



June 4, 2021

Boards of Directors
Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts

Dear Directors:

Wastewater Budget Matters for Fiscal Year 2021-22

The agendas for the upcoming meetings of the Boards of Directors for most Districts contain items relating to wastewater budget matters for fiscal year (FY) 2021-22. These items include establishing an appropriations limit on the proceeds of taxes; adopting the sewerage system final budget; requesting the tax levy; authorizing appropriations per the sewerage system budget; and, for certain Districts, actions related to the previously filed Service Charge Report.

APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT

The Constitution of the State of California places a limit on the authorization to expend the proceeds of taxes levied by state and local governments in California. In addition, the Government Code requires the governing body for each local jurisdiction to establish, by resolution, an appropriations limit for each fiscal year. The appropriations limit for FY 2021-22 has been determined by adjusting the previous limit for FY 2020-21 based upon population change factors for Los Angeles County and the change in the California Personal Per Capita Income. The appropriations limit has also been adjusted to include the increased operation and maintenance and capital costs of treatment processes and facilities needed to comply with state and federal requirements. All of this is in accordance with the procedures outlined in Article XIII B of the Constitution and Section 7910 of the Government Code. The proposed appropriations limit and anticipated tax revenue are enclosed. This information has been available to the public at the Districts' Joint Administration Office in conformance with the requirement that the documentation used in the determination of the appropriations limit be available fifteen days prior to its establishment by the Board of Directors.

FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22

Enclosed for your review are the proposed final fiscal year 2021-22 budgets for the District and the Joint Outfall System (JOS), if applicable. Budgets include a list of proposed capital projects (if any) along with descriptions of the projects; 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 JOS budget will only be adopted by District 2, the administrative District for the JOS. Joint Administration and Joint Outfall costs are allocated to each District according to the ratio of the number of sewage units in a District to the total number of sewage units in all the Districts signatory to each agreement. A sewage unit represents the average daily sewage flow and strength (measured in terms of chemical oxygen demand and suspended solids) from a single-family home. This method of allocating costs considers flow as well as the strength of sewage from all types of users and is the most equitable way to distribute Joint costs.

SERVICE CHARGE REPORT

Districts 4, 9, and 17 will also have an item regarding the Service Charge Report previously filed with the District Clerk. Adoption of the Report is needed for the continued collection of service charges on the property tax roll for residential, commercial and small industrial dischargers. This is the most cost-effective and efficient means of collecting the service charges.

Prior to considering adoption of the Report, the Board must hold a public hearing. The date, time, and location of the public hearing will be held as listed on the agenda. Notice of the public hearing was published twice in newspapers of general circulation within the District. Public testimony will be accepted at the hearing and all written comments must be received at or by this time. After all public input has been received by the Board, the public hearing will be closed, and the Board will consider adoption of the Report. A copy of the Service Charge report is attached for Districts considering this action.

SUMMARY OF REQUIRED ACTIONS

At the June Board meetings, it will be recommended that the Boards of Directors adopt a resolution establishing the appropriations limit on the proceeds of taxes; adopt the budget for FY 2021-22; adopt a resolution requesting the tax levy; authorize appropriations in the sewerage system budget; and adopt the Service Charge Report (certain Districts), all as shown on the agenda.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures