

Notice and Agenda

SPECIAL MEETINGS — BOARDS OF DIRECTORS — COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 27/
NEWHALL RANCH SANITATION DISTRICT

To be held in the HEARING ROOM
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
500 West Temple, Street, Room 383, Los Angeles, California

WEDNESDAY		March 6, 2024		At 9:30 A.M.
BARGER	HAHN	HORVATH (Chairperson)	MITCHELL	SOLIS

1. Recommendation: Approve minutes of the regular meeting held December 6, 2023 (both Districts)
2. Recommendation: Approve September, October, and November 2023 expenses in Total Amounts of \$5,330 (District No. 27) (3) and \$108,888 (Newhall Ranch Sanitation District) (5)
3. Recommendation: Adopt resolution establishing time and place for regular and special meetings (both Districts)
4. Recommendation: Receive and Order Filed [Annual Comprehensive Financial Report](#) (ACFR) for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023 (both Districts)
5. Recommendation: Adopt Purchasing Policy (Policy) (Both Districts)
6. Recommendation: Re: Wastewater Service Charge (Newhall Ranch Sanitation District) (5)
 - a) Order Wastewater Service Charge Report, Containing Description of Each Parcel and Amount of Proposed Wastewater Service Charge for Fiscal Year 2024-25 for Each Parcel; Filed with Clerk of Board of Directors of District(s)
 - b) Establish June 11, 2024, 9:30 a.m., at the Board of Supervisors as the date, time, and place for public hearing on Report; Order Publication of Required Public Notices

Adjourn



February 22, 2024

Boards of Directors
County Sanitation District No. 27
and Newhall Ranch Sanitation District
of Los Angeles County

Directors:

The enclosed consolidated agenda includes the following items for the special meetings of the Boards of Directors of District No. 27 and Newhall Ranch Sanitation District meeting Tuesday, March 6, 2024.

1. Minutes. (3 and 5) Copies of the minutes have been provided to each of the Directors.

2. District Expenses. (3 and 5) Local District expenses represent costs that are the sole responsibility of the individual District. Allocated expenses represent the District’s proportionate share of expenses made by District No. 2, the Administrative District, on its behalf pursuant to the Joint Administration Agreement. This Agreement provides for the joint administration and technical support for all of the signatory Districts along with the methodology for determining the proportionate costs for each District. A listing of Districts’ payments and previously approved budgets can be found on the Districts’ website at lacsd.org/financial-documents. This item is consistent with the Districts’ Guiding Principle of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship.

District No. 27 –

Local Expenses:

Operations & Maintenance	\$3,592
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Allocated Expenses:

Joint Administration	1,738
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Total Expenses	<u>\$5,330</u>
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Newhall Ranch Sanitation District –

Local District Expenses:

Operations & Maintenance	\$ 65,232
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Capital	19,256
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Allocated Expenses:

Joint Administration	15,900
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Technical Support	8,500
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Total Expenses	<u>\$108,888</u>
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3. Resolution for Time and Place of Regular and Special Meetings. The Ralph M. Brown Act requires that the Board provide, by ordinance, resolution or other rule, the time and place for regular meetings. It is recommended that regular meetings be held on March 6, June 4, September 10, and December 3, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the Board of Supervisors of the Los Angeles County, Los Angeles, California. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Chairperson of the Board as the presiding officer, or by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors and notice must be delivered at least twenty-four (24) hours before the time of such meetings as specified in the notice. The Resolution is attached to the agenda. This item is consistent with the Districts’ Guiding Principle to provide transparent communication to our Boards and the public.

4. Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. The Districts' ACFR for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, which includes the annual audit required by state and federal laws, has been previously distributed to the Directors. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship; and to protect financial and facility assets through prudent investment and maintenance programs.

5. Purchasing Policy (3 and 5) As part of the continuing effort to ensure the Districts follows best practices as it relates to financial matters, revisions to the Policy are being recommended. The Policy establishes rules for purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, services, and construction projects. Proposed revisions to the Policy clarify several sections and modify the provisions for emergency orders and contracts. In September 2023, the Personnel Committee, comprised of the Chairpersons of all active Districts, unanimously endorsed the proposed revisions. Subsequent minor modifications requested by District No. 14 and District No. 20 that only apply to the smaller Districts have also been incorporated. A letter summarizing the proposed changes is attached. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principles of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship; and to plan for both short-term and long-term needs to minimize the need for significant rate increases.

6. Wastewater Service Charge (5). Filing of the Service Charge Report is required each year to collect the wastewater service charge on the property tax roll. The current service charge rate per single-family home (SFH) is \$58.05 per month (\$696.60 per year) and no increase is recommended for fiscal year 2024-25. Owners of multiple dwelling units and commercial properties are charged in proportion to their use compared to an SFH. The Service Charge Report is attached to the agenda.

Very truly yours,



Robert C. Ferrante

RCF:drs
Enclosures

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TIME AND PLACE FOR
REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE
COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 27 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE
NEWHALL RANCH SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

BE IT RESOLVED, that there shall be a regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the District on March 6, June 4, September 10, and December 3, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the Board of Supervisors, 500 West Temple Street, Room 383, Los Angeles, California, 90012; provided that, should the regular meeting fall upon a legal holiday, said meeting shall be held on the next business day thereafter, at the same time and place, and that no further notice of such regular quarterly meeting shall be required and further provided that for convenience and scheduling conflicts, regular meetings may be rescheduled on a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that special meetings of the Board of Directors of the District may be called at any time by the Chairman of the Board as the presiding officer, or by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors by delivering personally or by mail written notice to each member of the Board of Directors and to each local newspaper of general circulation, radio station, or television station requesting notice in writing. Such notice shall be delivered personally or by mail at least twenty-four (24) hours before the time of such meeting as specified in the notice. The call and notice shall specify the time and place of the special meeting and the business to be transacted. However, such written notice of special meetings may be dispensed with as to any member who has previously filed a written waiver of notice with the Secretary of the District. Such waiver may be given by fax or electronic mail. Such written notice may also be dispensed with as to any member of the Board of Directors who is actually present at the meeting at the time the special meeting is requested.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Chairperson



January 11, 2024

Boards of Directors
Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts

Directors:

Purchasing Policy

The agenda for upcoming meetings of the Boards of Directors contains an item regarding proposed revisions to the Districts' Purchasing policy, which establishes rules for purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, services, and construction projects. In September, these revisions were unanimously endorsed by the Personnel Committee, comprised of the Chairs of all of the active Districts. The proposed revisions are as follows:

- Improvements to the wording that delineates what actions require Board approval and what actions the Purchasing Agent (Chief Engineer and General Manager) is authorized to take. (Section 2.1)
- Addition of a provision that requires that Board approval to reject bids, in addition to solicit bids, be obtained for large projects. (Section 2.2)
- Clarification of the language that describes when a change order requires board approval. Board approval is not required for change orders up to 25% of the original cost only if the additional cost is for additional quantities under the same terms, or it is for additional work under the substantially the same terms and general scope as the original order or contract. Otherwise, board approval is required for any change order over \$100,000. The previous language was not clear. (Section 2.11)
- Modification of the board approval requirements for emergency and urgent purchases. Previously, such purchases over \$100,000 required obtaining concurrence from the Chairperson of the Board before undertaking any response and reporting of the action at the next regular board meeting. The revised policy now requires that for actions over \$500,000 for Joint Outfall or Solid Waste operations or \$200,000 for all other operations*, the Purchasing Agent must notify and seek concurrence from the chairperson of the Board as soon as practicable and report such action to the Board at its next meeting. In addition, confirming approval by the board is required for any such action over \$100,000 after the contract or order details, including costs, are finalized. The section was also restructured to make it clear when the reporting requirements apply. (Section 3)
- Clarification of the requirements for disposition of surplus property to ensure board approval is obtained for sale or disposal of any property over \$100,000 in value. The previous wording potentially did not capture all such situations. (Section 5.1)

* In response to direction given by District No. 14 and District No. 20 at their November 2023 meetings, staff revised the emergency notification requirement to \$200,000 for smaller Districts.

- Addition of a section to make it clear that the Purchasing Agent may designate staff to carry out the Policy. (Sections 7.4 and 7.6)

CONCLUSION

The proposed Policy will be presented to each Board for adoption over the next several months. If approved, the new Policy will take effect after adoption by all of the Boards.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert C. Ferrante". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'R'.

Robert C. Ferrante

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PURCHASING POLICY

Rules, Regulations, and Policies for the Purchase
or Lease of Materials, Supplies, Equipment,
Services, and Construction Projects, and for the
Sale and Disposition of Districts' Property

Proposed 2023 Revisions for Consideration by Boards

For clarity only substantive changes are shown; formatting and other minor edits are not shown.

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**RULES, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES FOR THE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF
MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, SERVICES, AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS
AND FOR THE SALE AND DISPOSITION OF DISTRICTS' PROPERTY**

SECTION 1. GENERAL

- 1.1 The County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County ("Districts" or individually "District") are special districts organized and operating pursuant to the County Sanitation District Act, California Health and Safety Code, Sections 4700, et seq.
- 1.2 Health and Safety Code section 4763 provides that all powers of the District shall be exercised by the District Board unless otherwise specified. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 4840, each of the Districts has found and declared by resolution that it is for the interest or advantage of the Districts to enter into an agreement for the maintenance of a centralized and joint administrative organization to carry out the purposes there set forth, which powers include:
 - a. To purchase or lease personal property, including materials, equipment, supplies and services that are necessary or convenient for the construction, maintenance, and operation of their sewerage and refuse transfer and disposal systems (Health and Safety Code 4740), and
 - b. To sell or dispose of interests in property that are no longer required for District purposes (Health and Safety Code sections 4743), and
 - c. To sell or dispose of by-products from the operation of their sewerage and refuse transfer and disposal systems (Health and Safety Code section 4743).
- 1.3 Each District hereby confirms said action by approving this Policy by resolution.
- 1.4 The Purchasing Agent is its Chief Engineer and General Manager or his or her designee.
- 1.5 The Board of Directors hereby delegates to the Purchasing Agent the authority set forth in the following rules, regulations, and policies, which shall be known as the Districts' Purchasing Policy (Policy) and shall, among other things, constitute the policies and procedures, including bidding regulations to advertise and receive bids in accordance with all applicable statutes and regulations, required by Government Code Sections 54201, et seq.
- 1.6 The Purchasing Agent shall develop detailed procedures as needed to implement the requirements of this Policy.
- 1.7 As the administrative District, as described in the Amended Joint Administration Agreement, District No. 2 is authorized to issue purchase orders or enter into contracts on behalf of each of the other Districts. When Board approval is required by this Policy, the Board of District No. 2 shall approve, execute, or authorize purchases, agreements leases, contracts, etc., that involve joint or shared costs. The Purchasing Agent may seek concurrence from other Districts' Boards for such actions.

- 1.8 The Districts are subject to the requirements of the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (“CUPCCAA”) Public Contract Code § § 22000 – 22045 and this Policy sets forth purchasing procedures consistent with CUPCCAA.
- 1.9 The Districts have adopted Job Order Contracting (JOC), indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity, alternative delivery method under the provisions of the Joint Powers Agreement with Sourcewell adopted May 27, 2020. JOC is to be utilized for projects that do not require detailed engineering design and when the Purchasing Agent determines JOC is the most cost-effective method for completing the project.
- 1.10 This Policy is not intended to describe every requirement of laws and regulations that govern Districts’ purchases and therefore additional requirements, processes and limits may apply. In the event of a conflict between this Policy and any law, regulation, or other agreement, the more stringent provisions shall prevail.

SECTION 2. PROCEDURES FOR PURCHASE OR LEASE OF MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, SERVICES, AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

- 2.1 Board approval shall be obtained before any purchase order is issued or, contract is executed, or change order or extra work claim is granted that has a value of greater than \$100,000 regardless of the method of solicitation or whether it falls under CUPCCAA, except as allowed under Section 2.11. The Purchasing Agent is authorized to take necessary actions to issue or execute purchase orders, contracts, change orders or extra work claims with a value of \$100,000 or less.
- 2.2 Board approval to solicit or reject bids or proposals shall be obtained for all significant projects and purchases as determined by the Purchasing Agent or when required by law.
- 2.3 The following limits govern solicitation of bids or proposals not falling under CUPCCAA:
 - a. \$5,000 or Less The Purchasing Agent may make purchases or leases in accordance with procedures that the Purchasing Agent deems appropriate.
 - b. More than \$5,000 up to \$50,000 The Purchasing Agent shall solicit bids or proposals from a minimum of three vendors, if available.
 - c. More than \$50,000 The Purchasing Agent shall solicit bids or proposals by formal invitation with a thoroughly documented scope and terms. All such solicitations shall be posted on the Districts’ web site.
- 2.4 For Projects that are procured pursuant to CUPCCAA, the following limits apply as required in Public Contract Code 22032:
 - a. \$60,000 or Less The Purchasing Agent shall solicit informal quotes or perform with District’s own workforces (“Force Account”).
 - b. More than \$60,000 up to \$200,000 The Purchasing Agent shall let to contract by the informal procedures set forth in CUPCCAA.

2.11 When the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, or services, including maintenance and public works projects, has previously been authorized by the Board of Directors, the Purchasing Agent may, during the term of the original authorization, purchase additional ~~quantities of such~~ materials, supplies, equipment, or services, including maintenance and public works projects, under the same terms as the board-approved order, without Board approval as follows:

- If the change is for additional quantities under the same terms, up to 25% of the original amount authorized by the Board regardless of dollar value.
- If the change is under substantially the same terms and within the general scope of the original order, up to 25% of the original amount authorized by the Board regardless of dollar value.
- If the change order involves work outside of the original scope or under different terms of the original order, up to \$100,000 regardless of percentage. ~~up to 25 percent of the cost originally authorized without additional Board approval, not to exceed \$100,000.~~
- ~~Thereafter, if exceeding 25 percent of the original cost of \$100,000 or greater, Board approval is required.~~

2.112.12 The law requires that private architectural, landscape architectural, engineering, environmental, land surveying, or construction project management services shall be selected based on demonstrated competence and on the professional qualifications necessary for the satisfactory performance of the services required. The Purchasing Agent shall comply with the requirements of Government Code Section 4525 et seq. When in the best interest of the Districts, such services shall be obtained by issuing a request for competitive proposals utilizing a two-envelope process (one for qualifications and one for costs) in accordance with the procedures described in Government Code Section 4527 and 4528.

2.122.13 The Purchasing Agent may purchase used equipment without following the bid procedures in this Policy and without prior authorization by the Board of Directors if savings can be realized only by making such purchase before the next regular meeting of the District Board of Directors. Any such purchase in excess of \$100,000 shall be reported to the Board of Directors at its next regular meeting.

2.132.14 The Purchasing Agent is authorized to participate in research studies or programs with other public, private, or academic organizations, or become a member of an organization, if the resulting research or membership has the potential to benefit District facilities or services or otherwise further a statutory purpose of the District, and the District's contribution will not exceed \$100,000 per year, without approval by the Board of Directors.

2.142.15 The Purchasing Agent is authorized to arrange for utility services as required for operation of District facilities, including executing agreements and contracts as required to obtain utility services without Board approval.

2.152.16 The Purchasing Agent is authorized to execute service agreements and similar agreements related to software, internet, and other information services purchases without obtaining Board approval beyond the purchasing approvals otherwise required in the Policy.

~~2.162.17~~ The Purchasing Agent is authorized to purchase dirt, used asphalt, and other similar materials for solid waste site operations at rates determined necessary and appropriate (including at no charge when appropriate) to provide materials in quantities required without Board approval.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY AUTHORITY

3.1 Pursuant to Public Contract Code, Section ~~110222050~~, The Purchasing Agent shall have the authority to take immediate action, including the expenditure of District funds, to repair, restore, replace, or protect District facilities, or to prevent or correct damage caused by District operations, for protection of public health, safety, property, or the environment, without prior authorization of the Board of Directors upon his or her finding that:

- a. It is necessary to repair, restore, replace, or protect District facilities or prevent or correct damage caused by District operations for protection of public health, safety, property, or the environment;
- b. It is infeasible to secure prior authorization of the Board of Directors or to contract for such work in accordance with formal competitive bidding procedures.

~~3.2 The amount of expenditures authorized by section 3-1 is unlimited, except that the Purchasing Agent shall not incur an indebtedness that is anticipated to exceed \$100,000 without the concurrence of the Chairperson of the Board of Directors, or, in his or her absence, the concurrence of any other Board member. If the Purchasing Agent, after reasonable effort under the circumstances, is unable to contact the Chairperson or other board member, the Purchasing Agent is authorized to take immediate action without the prior concurrence of the Chairperson or other Board member.~~

~~3.3 The Purchasing Agent shall report any action taken pursuant to section 3-1 and that exceeds \$5100,000 to the Board of Directors at its next regular board meeting.~~

3.2 The Purchasing Agent shall have the authority to issue a purchase order or execute a contract agreement that would normally require prior Board authorization if any delays to the issuance of the purchase order would result in significant economic losses, such as downtime at an energy or commodity-producing facility or delays to other contractors or District forces or when there are tangible benefits to the Districts such as associated with project staging costs and/or minimizing project impacts to surrounding communities. When possible, the order shall be issued to a vendor who has previously been awarded similar work because of a formal bid process. An analysis of the economic and any other factors justifying the issuance of the purchase order shall be documented. ~~Action confirming the issuance of the purchase order shall be obtained from the Board of Directors at its next regular board meeting.~~

3.3 The Purchasing Agent is authorized to take immediate action under the provisions of 3.1 and 3.2 when necessary. For any action under the provisions of 3.1 or 3.2 that, for Joint Outfall or Solid Waste Operations, exceeds \$500,000 in cost or \$200,000 in cost for all other operations, the Purchasing Agent shall (i) notify and seek concurrence from the chairperson of the Board of Directors as soon as practicable; and (ii) report any such action to the Board of Directors at its next board meeting. In addition, the Purchasing Agent shall obtain confirming approval from the Board of Directors for any action that exceeds \$100,000 after the contract or order details, including costs, are finalized.

SECTION 4. BIDDING REGULATIONS

- 4.1 The Purchasing Agent shall establish bidding procedures that are in the best interest of the Districts, and that comply with all applicable provisions of law and this Purchasing Policy and the specific requirements of this Section.
- 4.2 As used in this Section, the word “bid” shall include any offer to provide materials, equipment, supplies and services, including maintenance and public works projects, to the Districts.
- 4.3 Procurements shall be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.
- 4.4 The Purchasing Agent shall have the right to reject all bids, to accept one part of a bid and reject another in accordance with bid specifications, to waive technical defects, and to consider alternate bids if to do so best serves the interests of the Districts.
- 4.5 All bids submitted to the Districts that do not substantially comply with the instructions for bidding or that contain unauthorized conditions, limitations, or provisions, or that substitute items shall be deemed non-responsive and may be rejected by the Purchasing Agent. The Purchasing Agent may waive minor errors, omissions, or irregularities and accept bids if the error, omission, or irregularity does not affect the award or provide any other advantage to the bidder.
- 4.6 In the event of a discrepancy, the bid price shown for the unit price or for a lump sum item shall take precedence over the bid price shown for the total.
- 4.7 Any bids received after a bid date and time will not be considered.
- 4.8 Contractors must supply such bidders’ security, payment bonds, or performance bonds required by law or District specifications. The Purchasing Agent shall establish reasonable minimum requirements for bonds and surety companies.
- 4.9 All bids shall remain confidential until the time for bid opening. All responses to Requests for Proposals shall remain confidential until a contract or purchase order has been awarded.
- 4.10 All methods of procurement, including bids, requests for quotations, requests for proposals, etc., must be conducted in a manner that is fair and transparent.
- 4.11 The Purchasing Agent shall maintain written records of all purchasing activity as required by law or the District’s document retention practices or policy. Electronic records, including but not limited to scanned documents, emails, and purchasing data in the District’s accounting and asset management systems, shall be considered adequate written records for this purpose.

SECTION 5. DISPOSITION OF DISTRICT PROPERTY

- 5.1 The Purchasing Agent shall sell or dispose of property that is no longer required for District purposes in such manner and for such consideration as the Purchasing Agent determines will best benefit the District. Property having a combined current value of \$100,000 or greater, shall not be sold or disposed of without prior authorization of the District’s Board of Directors.

5.2 The Purchasing Agent may exchange used District property in connection with a purchase of materials, supplies, or equipment, subject to the limitations in this section.

5.3 Disposition of all real property, regardless of value, requires Board approval.

SECTION 6. OUTREACH PROGRAM

6.1 Policy Statement

- a. The Districts reaffirm a commitment to cost efficiency, fair and open public processes, and equal opportunity for purchasing and contracting.
- b. The Districts support and encourage participation by businesses owned and controlled by minorities (“MBE”), women (“WBE”), disabled veterans (“DVBE”), disadvantaged (“DBE”), small business enterprises (“SBE”), and other disadvantaged businesses and historically underutilized businesses (“HUB”).
- c. Therefore, the Districts have adopted the following Outreach Program (“Program”):

6.2 The Program

- a. **Public Works Contracts:** Districts’ staff shall encourage participation by all members of the community including MBE/WBE/DVBE/DBE/SBE businesses in the process of bidding for public works contracts as defined by Section 1101 of the California Public Contract Code by means of an outreach program.
- b. **Purchases of Materials, Supplies, Equipment or Services:** Districts’ staff shall periodically review purchases of materials, supplies, equipment, or services for possible participation by MBE/WBE/DVBE/DBE/SBE businesses. Districts’ staff shall determine the availability of MBE/WBE/DVBE/DBE/SBE businesses in the applicable trade or industry and will notify them of contract opportunities.
- c. **Federal and State Projects:** Projects that are funded in whole or in part by the federal and/or state government shall be administered according to requirements of the respective state and/or federal programs.

6.3 The Program shall not apply to contracts let pursuant to emergency authority delegated to the Purchasing Agent as provided for elsewhere in this Policy.

6.4 Certification

- a. MBE/WBE/DVBE/DBE/SBE businesses shall have been certified as such by one or more of the following agencies: the City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works; WMBE Clearinghouse, Los Angeles, California (California Public Utilities Commission); California Department of Transportation (CalTrans); Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA); County of Los Angeles, Consumer and Business Affairs, Office of Small Business; or such other agencies deemed authoritative by the Purchasing Agent. Certifications from other agencies may be accepted on a case-by-case basis.

- b. The Purchasing Agent shall accept small businesses certified as such under the Federal Government's Small Business Administration 8(a) program and the State of California's Office of Small and Minority Businesses.
- 6.5 All businesses that have been certified in accordance with the procedures set forth above shall be placed in a database that categorizes them according to type of industry, trade, or commodity.
- 6.6 Districts' Goals and Reporting
- a. To encourage participation, an aspirational goal of 20% of Purchase Orders issued to MBE/WBE/DVBE/DBE/SBE businesses has been established for the Program. The goal will be communicated to prospective bidders in the specifications for each project.
 - b. Contractors awarded projects of \$100,000 and greater in value will be required to report levels of participation by MBE/WBE/DVBE/DBE/SBE suppliers and subcontractors. The information will be used by the Districts for statistical purposes.
 - b-c. Progress toward meeting the goals in this section shall be reported to the Board once per year.
- 6.7 The following methods shall be utilized by Districts' staff as appropriate to increase awareness of opportunities for MBE/WBE/DVBE/DBE/SBE business participation in contracting opportunities:
- a. Participate in working groups with other local agencies, such as OneLA Regional Collaborative.
 - b. Maintain a database that contains pertinent information on various certified MBE/WBE/DVBE/DBE/SBE firms, including the type of trade or industry in which the business is engaged.
 - c. Actively participate in business fairs sponsored by various city and county agencies, as well as MBE/WBE/DVBE/DBE/SBE business associations.
 - d. Notify contractor associations regarding bidding opportunities.
 - e. Place notices in local newspapers and trade journals regarding upcoming projects.
- 6.8 Efforts shall be made to eliminate or minimize requirements that have the potential to discourage or prevent disadvantaged businesses from participating in bids including:
- a. Insurance requirements shall not be more than what would be appropriate for the risk associated with the scope of work.
 - b. Bonds, licenses, experience requirements, etc. shall not be more than what is required by law or what is needed to ensure the quality of the work and the qualifications of the vendor.
 - c. When it will not unduly impact the Districts ability to operate efficiently, the scope of work associated with each bid or proposal solicitation shall be structured to maximize opportunities for vendors that have limited size or capabilities.

SECTION 7. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS

- 7.1 The Purchasing Agent is authorized to procure and pay for required regulatory fees, permit fees, taxes, etc. for payments to government agencies without Board approval.
- 7.2 The Purchasing Agent is authorized to procure and pay for legally required newspaper notices without board approval.
- 7.3 The Purchasing Agent is authorized to procure temporary property rights, that do not exceed \$100,000, necessary to accommodate construction of Districts' projects without approval by the Board of Directors.
- 7.4 The Purchasing Agent ~~or his or her designee~~ is authorized to settle and reject claims against the Districts not to exceed \$100,000.
- 7.5 The Purchasing Agent is authorized to issue Purchase Orders and enter into Contracts greater than \$100,000 without board approval, if the next board meeting is not expected to take place for more 30 days, and delay of the order or contract until the next board meeting would result in significant economic losses, regulatory issues, or delays to critical work. The Purchasing Agent shall request approval at the next meeting of the Board of Directors, not to exceed 90 days from the date the purchase order or contract was issued.

7.5.6 The Board authorizes the Purchasing Agent to designate staff, as he or she determines is appropriate, to carry out the actions authorized in this Policy.

SECTION 8. PURCHASING POLICY ADOPTION

This Policy will become effective after approval by all of the Districts Boards and supersedes the Purchasing Policy for each individual District. This Policy will be reviewed on an annual basis and any modifications must be approved by the Boards. After each review, the matter will be referred to the Personnel Committee (comprised of the Chairpersons of the Board of Directors of each active County Sanitation District of Los Angeles County) for its consideration.

