

REGULAR MEETING — BOARD OF DIRECTORS — COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 3

To be held in person and via teleconference per Brown Act, Section 54953(b)&(c), at the:

**OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT**                      **SIGNAL HILL CITY HALL\***  
1955 Workman Mill Road              and      2175 Cherry Avenue  
Whittier, CA 90601                      Signal Hill, CA 90755

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THE DISTRICT MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY AGENDA ITEM LISTED BELOW

WEDNESDAY	March 13, 2024	At 1:30 P.M.
Governing Body	Director	Alternate
BELLFLOWER	KOOPS	DUNTON
CERRITOS	BARROWS	SOLANKI
LAKWOOD	PE	ROGERS
LONG BEACH	RICHARDSON	SARO (Chairperson)
LOS ANGELES CITY	KREKORIAN	MC OSKER
SIGNAL HILL	WOODS*	WILSON
LOS ANGELES COUNTY	HORVATH	HAHN

1. Public Comment
2. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting Held February 14, 2024
3. Approve December 2023 Expenses in Amount of \$89,394

Summary: Local District expenses represent costs that are the sole responsibility of the individual District. Allocated expenses, which are generally distributed twice per year in conjunction with the receipt of the District’s service charge revenue, represent the District’s proportionate share of expenses made by the Joint Outfall System pursuant to the Joint Outfall Agreement. The Agreement provides for the joint administration, technical support and management of the operations, maintenance, and capital costs associated with all the shared facilities 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](http://lacsd.org/financial-documents). This item is consistent with the Districts’ Guiding Principle of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship.

Local District Expenses:	
Operations & Maintenance	<u>\$89,394</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$89,394</u>

4. Re: Wastewater Revenue Program
  - (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 Date, Time, and Place for Public Hearing on Report; Order Publication of Required Public Notices

Summary: 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 is \$16.08 per month (\$193 per year). The rate for fiscal year 2024-25, as previously adopted by the Board of Directors, is \$16.83 per month (\$202 per year). A letter discussing the service charge rate, the fiscal year 2024-25 preliminary budget, and related matters accompanies the agenda. Staff recommends the Public Hearing be held at the Board meeting scheduled for May 8, 2024. 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.

Adjourn

**Status Report:** Prior to or during the meeting session, the Chief Engineer and General Manager may update the Directors on various matters concerning the Districts that may be of current interest to the Directors.

**Public Comment:** Members of the public may address the Board of Directors on any item shown on the agenda or matter under the Board’s authority. A “Request to Address Board of Directors” form is available. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you require special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Secretary to the Boards’ Office (562) 908-4288, extension 1100. Notification of 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable staff to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. (28CFR 35.101 et seq. ADA Title II).

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February 9, 2024

Boards of Directors  
Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts

Directors:

**Wastewater Revenue Program for Fiscal Year 2024-25**

The agendas for the upcoming meetings of the Boards of Directors contain an item regarding the District's service charges for residential, commercial, and small industrial dischargers which are collected on the property tax roll.

**Service charge rate ordinances have previously been adopted by the Boards and no changes are being proposed to these ordinances. However, to continue to collect the service charge on the property tax roll the Boards must take certain actions.** Specifically, pursuant to state law, the Boards must: (1) order a Service Charge Report be filed with the District Clerk, (2) establish the date, time, and place for a public hearing on the report; and (3) order the publication of the required notices.

**BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25**

Enclosed for your review is the preliminary budget for fiscal year 2024-25; a list of user fees; information on the monies set aside in various funds/reserves; and an explanation of terms used in the budget. The funds and reserves were established and funded in accordance with the District's *Wastewater Financial Reserve Policy*. For the Joint Outfall System (JOS) Districts, a preliminary budget for the JOS for fiscal year 2024-25, and information on JOS reserves has also been included to provide more detail on the District's share of Joint Outfall expenses, but will only be adopted by District No. 2, the administrative District for the JOS.

A final budget will be presented to the Board for consideration in June as part of the overall budgetary process, adoption of which will authorize budget appropriations.

