REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 29

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

and

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT

SIGNAL HILL CITY HALL\*

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### THE DISTRICT MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY AGENDA ITEM LISTED BELOW

WEDNESDAY		March 13, 2024		At 1:30 P.M.
COPELAND*	HANSEN*	L. WOODS* (Chairperson)	JONES*	WILSON* (Vice Chair)

- 1. Public Comment
- 2. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting Held February 14, 2024
- 3. Approve December 2023 Expenses in Amount of \$76,295

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 <a href="lacsd.org/financial-documents">lacsd.org/financial-documents</a>. This item is consistent with the Districts' Guiding Principle of commitment to fiscal responsibility and prudent financial stewardship.

Local District Expenses:

### 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 \$29.83 per month (\$358 per year). The rate for fiscal year 2024-25, as previously adopted by the Board of Directors, is \$30.58 per month (\$367 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).

**Document Requests:** 

Links to supporting documents are available online at the time of posting. Agendas and supporting documents or other writings that will be distributed to Board members in connection with matters subject to discussion or consideration at this meeting that are not exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act are available for inspection following the posting of this agenda at the office of the Secretary to the Boards of Directors located at the Districts' Joint Administration Building, 1955 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, California, 90601, or at the time of the meeting at the address posted on this agenda.

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Chief Engineer and General Manager

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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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### COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 29 SERVICE CHARGE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

### **INTRODUCTION**

County Sanitation District No. 29 of Los Angeles County encompasses a portion of the city of Signal Hill.

District No. 29 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. 29, 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. 29 is responsible for any costs associated with the local sewers and pumping plants that are owned by District No. 29 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 under the *Master Service Charge Ordinance of County Sanitation District No. 29 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. 29 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:

$$SU \qquad = \qquad A \, \left( \frac{FLOW_{\text{avg}}}{FLOW_{\text{sfh}}} \right) \qquad + \qquad B \, \left( \frac{COD_{\text{avg}}}{COD_{\text{sfh}}} \right) \qquad + \qquad C \, \left( \frac{SS_{\text{avg}}}{SS_{\text{sfh}}} \right)$$

#### 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. 29.

Based upon presently anticipated sources of funds, the service charge rate for fiscal year 2024-25 is \$367 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. 29 of Los Angeles County.* 

### DESCRIPTION OF PARCELS RECEIVING SERVICES AND IDENTIFICATION OF AMOUNT OF CHARGE $\underline{\mathsf{FOR}}$ 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. 29. 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. 29. 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>	UNIT OF MEASURE	<b>FLOW</b> (Gallons per Day)	COD (Pounds per Day)	SUSPENDED SOLIDS (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	<b>Dwelling Unit</b>	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 <sup>2</sup>	100	0.43	0.23
Supermarket	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	150	2.00	1.00
Shopping Center	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	325	3.00	1.17
Regional Mall	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	150	2.10	0.77
Office Building	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	200	0.86	0.45
Medical, Dental, Veterinary Clinic or Building	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	300	1.29	0.68
Restaurant	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	1,000	16.68	5.00
Indoor Theatre	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	125	0.54	0.28
Car Wash:				
Tunnel – No Recycling	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	3,700	15.86	8.33
Tunnel – Recycling	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	2,700	11.74	6.16
Wand	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	700	3.00	1.58
Bank, Credit Union	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100	0.43	0.23
Service Shop, Vehicle Maintenance & Repair Shop	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100	0.43	0.23
Animal Kennels	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100	0.43	0.23
Gas Station	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100	0.43	0.23
Auto Sales	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100	0.43	0.23
Wholesale Outlet	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100	0.43	0.23
Nursery/Greenhouse	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	25	0.11	0.06
Manufacturing	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	200	1.86	0.70
Light Manufacturing	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	25	0.23	0.09
Lumber Yard	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	25	0.23	0.09
Warehousing	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	25	0.23	0.09
Open Storage	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	25	0.23	0.09
Drive-in Theatre	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	20	0.09	0.05
Night Club	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	350	1.50	0.79
Bowling/Skating	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	150	1.76	0.55
Club& Lodge Halls	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	125	0.54	0.27
Auditorium, Amusement	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	350	1.50	0.79
Golf Course and Park (Structures and Improvements)	1000 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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TABLE 1
LOADINGS FOR EACH CLASS OF LAND USE

DESCRIPTION	UNIT OF	FLOW	COD	SUSPENDED SOLIDS
<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>MEASURE</u>	(Gallons per Day)	(Pounds per Day)	(Pounds per Day)
COMMERCIAL				
Convalescent Home	Bed	125	0.54	0.28
Horse Stables	Stalls	25	0.23	0.09
Laundromat	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	3,825	16.40	8.61
Mortuary, Funeral Home	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100	1.33	0.67
Health Spa, Gymnasium:				
With Showers	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	600	2.58	1.35
Without Showers	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	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 <sup>2</sup>	200	0.86	0.45
Library, Museum	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100	0.43	0.23
Post Office (Local)	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	100	0.43	0.23
Post Office (Regional)	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	25	0.23	0.09
Church	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	50	0.21	0.11

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## TABLE 2 TAX RATE AREAS IN SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 29

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TABLE 3
PARCEL NUMBERS SERVED BY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 29
OUTSIDE OF TAX RATE AREAS

7214014074	7214014075	7214014077	7214014078	7214014079
7214014081	7214014082	7214014083	7214014084	7214014085
7214014088	7214014089	7214014090	7214014091	7214014092
7214014094	7214014095	7214014097	7214014098	7214014099
7214014101	7214014102	7214014103	7214014104	7214014105
7214014107	7214014108	7214014109	7214014110	7214014111
7214014113	7214014114	7214014115	7214014116	7214014117
7214014119	7214014120	7214014126		

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

	Adopted 2023-24 (1)	Proposed 2024-25 (1)
Starting Balance	\$ 297,791	\$ 397,211
Sources of Funds		
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
Total Sources of Funds	\$ 1,209,250	\$ 964,068
Use of Funds		
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 (2)	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
Total Use of Funds	\$ 884,379	\$ 826,504
Ending Balance	\$ 622,662	\$ 534,775

<sup>(1)</sup> 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.

<sup>(2)</sup> 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			Restr		
	Oţ	perating	Emergency	O&M Financial Stability	Capital Projects Financial Stability		Capital Improvement	Closure/ Postclosure Reserves	Total
Starting Balance	\$	397,211	13,223	3 170,7	35 10	0	667	474	582,410
Operating Revenue		459,445		-	-	-	-	-	459,445
Non-Operating Revenue		9,971	33:	1 4,2	68	3	17	12	14,601
Capital Revenue		412,908		-	-	-	8,596	-	421,504
Transfers In		81,743	319	9	-	-	-	-	82,063
Operations and Maintenance Expense		469,416		-	-	-	-	-	469,416
Capital Expense		340,496		-	-	-	-	-	340,496
Debt Service		16,592		-	-	-	-	-	16,592
Transfers Out				- 80,4	34	3		-	80,437
Ending Balance		534,775	13,87	3 94,5	70 10	0	9,279	486	653,082

# County Sanitation District No. 29 of Los Angeles County Preliminary Operating Fund Budget (\$ in thousands) Fiscal Year 2024-25

	dopted 23-24 <sup>(1)</sup>		oposed 24-25 <sup>(1)</sup>
Starting Balance	\$ 681	\$	1,890
Sources of Funds			
Service Charge	\$ 2,047	\$	2,135
Total Operating Revenue	2,047		2,135
Ad Valorem Tax Revenue	169		210
Interest	17		47
Total Non-Operating Revenue	 186		257
Transfers from Restricted Funds	642		372
Total Transfers In	642		372
Total Sources of Funds	\$ 2,876	\$	2,765
Use of Funds			
Joint Outfall Operations	\$ 1,127	\$	1,280
Sewer System Operations	469		568
Other Operational Expenditures	30		41
Operations and Maintenance Expense	 1,626		1,889
Joint Outfall Capital	192		83
Sewer System Capital	450		660
Capital Expense	642		743
Transfers to Designated Reserves	 210		1,239
Transfers Out	210		1,239
Total Use of Funds	\$ 2,478	\$	3,871
Ending Balance	\$ 1,079	<u>\$</u>	783

<sup>(1)</sup> 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.

