

# COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 17 SERVICE CHARGE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

## INTRODUCTION

County Sanitation District No. 17 of Los Angeles County encompasses a portion of the city of Pasadena and unincorporated Los Angeles County.

District No. 17 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. 17, 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. 17 is responsible for any costs associated with the local sewers that are owned by District No. 17 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 supplemental revenue required under the *Master Service Charge Ordinance of County Sanitation District No. 17 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. 17 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:

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

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;

- 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. 17.

Based upon presently anticipated sources of funds, the service charge rate for fiscal year 2024-25 is \$173 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 District No. 17 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. 17. 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 (Gallons per Day)</u>	<u>COD (Pounds per Day)</u>	<u>SUSPENDED SOLIDS (Pounds per Day)</u>
<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	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

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<b>COMMERCIAL</b>				
Campground, Marina, Recreational Vehicle Park	Sites, Slips, or Spaces	55	0.34	0.14
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
<b>INSTITUTIONAL</b>				
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

**TABLE 2**  
**TAX RATE AREAS IN SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 17**

000268	000269	001347	006511	006524
007468	007488	007505	007507	007508
007537	007542	007543	007545	007551
007556	007567	007569	007571	007572
007580	007581	007584	007586	007588
007600	007601	007602	007603	007604
007606	007607	007608	007609	007612
007617	007618	007619	007626	007627
007663	007688	007689	008701	010298
010430	010440	011127	012129	012130
012961	013213	013215	013216	013217
013218	013897	014348	014745	014748
014749	014765	014767	014768	014775
015662	015688	015757	016069	016620
016621	016882	016883	016943	017190