



# RODEO SANITARY DISTRICT

## PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED INCREASE IN SEWER SERVICE FEES

(Please Share This Information with Tenants)

The Rodeo Sanitary District provides sewer service to approximately 2,500 residential and commercial customers in the communities of Rodeo and Tormey, in Contra Costa County. The District, established in 1923, owns and operates more than 28 miles of main line sewers and 2 pumping stations throughout the service area. The District also owns and operates a sewage treatment plant and a deepwater outfall to the San Pablo Bay. The District's Sewer Service Fee increase for the past five years was 7% total. The District has operated in a deficit over the past 2 years. In order to prevent the continued operation in a deficit, the District proposes a sewer service rate change that will be effective July 1, 2023. The proposed annual sewer service fee increase is 13.0 percent or \$134.10 per year for residential and minimum commercial customers. The commercial customers will receive the same proposed increase of 13% as shown in the table below.

Please note that the District is very much aware of the burden an increase in service fees has on the ratepayers. RSD has been very diligent in keeping costs down, maximizing your dollar. For example, from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2021 the District had only increased its operating budget by 4.6% total over the 9-year period. Increases to the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers (a measurement of the costs of goods and services) for the San Francisco Bay Area (CPI-U) was 28% for the same 9-year period. RSD has increased its operating income 7% over the past five years (2018 to 2023, CPI-U was 17.8%). A comparison of other similar sized agencies shows at least a 20-58% increase over the past 5 years in their operating revenue.

The Sanitary District is required by State law and policy to collect revenue sufficient to cover the cost of operating the sewage collection and sewage treatment systems. These revenues allow the District to protect the public health and safety and reliably collect and treat the sewage generated by its customers. Costs that must be recovered through rate revenue include electricity, equipment and supplies, treatment chemicals, debt service, and salaries and benefits.

Over the years, the Sanitary District has implemented numerous cost-saving measures, including streamlining operations and the advanced use of technology. Sanitary District staff constantly shop for our goods and services to find the lowest cost options available. The use of advanced technology has allowed the Sanitary District to significantly reduce the use of natural gas and electricity which has a secondary benefit of reducing the carbon footprint of the Sanitary District's sewage treatment facility.

### Emergency Service Call (510) 799-2970

The District provides 24-hour emergency service. We recommend that you always contact the District in the event that you are having a problem with your sewer. District Emergency Response crews will check the main line sewer to ensure that it is flowing correctly, and will advise you if the problem is located in the portion of the sewer from the main line to your home (this is your private sewer lateral).

### RESIDENTIAL FLAT RATE

The annual sewer service charges (rates) for residential customers are as follows for Fiscal Years 2023/2024:

Current Rate	Proposed 2023 – 2024 Rate (13.0% Increase)
\$1,031.52	\$1,165.62

### COMMERCIAL RATES

The non-residential commercial rate will be adjusted by the annual percentage rate as residential flat rate customers, as noted below:

Category	Current (per hcf)	Proposed 2023 – 2024 Rate (13.0% Increase) (per hcf)
Bars w/o Dining	\$9.95	\$11.24
Restaurants/Food Service	\$18.18	\$20.54
Commercial Professional	\$9.24	\$10.44
Laundromat	\$8.26	\$9.34
Food Markets w/Bakery/Deli	\$18.18	\$20.54
Bakeries	\$18.18	\$20.54
Gasoline/Service/ Wrecking	\$10.44	\$11.80
Hospitals/Clinics	\$9.86	\$11.14
Schools/Day Care/Rec.	\$6.82	\$7.70
Churches	\$6.40	\$7.24
Commercial Laundries	\$17.32	\$19.57
Minimum Charge	\$1,031.52	\$1,165.62

Please note that the abbreviation "hcf" stands for hundred cubic feet of water. The District will continue to use information supplied by the water supplier (East Bay Municipal Utility District) concerning commercial annual water usage (except when, as described below, the minimum charge is applicable). For example, if a Laundromat uses (and discharges) 250 units of water per year, then for the rate proposed to become effective on July 1, 2023, for FY 23-24 it would be: (\$19.57 per hcf) x (250 hcf per year) = \$4,892.50

Commercial sewer service charges shall be based on water meter reading or minimum charge, whichever is greater, and will be billed annually. For multiple accounts serviced by a single water meter, or where one or more commercial units are connected to one water meter, the District shall compute the Sewer Services Fees based on Ordinance 2022-300.



Rodeo Sanitary District  
 800 San Pablo Ave  
 Rodeo, Ca. 94572

**Important Information**  
**Notice of Public Hearing**  
**Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**



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Notice is given that the Board of Directors of the Rodeo Sanitary District will conduct a Special Meeting and Public Hearing on **Tuesday evening, June 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**

The location of the meeting is: John Swett Unified School  
 District Board Room  
 400 Parker Avenue  
 Rodeo, California 94572

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider a proposed increase in sewer service fees for all District customers. The proposed rates are listed as follows:

Category	Current (per hcf)	Proposed FY 23-24 Rate (hcf)
<b>Minimum Charge/Residential Rate</b>	\$1,031.52	\$1,165.62
Bars w/o Dining	\$9.95	\$11.24
Restaurants/Food Service	\$18.18	\$20.54
Commercial Professional	\$9.24	\$10.44
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At the Public Hearing, the District's Board will accept oral and written testimony, as well as written protests, regarding the proposed fee increase. Written comments, including protests, must be submitted at or before the Public Hearing by addressing the comments to the District Manager, Steven S. Beall, P.E., at 800 San Pablo Avenue, Rodeo, California 94572 or [bealls@rodeosan.org](mailto:bealls@rodeosan.org).

Please note that Residential customers are not charged based on measured water usage; the rates in the table above are the total annual amount of the rates as proposed.