**SERVICE CHARGE AND SURCHARGE RATES**

No change to previously-adopted rates is proposed for fiscal year 2024-25. Multi-family residential units will pay 60% of the adopted single-family home rate and condominiums will pay 75% of the adopted single-family home rate. Likewise, commercial and industrial dischargers will pay in proportion to their use of the wastewater management system compared to a single-family home. Dischargers with verified low water usage (particularly seniors and retirees) may qualify for a reduced charge.

LOW WATER REBATE PROGRAM

Because the cost of metering wastewater discharges from individual parcels is impractical and cost prohibitive, discharges are estimated using standard loading factors based on the size and types of facilities located on the parcel. With the ongoing efforts by local communities to conserve water and install low-flow plumbing fixtures, many parcels may be discharging at lower rates than is currently estimated. The Districts' low water rebate program allows parcel owners to apply for a reduction in their service charge rate based on their actual water usage. Staff has conducted a concerted public outreach program, including information on the program in our Proposition 218 notices, newspaper advertisements, and the Districts' website, to ensure that parcel owners are aware of the program.

SUMMARY OF REQUIRED ACTIONS

As previously discussed, the Board must order the filing of a Service Charge Report (enclosed) with the District Clerk. The Boards must also schedule a public hearing and instruct the District Clerk to publish newspaper notices to inform the public of the hearing. After the close of its public hearing, the Boards will consider adoption of the Service Charge Report, as is required under the California Health and Safety Code for the District to continue to collect the previously approved wastewater service charge as a separate line item on the property tax roll. This is the most cost-effective and efficient means of collecting the service charges. It is recommended that the public hearing be set for the date, time and location listed on the agenda.

At the June Board meetings, final budgets will be presented to the Boards of Directors for consideration as part of the overall budgetary process, adoption of which will authorize budget appropriations. In addition, the Boards must take certain administrative actions that are required of all agencies that receive ad valorem taxes. These include establishing by resolution the amount of the tax levy Districts will request from the Los Angeles County Tax Collector and adopting a limit on authorized expenditures of tax proceeds.

Very truly yours,



Robert C. Ferrante

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Enclosures

# COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 3 SERVICE CHARGE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

## INTRODUCTION

County Sanitation District No. 3 of Los Angeles County encompasses all or portions of the cities of Bellflower, Cerritos, Lakewood, Long Beach, Los Angeles, and Signal Hill and unincorporated Los Angeles County.

District No. 3 is one of seventeen (17) contiguous sanitation districts within the urbanized Los Angeles Basin signatory to the Amended Joint Outfall Agreement. These Districts, known as the Joint Outfall Districts, have formed a regional wastewater management system known as the Joint Outfall System. This regional system provides for operation and maintenance of large sewers, pumping plants, inland water reclamation plants, and the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant. These services are essential to protect the public health of the people served by the system.

District No. 3, as a member of the Joint Outfall System, must provide a proportionate share of the revenue required to operate and maintain the facilities. Additionally, District No. 3 is responsible for any costs associated with the local sewers and pumping plants that are owned by District No. 3 and are solely for its benefit. The general revenue sources currently available to the District include a pro rata share of the ad valorem (property) taxes, service charges, industrial wastewater surcharges, grants, state low-interest loans, interest income, contract revenue and reserves. Any surplus will be transferred to designated reserves to meet targeted reserve requirements.

## PROPOSED SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

The required supplemental revenue required under the *Master Service Charge Ordinance of County Sanitation District No. 3 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 District No. 3 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<sub>sfh</sub> = Average flow of wastewater from a single-family home in gallons per day;
- COD<sub>sfh</sub> = Average loading of COD in the wastewater from a single-family home in pounds per day;
- SS<sub>sfh</sub> = Average loading of suspended solids in the wastewater from a single-family home in pounds per day;
- FLOW<sub>avg</sub> = Estimated flow of wastewater which will enter the sewerage system from a user in gallons per day;
- COD<sub>avg</sub> = Estimated loading of COD which will enter the sewerage system from a user in pounds per day;
- SS<sub>avg</sub> = 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	=	0.3049
B	=	0.3348
C	=	0.3603

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 District No. 3.

