

# San Andreas Sanitary District

## Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Rates for Sewer Service Charges

January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 8 am

District Office

675 Gold Oak Rd., San Andreas, CA 95249

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*San Andreas Sanitary District will hold a public hearing on a proposed rate schedule for Sewer Service Charges.*

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San Andreas Sanitary District is proposing a 5-year sewer rate adjustment schedule for all residential and commercial (non-residential) customers. The proposal will be considered by the District's Board at a Public Hearing on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025. If approved, the sewer rate adjustments will commence July 1, 2025. You are receiving this notification in compliance with California Constitution Article XIII C and D (commonly known as Proposition 218), which requires that all impacted property owner(s) are mailed notice of proposed rate increases at least 45 days prior to a public hearing.

### ABOUT THE DISTRICT

San Andreas Sanitary District ("District") provides sewer collection, treatment and disposal services for over 1,630 residential and business accounts located within the District service area. The District collects the sewage, treats the sewage at the wastewater treatment plant and then disposes of the treated effluent (on spray fields during the summer and to the Calaveras River during the winter). These sewer services are essential to protecting public health and the environment and maintaining a high quality of life.

The District assesses a Sewer Service Charge on each property that is connected to the District's sewer system. The District uses these funds to operate the utility and pay for capital re-investments in the infrastructure.

### WHY INCREASE RATES NOW?

The District is proposing increases to the Sewer Service Charge over the next five years in order to meet the on-going inflation of costs of operations and

continued re-investment in aging infrastructure. Additional details regarding the operating costs and the capital spending needs and spending plan are available in the 2024 Sewer Rate Study, which is available on the District's website.

### HOW WERE RATES CALCULATED?

The proposed rates were calculated using methodologies that are aligned with industry standard practices for rate setting and all applicable laws, including California Constitution Article VIII D, Section 6 (commonly known as Proposition 218). The District's revenue requirements were based on a financial plan that integrated operational and capital funding needs.

The current and proposed rate structure is based on a 2016 rate study conducted by an independent consultant to the District. Residential customers are charged a fixed monthly rate on a per-dwelling basis. All other customers ("commercial" customers) pay a fixed monthly charge as well as a volumetric rate based on their respective classification. Commercial classifications are determined based on estimated wastewater flows and strengths.

### HOW MUCH OF AN INCREASE?

Under the proposed maximum Sewer Service Charge rates (see schedule on the flip-side of this notification), District rate revenue will increase by an average of approximately five percent (5%) per year over the next five years. These rate revenue increases are necessary in order to ensure that the District's sewer ratepayers continue to receive reliable wastewater utility services.

For complete details, the 2024 Sewer Rate Study report is available at: [www.sasanitary.org/](http://www.sasanitary.org/).

For more information on proposed Sewer Service Charges, please call:

(209) 754-3281

or email: [office@sasanitary.org](mailto:office@sasanitary.org)

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Proposition 218 establishes a protest process for the public to follow if they wish to oppose the rates.

Written protests on the proposed Sewer Service Charges must be received prior to the close of the Public Hearing on January 16, 2025, and may be hand delivered during the hearing, mailed or delivered to:

Hugh Logan

District Manager

PO Box 1630 San Andreas, CA 95249

E-mail protests are not accepted.

Written protests on the proposed Sewer Service Charges must identify the owner(s) or tenant of the property and provide the property address. Only one protest per affected parcel will be considered. If written protests are presented by owners from a majority of affected parcels, the District cannot approve the proposed rate.

Please be advised that pursuant to Government Code Section 53759(d) there is a 120-day statute of limitation for any challenge to the new, increased or extended fee or charge.

# Proposed Sewer Service Charge Rate Schedule

		CURRENT	PROPOSED				
			July 1, 2025	July 1, 2026	July 1, 2027	July 1, 2028	July 1, 2029
<b>Residential Rates:</b>	Fixed Monthly Charge <sup>1</sup>	\$76.00	\$80.00	\$84.00	\$88.00	\$92.00	\$97.00
<b>Commercial Rates</b>							
<b>Group 1:</b>	Fixed Monthly Charge <sup>2,4</sup>	\$82.61	\$86.96	\$91.31	\$95.66	\$100.01	\$105.44
Low Strength, Low Flow	Variable Charge <sup>3</sup>	\$5.15	\$5.42	\$5.69	\$5.96	\$6.23	\$6.57
<b>Group 2:</b>	Fixed Monthly Charge <sup>2,4</sup>	\$105.35	\$110.89	\$116.43	\$121.97	\$127.52	\$134.44
Medium Strength, Low Flow	Variable Charge <sup>3</sup>	\$6.02	\$6.34	\$6.66	\$6.98	\$7.30	\$7.70
<b>Group 3:</b>	Fixed Monthly Charge <sup>2,4</sup>	\$444.98	\$468.39	\$491.81	\$515.22	\$538.66	\$567.91
Medium Strength, Medium Flow	Variable Charge <sup>3</sup>	\$6.07	\$6.39	\$6.71	\$7.03	\$7.35	\$7.75
<b>Group 4:</b>	Fixed Monthly Charge <sup>2,4</sup>	\$1,505.20	\$1,584.37	\$1,663.59	\$1,742.78	\$1,822.08	\$1,921.02
Medium Strength, High Flow	Variable Charge <sup>3</sup>	\$6.16	\$6.48	\$6.80	\$7.12	\$7.44	\$7.84
<b>Group 5:</b>	Fixed Monthly Charge <sup>2,4</sup>	\$229.27	\$241.33	\$253.40	\$265.46	\$277.54	\$292.61
High Strength, Low Flow	Variable Charge <sup>3</sup>	\$7.67	\$8.07	\$8.47	\$8.87	\$9.27	\$9.77
<b>Group 6:</b>	Fixed Monthly Charge <sup>2,4</sup>	\$4,889.66	\$5,146.86	\$5,404.20	\$5,661.44	\$5,919.04	\$6,240.44
High Strength, High Flow	Variable Charge <sup>3</sup>	\$6.91	\$7.27	\$7.63	\$7.99	\$8.35	\$8.80
<b>Group 7:</b>	Fixed Monthly Charge <sup>2,4</sup>	\$1,553.54	\$1,635.26	\$1,717.02	\$1,798.75	\$1,880.59	\$1,982.71
School	Variable Charge <sup>3</sup>	\$6.00	\$6.32	\$6.64	\$6.96	\$7.28	\$7.68

- <sup>1</sup> Per dwelling unit
- <sup>2</sup> Per account
- <sup>3</sup> Per 1,000 gallons
- <sup>4</sup> Includes 1,000 gallons of water usage

Your Sewer Service Charge pays to operate and maintain sewer collection and treatment infrastructure. The proposed Sewer Service Charges will help enable the District to provide reliable and dependable wastewater collection and treatment services while protecting our creeks, waterbodies and public health.

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 PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**