NEWHALL RANCH SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SERVICE CHARGE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

INTRODUCTION

Newhall Ranch Sanitation District of Los Angeles County encompasses the portion of unincorporated Los Angeles County known as Newhall Ranch.

The District provides wastewater management services for the area described above. The District will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Newhall Ranch Water Reclamation Plant and the large trunk sewers which convey wastewater to these facilities. These services are essential to protect the public health of the people served by the system.

The District must provide the revenue required to operate and maintain its facilities. The general revenue sources currently available to the District include service charges, industrial wastewater surcharges, interest income, and contract revenue.

PROPOSED SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

The required supplemental revenue required under the *Master Service Charge Ordinance of Newhall Ranch Sanitation District of Los Angeles County* will be allocated among classes of developed parcels of real property on the basis of use of the sewerage system. The revenue derived from the service charge will be used for operation and maintenance and capital costs.

All industrial dischargers in Newhall Ranch Sanitation District of Los Angeles County discharging more than 1.0 million gallons per year are required to file a wastewater surcharge statement as prescribed in the *Wastewater Ordinance* to pay their appropriate share of the costs based on their use of the sewerage system. All other users of the sewerage system, except for contractual and local government users, will pay service charges.

The basic term used to define the service charge is a sewage unit. A sewage unit represents the average daily quantity of sewage flow and strength from a single-family home measured in terms of flow, chemical oxygen demand, and suspended solids. The number of sewage units (SU) per unit of measure shall be determined by the following formula:

$$\text{SU} = A \left(\frac{\text{FLOW}_{\text{avg}}}{\text{FLOW}_{\text{sft}}} \right) + B \left(\frac{\text{COD}_{\text{avg}}}{\text{COD}_{\text{sft}}} \right) + C \left(\frac{\text{SS}_{\text{avg}}}{\text{SS}_{\text{sft}}} \right)$$

Where:

- A = The proportion of the total operation and maintenance and capital costs required for conveyance, treatment, and disposal of wastewater for the fiscal year which is attributable to flow;
- B = The proportion of the total operation and maintenance and capital costs required for conveyance, treatment, and disposal of wastewater for the fiscal year which is attributable to COD;
- C = The proportion of the total operation and maintenance and capital costs required for conveyance, treatment, and disposal of wastewater for the fiscal year which is attributable to suspended solids;

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$FLOW_{sfh}$ = Average flow of wastewater from a single-family home in gallons per day;

COD_{sfh} = Average loading of COD in the wastewater from a single-family home in pounds per day;

SS_{sfh} = Average loading of suspended solids in the wastewater from a single-family home in pounds per day;

$FLOW_{avg}$ = Estimated flow of wastewater which will enter the sewerage system from a user in gallons per day;

COD_{avg} = Estimated loading of COD which will enter the sewerage system from a user in pounds per day;

SS_{avg} = Estimated loading of suspended solids which will enter the sewerage system from a user in pounds per day.

For fiscal year 2024-25, the proportions of the total operation and maintenance and capital costs attributable to flow, chemical oxygen demand, and suspended solids have been assigned the following values:

A	=	0.2798
B	=	0.3239
C	=	0.3963

The service charge for each sewage unit is determined by dividing the total required supplemental revenue by the total number of sewage units in the District. The service charge for each parcel is determined by multiplying the service charge for each sewage unit by the number of sewage units attributable to the parcel, which in turn, is determined by the class of real property and the sewage unit formula and the flow, COD, and SS loadings from **Table 1**, which shows the corresponding value for each class of real property in Newhall Ranch Sanitation District of Los Angeles County.

Based upon presently anticipated sources of funds, the service charge rate for fiscal year 2024-25 is \$696.00 per sewage unit. Parcels with significantly lower water usage may be eligible for a reduced rate pursuant to the terms of the *Master Service Charge Ordinance of Newhall Ranch Sanitation District Los Angeles County*.

DESCRIPTION OF PARCELS RECEIVING SERVICES AND IDENTIFICATION OF AMOUNT OF CHARGE FOR EACH PARCEL

All parcels of real property within the 2024-25 Tax Rate Areas as shown in **Table 2** are receiving or benefiting from the services and facilities of Newhall Ranch Sanitation District of Los Angeles County. Said parcels are more particularly described in maps prepared in accordance with Section 327, Revenue and Taxation Code, which are on file in the office of the County Assessor, which maps are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

All commercial and institutional parcels assessed a service charge based on the Los Angeles County Assessor's current tax roll shall be charged on the basis of not less than one (1.0) sewage unit.