Based upon presently anticipated sources of funds, the service charge rate for fiscal year 2024-25 is \$202 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 County Sanitation District No. 3 of 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 District No. 3. Additionally, the parcels listed in **Table 3**, which do not fall within the Tax Rate Areas shown in **Table 2**, are receiving or benefiting from the services and facilities of District No. 3. 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)
<b>RESIDENTIAL</b>				
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
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>				
Hotel/Motel/Rooming House	Room	125	0.54	0.28
Store	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100	0.43	0.23
Supermarket	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	150	2.00	1.00
Shopping Center	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	325	3.00	1.17
Regional Mall	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	150	2.10	0.77
Office Building	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	200	0.86	0.45
Medical, Dental, Veterinary Clinic or Building	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	300	1.29	0.68
Restaurant	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	1,000	16.68	5.00
Indoor Theatre	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	125	0.54	0.28
Car Wash:				
Tunnel – No Recycling	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	3,700	15.86	8.33
Tunnel – Recycling	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	2,700	11.74	6.16
Wand	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	700	3.00	1.58
Bank, Credit Union	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100	0.43	0.23
Service Shop, Vehicle Maintenance & Repair Shop	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100	0.43	0.23
Animal Kennels	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100	0.43	0.23
Gas Station	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100	0.43	0.23
Auto Sales	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100	0.43	0.23
Wholesale Outlet	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100	0.43	0.23
Nursery/Greenhouse	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	25	0.11	0.06
Manufacturing	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	200	1.86	0.70
Light Manufacturing	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	25	0.23	0.09
Lumber Yard	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	25	0.23	0.09
Warehousing	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	25	0.23	0.09
Open Storage	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	25	0.23	0.09
Drive-In Theatre	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	20	0.09	0.05
Night Club	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	350	1.50	0.79
Bowling/Skating	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	150	1.76	0.55
Club & Lodge Halls	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	125	0.54	0.27
Auditorium, Amusement	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	350	1.50	0.79
Golf Course & Park (Structures & Improvements)	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100	0.43	0.23
Campground, Marina, Recreational Vehicle Park	Sites, Slips, or Spaces	55	0.34	0.14

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<b>COMMERCIAL</b>				
Convalescent Home	Bed	125	0.54	0.28
Horse Stables	Stalls	25	0.23	0.09
Laundromat	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	3,825	16.40	8.61
Mortuary, Funeral Home	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100	1.33	0.67
Health Spa, Gymnasium:				
With Showers	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	600	2.58	1.35
Without Showers	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	300	1.29	0.68
Convention Center, Fairground, Racetrack, Sports Stadium/Arena	Average Daily Attendance	10	0.04	0.02
<b>INSTITUTIONAL</b>				
College/University	Student	20	0.09	0.05
Private School	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	200	0.86	0.45
Library, Museum	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100	0.43	0.23
Post Office (Local)	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100	0.43	0.23
Post Office (Regional)	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	25	0.23	0.09
Church	1,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	50	0.21	0.11

**TABLE 2**  
**TAX RATE AREAS IN SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 3**

000217	000422	001988	001992	002016
002023	002243	002245	002246	002253
002260	002261	002262	002264	002265
002266	002274	002276	002281	002283
002289	002292	002316	002317	002322
002325	002474	003747	003748	003751
003753	003754	004968	004989	004992
004993	004995	004998	004999	005001
005007	005413	005415	005417	005419
005420	005492	005497	005500	005501
005503	005504	005508	005509	005510
005513	005515	005517	005518	005519
005520	005521	005523	005526	005527
005531	005534	005535	005536	005537
005538	005539	005540	005541	005542
005543	005544	005545	005546	005547
005548	005549	005561	005570	005579
005603	005677	005728	005764	005805
005865	005992	006284	007190	007191
007199	007207	007208	007211	007212
007213	007214	007215	007216	007218
007219	007220	011286	011287	011763
011933	011934	012143	012178	012181
012182	012183	012823	012824	014826
015679	015694	015773	015774	016076
016077	016132			



**TABLE 3**  
**PARCEL NUMBERS SERVED BY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 3**  
**OUTSIDE OF TAX RATE AREAS**

7061008039

7072016030

7072016032

7429013279

**Joint Outfall System**  
**Preliminary Operating Fund Budget (\$ in thousands)**  
**Fiscal Year 2024-25**

	<b>Adopted 2023-24 <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Proposed 2024-25 <sup>(1)</sup></b>
<b>Starting Balance</b>	<b>\$ 297,791</b>	<b>\$ 397,211</b>
 <b>Sources of Funds</b>		
Industrial Waste Charges	\$ 64,909	\$ 66,982
Operating Payments by Districts	331,563	376,429
Contract Revenue	5,185	5,629
Agricultural and Recycled Water Sales	9,784	10,405
Total Operating Revenue	411,440	459,445
 Interest	 7,636	 9,971
Total Non-Operating Revenue	7,636	9,971
 Loan Proceeds	 141,647	 102,442
Bond Proceeds	145,775	286,000
Capital Payments by Districts	56,585	24,466
Total Capital Revenue	344,007	412,908
 Transfers from Designated Funds	 271,965	 80,117
Transfers from Restricted Funds	166,547	-
Transfers from Districts	7,654	1,626
Total Transfers In	446,167	81,743
 <b>Total Sources of Funds</b>	<b>\$ 1,209,250</b>	<b>\$ 964,068</b>
 <b>Use of Funds</b>		
Joint Administration Operations	\$ 115,111	\$ 120,873
Sewer System Operations	60,931	81,406
Treatment Plant Operations	214,640	237,592
Composting Facility Operations	16,216	16,224
Contract Disposal Operations <sup>(2)</sup>	1,863	-
Other Operational Expenditures	10,317	13,321
Operations and Maintenance Expense	419,077	469,416
 Joint Administration Capital	 16,377	 22,609
Sewer System Capital	158,280	145,437
Treatment Plant Capital	276,090	170,859
Composting Facility Capital	375	-
Field Office Capital	2,150	1,000
Contract Disposal Capital	698	591
Capital Expense	453,969	340,496
 Loan Repayment	 600	 5,859
Bond Repayment	10,733	10,733
Debt Service	11,333	16,592
 <b>Total Use of Funds</b>	<b>\$ 884,379</b>	<b>\$ 826,504</b>
 <b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 622,662</b>	<b>\$ 534,775</b>

(1) The Adopted FY 23-24 Budget is presented as adopted by the Board in 2023. The ending balance reflects the estimate at that time, and therefore may not match the current estimated starting balance for the Proposed FY 24-25 Budget.

(2) Contract Disposal Operations is included in the Other Operational Expenditures line in the preliminary 2024-25 budget, and will be separated for final budgets.

**Joint Outfall System  
Reserve Funds Proposed Budget (\$ in thousands)  
Fiscal Year 2024-25**

	Unrestricted	Designated			Restricted		Total
	Operating	Emergency	O&M Financial Stability	Capital Projects Financial Stability	Capital Improvement	Closure/ Postclosure Reserves	
Starting Balance	\$ 397,211	13,223	170,735	100	667	474	582,410
Operating Revenue	459,445	-	-	-	-	-	459,445
Non-Operating Revenue	9,971	331	4,268	3	17	12	14,601
Capital Revenue	412,908	-	-	-	8,596	-	421,504
Transfers In	81,743	319	-	-	-	-	82,063
Operations and Maintenance Expense	469,416	-	-	-	-	-	469,416
Capital Expense	340,496	-	-	-	-	-	340,496
Debt Service	16,592	-	-	-	-	-	16,592
Transfers Out	-	-	80,434	3	-	-	80,437
Ending Balance	<u>534,775</u>	<u>13,873</u>	<u>94,570</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>9,279</u>	<u>486</u>	<u>653,082</u>

**County Sanitation District No. 3 of Los Angeles County  
Preliminary Operating Fund Budget (\$ in thousands)  
Fiscal Year 2024-25**