## County Sanitation District No. 29 of Los Angeles County Capital Project Wastewater Budget (\$ in thousands)

Project Name	Description	FY24-25 Budget	Estimated Completion	Total Budget (1)
28th Street Pumping Plant Replacement of Force Main	Force Main improvements	350	06-30-2025	500
District 29 Sewers Group 1 Rehabilitation	Rehabilitation of corroded sewer	310	06-30-2026	1,520
Sewer System Total		660		
Total Capital Projects		660		

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes past, present, and future amounts.

### County Sanitation District No. 29 of Los Angeles County Reserve Funds Proposed Budget (\$ in thousands) Fiscal Year 2024-25

	Unres	tricted		Designated			Restricted	
	Ope	rating	Emergency	O&M Financial Stability	Capital Projects Financial Stability	Rate Stabilization	Capital Improvement	Total
Starting Balance	\$	1,890	50	2,786	461	2,568	363	8,117
Operating Revenue		2,135	-	-	-	-	-	2,135
Non-Operating Revenue		257	1	70	12	64	9	413
Transfers In		372	-	1,155	85	-	-	1,612
Operations and Maintenance Expense		1,889	-	-	-	-	-	1,889
Capital Expense		743	-	-	-	-	-	743
Transfers Out		1,239	1	-	-	-	372	1,612
Ending Balance		783	50	4,010	558	2,633	-	8,033

# County Sanitation District No. 29 of Los Angeles County Wastewater Budget Rate and Other Information Summary Fiscal Year 2024-25

	Adopted 2023-24	Proposed 2024-25
Service Charge Rate (\$ per Sewage Unit)	358.00	367.00
Industrial Waste (Surcharge) Rates		
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
Total Connection Fee Rate (\$ per Capacity Unit)	4,834.00	4,843.00
Projected Sewage Units		
Residential/Commercial	5,717	5,819
Total Served Sewage Units	5,717	5,819

# 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.* 

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

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

Projected cash balance in the Operating Fund as of July 1 at the

beginning of the fiscal year shown.

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**Operating Fund Starting Balance** 

Operating Payments by Districts

Payments received by Joint Outfall System Districts to be used for Joint Outfall System Districts to be used for Joint Outfall System's not appraising expanditures.

Joint Outfall system's net operating expenditures.

Other Capital Expenditures Capital expenditures not related to District's sewers, treatment

plants, composing facilities, field offices, or contract disposal.

Other Operational Expenditures The District's operational expenditures that are not directly related

to the District's facilities, such as insurance, annexations, and

certain regulatory work.

Service Charge Revenue 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.

**Total Served Sewage Units**Total number of Sewage Units (single family home equivalent

dischargers) that are served by treatment plants owned by the

Districts.

Transfers from Designated Funds Funds transferred from Designated Funds when projected

operating reserve balance is below target; these funds are to be

used toward operating expenditures.

**Transfers from Districts** Payments received from Joint Outfall System Districts to fund the

Joint Outfall reserves per June 1, 2022, Joint Outfall Agreement.

**Transfers from Restricted Funds** Funds transferred from Restricted Funds to be used toward capital

expenditures.

**Transfers to Designated Reserves** 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.

Transfers to Joint Outfall System Individual District's contribution to the Joint Outfall System

reserves per June 1, 2022, Joint Outfall Agreement.

**Treatment Plant Capital** 

**Expenditures** 

Capital expenditures related to upgrade, repair, or expansion of

treatment plants.

**Treatment Plant Operations** 

**Expenditures** 

Expenditures related to operating and maintaining treatment

plants.

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