No charge shall be imposed on the owner or owners of any parcels as to which the fair market value of improvements is less than \$1,000 as determined on the basis of the Assessor's current tax roll. This assumption is predicated on the fact that this type of parcel would be a vacant piece of land; however, should subsequent evaluation reveal that the property is not vacant, then an appropriate service charge would be levied.

TABLE 1
LOADINGS FOR EACH CLASS OF LAND USE

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>UNIT OF MEASURE</u>	<u>FLOW</u> (Gallons per Day)	<u>COD</u> (Pounds per Day)	<u>SUSPENDED SOLIDS</u> (Pounds per Day)
RESIDENTIAL				
Single Family Home	Dwelling Unit	260	1.22	0.59
Condominiums	Dwelling Unit	195	0.92	0.44
Multi-Unit Residential	Dwelling Unit	156	0.73	0.35
Mobile Home Parks	No. of Spaces	156	0.73	0.35
COMMERCIAL				
Hotel/Motel/Rooming House	Room	125	0.54	0.28
Store	1000 ft ²	100	0.43	0.23
Supermarket	1000 ft ²	150	2.00	1.00
Shopping Center	1000 ft ²	325	3.00	1.17
Regional Mall	1000 ft ²	150	2.10	0.77
Office Building	1000 ft ²	200	0.86	0.45
Medical, Dental, Veterinary Clinic or Building	1000 ft ²	300	1.29	0.68
Restaurant	1000 ft ²	1,000	16.68	5.00
Indoor Theatre	1000 ft ²	125	0.54	0.28
Car Wash:				
Tunnel – No Recycling	1000 ft ²	3,700	15.86	8.33
Tunnel – Recycling	1000 ft ²	2,700	11.74	6.16
Wand	1000 ft ²	700	3.00	1.58
Bank, Credit Union	1000 ft ²	100	0.43	0.23
Service Shop, Vehicle Maintenance & Repair Shop	1000 ft ²	100	0.43	0.23
Animal Kennels	1000 ft ²	100	0.43	0.23
Gas Station	1000 ft ²	100	0.43	0.23
Auto Sales	1000 ft ²	100	0.43	0.23
Wholesale Outlet	1000 ft ²	100	0.43	0.23
Nursery/Greenhouse	1000 ft ²	25	0.11	0.06
Manufacturing	1000 ft ²	200	1.86	0.70
Light Manufacturing	1000 ft ²	25	0.23	0.09
Lumber Yard	1000 ft ²	25	0.23	0.09
Warehousing	1000 ft ²	25	0.23	0.09
Open Storage	1000 ft ²	25	0.23	0.09
Drive-in Theatre	1000 ft ²	20	0.09	0.05
Night Club	1000 ft ²	350	1.50	0.79
Bowling/Skating	1000 ft ²	150	1.76	0.55
Club & Lodge Halls	1000 ft ²	125	0.54	0.27
Auditorium, Amusement	1000 ft ²	350	1.50	0.79
Golf Course and Park (Structures and Improvements)	1000 ft ²	100	0.43	0.23
Campground, Marina, Recreational Vehicle Park	Sites, Slips, or Spaces	55	0.34	0.14

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COMMERCIAL				
Convalescent Home	Bed	125	0.54	0.28
Horse Stables	Stalls	25	0.23	0.09
Laundromat	1000 ft ²	3,825	16.40	8.61
Mortuary, Funeral Home	1000 ft ²	100	1.33	0.67
Health Spa, Gymnasium:				
With Showers	1000 ft ²	600	2.58	1.35
Without Showers	1000 ft ²	300	1.29	0.68
Convention Center, Fairground, Racetrack, Sports Stadium/Arena	Average Daily Attendance	10	0.04	0.02
INSTITUTIONAL				
College/University	Student	20	0.09	0.05
Private School	1000 ft ²	200	0.86	0.45
Library, Museum	1000 ft ²	100	0.43	0.23
Post Office (Local)	1000 ft ²	100	0.43	0.23
Post Office (Regional)	1000 ft ²	25	0.23	0.09
Church	1000 ft ²	50	0.21	0.11

TABLE 2
TAX RATE AREAS IN NEWHALL RANCH
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008998	014179	014180	014181	014182
014183	014184	014185	014186	015393