	<b>Adopted 2023-24 <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Proposed 2024-25 <sup>(1) (2)</sup></b>
<b><u>Starting Balance</u></b>	<b>\$ 13,022</b>	<b>\$ 23,660</b>
 <b><u>Sources of Funds</u></b>		
Service Charge	\$ 35,289	\$ 37,101
Total Operating Revenue	35,289	37,101
Ad Valorem Tax Revenue	7,107	8,034
Interest	302	591
Total Non-Operating Revenue	7,409	8,626
 <b>Total Sources of Funds</b>	<b>\$ 42,698</b>	<b>\$ 45,727</b>
 <b><u>Use of Funds</u></b>		
Joint Outfall Operations	\$ 35,510	\$ 40,428
Other Operational Expenditures	44	48
Operations and Maintenance Expense	35,555	40,477
Joint Outfall Capital	6,060	2,628
Capital Expense	6,060	2,628
Transfers to Joint Outfall System	934	-
Transfers Out	934	-
 <b>Total Use of Funds</b>	<b>\$ 42,549</b>	<b>\$ 43,105</b>
 <b><u>Ending Balance</u></b>	<b>\$ 13,171</b>	<b>\$ 26,282</b>

(1) The Adopted FY 23-24 Budget is presented as adopted by the Board in 2023. The ending balance reflects the estimate at that time, and therefore may not match the current estimated starting balance for the Proposed FY 24-25 Budget.

(2) District only has operating fund.

**County Sanitation District No. 3 of Los Angeles County  
Wastewater Budget Rate and Other Information Summary  
Fiscal Year 2024-25**

	<u>Adopted 2023-24</u>	<u>Proposed 2024-25</u>
<b><u>Service Charge Rate (\$ per Sewage Unit)</u></b>	193.00	202.00
<b><u>Industrial Waste (Surcharge) Rates</u></b>		
Flow (\$ per MGY)	839.00	865.00
COD (\$ per 1000 lbs)	167.80	173.00
SS (\$ per 1000 lbs)	401.30	413.90
Peak Flow (\$ per gpm)	114.80	118.40
Short Form Rate (\$ per million gallon per year)	3,709.51	3,824.92
Liquid Waste Disposal (\$ per 100 gallon)	5.50	5.70
<b><u>Total Connection Fee Rate (\$ per Capacity Unit)</u></b>	1,763.00	1,772.00
<b><u>Projected Sewage Units</u></b>		
Residential/Commercial	<u>182,846</u>	<u>183,669</u>
Total Served Sewage Units	<b>182,846</b>	<b>183,669</b>

# Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

## Wastewater Budget Explanation and Glossary of Terms

### Fiscal Year 2024-25

#### INTRODUCTION

The budget package for each District consists of the following sections: Note that some sections may not apply for certain Districts.

- **Operating Fund Wastewater Budget:** Details of the sources and uses of funds for the Operating Fund, which is the only Unrestricted Reserve fund as described in the District’s wastewater reserve policy. The budget for the upcoming fiscal year is compared to the final adopted budget for the current fiscal year.
- **Proposed Capital Projects:** Shows major capital projects budgeted expenditures for the fiscal year. Note this section may be omitted from the preliminary budget package or if a District has no major capital projects.
- **Designated and Restricted Reserve Budget:** Provides beginning and ending balances of each category of reserves along with major inflows to and outflows from that reserve.
- **Rate and Other Information Summary:** Shows current and budgeted rates for the various user fees; summary of projected sewage units; and other metrics.

#### TERMS USED IN THE BUDGET

Below are explanations of budget line items and other terms used in the budgets. *Note that some terms may not apply for certain Districts.*

<b>Ad Valorem Taxes Revenue</b>	The District’s share of Ad Valorem (property) taxes paid by property owners in the District.
<b>Agricultural and Recycled Water Sales Revenue</b>	Sales of reclaimed water.
<b>Bond Proceeds</b>	Funds received from the issuance of bonds.
<b>Bond Repayment</b>	Interest and principal payments toward bond debt.
<b>Capital Payments by Districts</b>	Payments received by Joint Outfall System Districts to be used toward Joint Outfall system’s capital expenditures.
<b>Composting Facility Capital Expenditures</b>	Capital expenditures related to upgrade, repair, or expansion of composting facilities.
<b>Composting Facility Operations and Maintenance Expenditures</b>	Expenditures related to operating and maintaining composting facilities.
<b>Contract Disposal Capital Expenditures</b>	Capital expenditures related to conveyance and treatment of wastewater performed by another entity.

