



Sonoma
Water

FY 2022-2023 Proposed Rates Sanitation Districts and Zones

MAY 23, 2023 CONTINUANCE

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Requested Board Actions

- Adopt five (5) Resolutions overruling objections, adopting a report on charges for sewage services, modifications to rate structures and confirming charges for 1) Sonoma County Water Agency Sanitation Zones Airport-Larkfield-Wikiup, Geyserville, Penngrove, and Sea Ranch; and County Sanitation Districts 2) Occidental, 3) Russian River, 4) South Park, and 5) Sonoma Valley.
- Adopt Ordinances setting sewer service charges, on behalf of Sonoma County Water Agency Sanitation Zones calling for collection on the tax roll for all Zones, and remaining in effect until modified by the Board, and making findings and determination of exemption pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Requested Board Actions

- Adopt Ordinances for the County Sanitation Districts setting sewer service charges, revising rate structures and calling for collection on the tax roll, and remaining in effect until modified by the Board, and making findings and determination of exemption pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.
- Authorize the Sonoma County Water Agency General Manager to implement a Sanitation Rate Relief Program on behalf of the four Sonoma County Water Agency Sanitation Zones and four County Sanitation Districts and expend up to \$1 million annually from Sonoma Water's General Fund to fund the program.

Response to May 16 Board Questions

- Rate Increases without General Fund (GF) Contributions or Grants

Zone/District	Proposed Rate Increase	Rate Increase without GF Contribution	Rate Increase without Grants or GF Contributions
Airport-Larkfield-Wikiup SZ	8.5%	12.0%	12.0%
Geyserville SZ	8.7%	120.3%	194.0%
Occidental CSD	4.9%	283.8%	660.0%
Russian River CSD	8.9%	26.4%	40.0%

Note:

- Airport Sanitation Zone and Russian River CSD require General Fund contributions to comply with bond and loan covenants.

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Russian River CSD FY22/23 vs FY23/24 Adopted Budget Maintenance Costs

- \$460,000 increase in routine maintenance costs
- \$2.6 million decrease in nonroutine maintenance costs

FY22/23 nonroutine maintenance budget: Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, Manhole

Inspection and Repair, Treatment Plant Master Planning, Regional Feasibility Study

- costs offset by general fund contributions each year

	FY22/23	FY23/24
Ending Operations and Construction Fund Balance	4,544,000	2,257,000

- Projected Future Rate Increases:

FY 23/24	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 26/27	FY 27/28
8.9%	8.9%	7.5%	7.0%	6.5%

Notes:

- assumes capital program is fully reimbursed by grant funds
- construction bids do not exceed budget
- no natural hazards resulting in emergency repair projects
- no other substantial charges or fines





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