESD per year. The fixed charge has decreased relative to the volumetric charge this year but the overall rate increase will be 3.5%. All District customers will pay the fixed charge.

The proposed fixed charge component of the Sewer Charge will be calculated as follows:

$$\text{\$424.62 per ESD} \times \text{Number of ESD's} = \text{Fixed Charge Component of the Sewer Charge}$$

The number of ESDs for your parcel is included in this newsletter in the box to the left of your mailing address.

## B. Volumetric Charge Calculation

The volume-based charge recovers 60 percent of the District's costs to provide sewer services, including the costs associated with the sewage treatment and collection system that vary with the amount of sewage conveyed and treated. The District will use City of Santa Rosa water usage data to calculate the annual volumetric charge portion of the Sewer Charge. The volume-based charge has increased relative to the fixed charge this year but the overall rate increase will be 3.5%. All District customers will pay an annual volumetric charge.

The Volume-Based Component of the Sewer Charge has two parts, which are multiplied together:

$$\text{Annual Water Usage} \times \text{Charge per thousand gallons} = \text{Volume-Based Component of Sewer Charge}$$

The District has four categories of customers for the volumetric charge calculation:

1. Residential Customers with a City of Santa Rosa Water Connection
2. Residential Customers with No City of Santa Rosa Water Connection
3. Non-Residential Customers with a City of Santa Rosa Water Connection
4. Non-Residential Customers with No City of Santa Rosa Water Connection

The calculations for each are described below. Annual Water Usage calculations will be based on water consumption from the prior year. For Residential Customers, average winter water usage will be used because it provides the best available estimate of indoor water usage since outdoor irrigation is minimal during the winter months. For Non-Residential Customers, annual water usage is based on actual water usage.

**Table 1: Residential Customers: Annual Water Usage and Charge Per Thousand Gallon Calculation**

Sewer Customers	Calculation of Annual Water Usage	Charge Per Thousand Gallons
With a City of Santa Rosa Water Connection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• District will calculate Customer's average monthly water usage during the billing periods of November through March.</li><li>• For each month of the prior fiscal year, the District will select either the customer's winter average water usage or the customer's actual water used, whichever is lower.</li><li>• District will add up the customer's monthly water usage to arrive at the total annual water usage.</li></ul>	\$12.42
With No City of Santa Rosa Water Connection part or all of the time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• District will average the winter water usage during the billing periods of November through March of similar residential customers that have a City of Santa Rosa water connection.</li><li>• Water use will be estimated based on household size and water use data from comparable metered customers.</li><li>• Average winter water usage will be multiplied by 12 to determine annual water usage.</li></ul>	\$12.42

**Table 2a: Non-Residential Customers: Annual Water Usage Calculation**

Sewer Customers	Calculation of Annual Water Usage	Charge Per Thousand Gallons
With a City of Santa Rosa Water Connection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For each month of the prior fiscal year, District will add up the customer's actual monthly water usage to arrive at the total annual water usage.</li></ul>	Based on estimated wastewater strength, shown in Table 2b below
With No City of Santa Rosa Water Connection part or all of the time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• District will average annual water usage from similar customers based on City of Santa Rosa water usage data.</li><li>• Water use will be estimated based on household size, if applicable, or on the type and size of use. Additional information on estimation methodologies is available from the District.</li></ul>	Based on estimated wastewater strength, shown in Table 2b below



**Table 2b: Non-Residential Customers: Examples of Charge Per Thousand Gallon Calculation**

Categories of Wastewater Strength and Examples of Types of Uses	Charge per Thousand Gallons
<b>Low Strength</b> - car wash, glass products	\$10.68
<b>Standard Strength</b> – multi-family (except duplex) complexes, condominium complexes, mobile home parks, warehouses, general commercial/industrial including retail, schools, churches, auto sales, dental and medical offices.	\$12.42
<b>Medium Strength</b> – mixed use commercial; hotel/motel, convenience store, bar, winery, brewery, auto repair.	\$14.28
<b>High Strength</b> – bakery, restaurant, coffee shop, meat and food processing, miller, hospital, veterinary clinic.	\$17.62

### **C. Fixed Charge and Volumetric Charge Calculation Combined for Total Sewer Charge**

Each Residential Customer with a sewer connection will be charged an annual Sewer Charge calculated as follows:

**\$424.62 per ESD X Number of ESDs (Fixed Charge Component) +  
\$12.42 per thousand gallons x Annual Water Usage in thousand gallons (Volumetric Charge Component)**

Each Non-Residential Customer with a sewer connection will be charged an annual Sewer Charge calculated as follows:

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404 Aviation Blvd.  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

There is a 120-day statute of limitations for challenging any new, increased, or extended fee or charge.

**Date of this Notice: March 31, 2022**

# RATE PROTEST FORM

NOTE: IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED, ANY PROTEST MUST BE ON THIS FORM

## WRITTEN PROTEST

I am the parcel owner of the property located at the address on the back of this form, or a tenant that is directly liable for paying the Sewer Charge for the property. I am submitting this form to protest the proposed Sewer Charge increase.

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Use opposite side or attach additional sheets if needed.

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Signature of Property Owner Required

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Print Name

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