<b>Contract Disposal Operations and Maintenance Expenditures</b>	Expenditures related to the operation and maintenance for conveyance and treatment of wastewater performed by another entity.
<b>Contract Revenue</b>	Commodity and energy revenue; leases; and other similar sources of revenue.
<b>District Sewer System Capital Expenditures</b>	Capital expenditures related to rehabilitation or expansion of the District’s sewers and pumping plants.
<b>District’s Sewer System Operations Expenditures</b>	Expenditures related to operating and maintaining the District’s sewers and pumping plants.
<b>Field Office Capital Expenditures</b>	Capital expenditures related to upgrade, repair, or expansion of field offices.
<b>Grant Revenue</b>	Grant proceeds received toward capital projects, primarily state and/or federal grants.
<b>Industrial Waste Revenue</b>	Fees paid by large industrial users of the District’s wastewater system.
<b>Interest Revenue</b>	Interest generated by District’s Reserves.
<b>Joint Administration Capital Expenditures</b>	The District's share of Joint Capital Expenses minus Joint Capital Revenues.
<b>Joint Administration Operations Expenditures</b>	The District's share of Joint Administration Operating Expenditures less any operational or non-operational Joint Administration Revenues.
<b>Joint Outfall Capital Expenditures</b>	The District's share of the Joint Outfall system capital payment.
<b>Joint Outfall Operations Expenditures</b>	The District's share of Joint Outfall System Operating Expenditures less any operational or non-operational Joint Outfall System Revenues.
<b>Loan Proceeds</b>	Funds received from loans taken out to finance capital projects, primarily State Revolving Fund Clean Water Loans.
<b>Loan Repayment</b>	Interest and principal payments toward loans, primarily State Revolving Fund Clean Water Loans.
<b>Operating Fund Ending Balance</b>	Projected balance in the Operating Fund as of June 30 at the end of the fiscal year shown.
<b>Operating Fund Starting Balance</b>	Projected cash balance in the Operating Fund as of July 1 at the beginning of the fiscal year shown.

<b>Operating Payments by Districts</b>	Payments received by Joint Outfall System Districts to be used for Joint Outfall system's net operating expenditures.
<b>Other Capital Expenditures</b>	Capital expenditures not related to District's sewers, treatment plants, composing facilities, field offices, or contract disposal.
<b>Other Operational Expenditures</b>	The District's operational expenditures that are not directly related to the District's facilities, such as insurance, annexations, and certain regulatory work.
<b>Service Charge Revenue</b>	Fees paid by residential, commercial, and small industrial users of the District's wastewater system. These fees are generally collected on the property tax bill as a separate line item.
<b>Total Served Sewage Units</b>	Total number of Sewage Units (single family home equivalent dischargers) that are served by treatment plants owned by the Districts.
<b>Transfers from Designated Funds</b>	Funds transferred from Designated Funds when projected operating reserve balance is below target; these funds are to be used toward operating expenditures.
<b>Transfers from Districts</b>	Payments received from Joint Outfall System Districts to fund the Joint Outfall reserves per June 1, 2022, Joint Outfall Agreement.
<b>Transfers from Restricted Funds</b>	Funds transferred from Restricted Funds to be used toward capital expenditures.
<b>Transfers to Designated Reserves</b>	Surplus funds at the end of the fiscal year not required for operating or cash-flow purposes that are transferred to designated reserves. Designated reserves are primarily used to help stabilize future rates and to set aside funds for future capital projects.
<b>Transfers to Joint Outfall System</b>	Individual District's contribution to the Joint Outfall System reserves per June 1, 2022, Joint Outfall Agreement.
<b>Treatment Plant Capital Expenditures</b>	Capital expenditures related to upgrade, repair, or expansion of treatment plants.
<b>Treatment Plant Operations Expenditures</b>	Expenditures related to operating and maintaining treatment plants.