



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
SANITATION DISTRICTS**

Converting Waste Into Resources

PROPOSED 2026 WASTEWATER SERVICE CHARGE RATES FOR THE CITY OF MONROVIA

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OUR SERVICE AREA

Wastewater Facilities

GOVERNANCE

24 special districts

SERVICE AREA

78 cities & unincorporated areas
847 square miles

INFRASTRUCTURE

1,400 miles of sewers
11 wastewater treatment plants
10 solid waste facilities
Ocean outfall system

- ▲ Water Reclamation Plant
- ▲ Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Trunk Sewers
- Sanitation Districts Service Area



January 23 Public Notice Mailer



Sanitation Districts
P.O. Box 4000
Whittier, CA 90607-4000

ASSESSOR'S ID: #####
Smith, John
12345 Main Street
Your Town, CA 90607-4000

Notice of
Public Hearing

Your parcel number



Wednesday, May 13, 2026 1:30PM
Joint Administration Office
1955 Workman Mill Rd, Whittier, CA 90601



Converting Your Wastewater Into Resources

The Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (Sanitation Districts) cleans your wastewater (sewage) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year and converts it into resources like recycled water, green energy, and compost. This is a complex process that ensures cleaned water is protective of public health, safe for the environment, and can be reused. You are receiving this notice to inform you of proposed wastewater service charge rates, related information meetings, tours, and the public hearing scheduled for consideration of these rates.

The Sanitation Districts are a collection of 24 independent special districts that act as a regional agency to serve over 5.5 million people in 78 cities and unincorporated areas throughout Los Angeles County. The Sanitation Districts clean about 400 million gallons of wastewater per day in a way that

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—Thomas Fuller

is both environmentally sound and cost effective. That's enough water to fill the Rose Bowl five times every single day. Your city or county owns the smaller sewers that collect wastewater generated in homes and businesses.

From there, these smaller sewers flow into one of our larger sewer lines and then to one of our 11 wastewater treatment plants, where, through a complex series of steps, we treat this sewage to produce cleaned reusable water that is otherwise released to the ocean.

Recycled Water Supports a More Sustainable Region

The Sanitation Districts have been converting sewage into clean water that can be reused since 1962. Recycled water is a vital resource for our communities. With extended drought and strains on our imported water supplies, investing in water recycling infrastructure is more important than ever.

We produce nearly 150 million gallons of recycled water every day. Our recycled water is now used at over 900 different locations throughout Los Angeles County, and we've partnered with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) on the Pure Water Southern California program that could produce purified water from our cleaned, treated wastewater. (See sidebar story.)



A construction project at San Jose Creek Water Reclamation Plant.

A Potential New Source of Water



The Sanitation Districts and MWD are developing the Pure Water Southern California program at the A.K. Warren Water Resource Facility. This proposed program will be designed to further treat cleaned wastewater using a three-step purification process that could produce up to 150 million gallons of purified water daily to replenish local groundwater. Once complete, this program could create a sustainable supply of water for approximately 1.5 million people, making it one of the world's largest water recycling programs.

We're Part of Your Community

The Sanitation Districts engage with the public through community outreach. Last year, we provided 95 facility tours, 18 group presentations, and participated in 21 community outreach events. Our newly launched Clean Water Works Education Foundation provided educational programs at schools across the county, from elementary through high school, educating 2,450 students and 40 classes on the crucial topics of water reuse and sustainability.



Students learn how wastewater is cleaned.

1.5 million residential property owners.

How Is Districts' Money Spent?

The Districts operate a sanitary sewer system for approximately for half the residents of Los Angeles County = 5.5 million people

A sanitary sewer system is essential for public health and safety, and critical to maintaining our quality of life

Our vast network of pipes and facilities operate 24/7 and require constant maintenance and upkeep

The Districts must competitively recruit, attract, and retain well-qualified, trained, and experienced staff with a wide range of technical skills

The Districts are not immune to rising costs for equipment, materials, chemicals, hardware, and parts necessary to maintain our operations

Future infrastructure costs to protect, maintain and improve treatment are significant



Why Rate Increases Are Needed Now



Operating costs increased 20% in the last five years. Our rates have only increased 10%

Wastewater treatment consumes a lot of electricity and chemicals. These costs are rising faster than inflation.

Major upgrades for our aging infrastructure and wastewater treatment systems are needed to maintain reliability.

We are planning for additional treatment that will lead to creating a dependable, new source of reusable water for the region.

How Would Rates Be Adjusted?

*Less than
\$3 per month
increase for a
typical
single-family
home*

*For City of
Monrovia
single-family
homeowners,
the monthly
rate increase
is \$2.50-\$2.75*

*A five-year
rate
adjustment
starting
July 1, 2026*



Total Annual Cost for Sewer Service in Similar Areas

LACSD	\$354
Inland Empire	\$527
San Diego	\$651
Orange County	\$726
City of Los Angeles	\$728
Sacramento	\$892

What Are We Doing To Control Costs?

Pursue grants and low-interest state and federal loans

Leverage long-term debt to spread large capital costs out

Reduce our energy and chemical use through facility technical improvements

A single administrative staff supports all 24 Districts

Negotiate volume discounts for chemical purchases

Supplement revenue through sales of reclaimed water and renewable biogas



The Low-Water Rebate Program can save Residential and Commercial users money.

Simple application process at www.lacsd.org/lowwaterrebate



CONSERVE & SAVE



Summary



Rate increases are necessary to cover the higher costs of operations and maintenance. We need to repair and replace aging infrastructure for reliability.



Rebates and a reduced sewer fee may be available depending on property type and water usage.



Public comment procedures are explained in the notice sent to residents.

Public Information Meetings

Meeting #2
Virtual Only

Thursday
March 19 at 7 PM

Zoom
878 4373 3394

Meeting #3
Virtual Only

Tuesday
April 21 at 7 PM

Zoom
862 0820 4798

Meeting #4
Virtual and In-Person

Saturday
April 25 at 9 AM

Zoom
876 9163 8375

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**A.K. Warren Water
Resource Facility
24501 S. Figueroa Street
Carson**

Optional Site Tour afterwards



In-Person Final Public Hearing

Districts 21 & 22

**Wednesday, May 27
at 1:30 PM**

*Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
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OUR SERVICE AREA

Backup



Proposition 218



Review of Proposition 218 and Rate Setting

In summary, Proposition 218 requires that rates be aligned with costs of service and that charges be assessed fairly to each user.

Each District pays their share of JOS costs using reserves, AV tax, and service charges. Determining how much revenue the JOS requires is the first step.

Each District pays into the JOS the same amount per user. Proposition 218 requirements are applied to every user within a District to determine service charges in each District.

Service charge for each District may be different only because each District has different amounts of AV tax revenue and reserve levels per user.

Carollo Engineers, an experienced, independent, rate consultant was retained to create a rate model to accurately forecast required service charges and ensure compliance with Proposition 218.

