



**Los Angeles County Public Works
Sewer Maintenance Division**
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**IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION OF
PROPOSED RATE INCREASES**

**ATTEND AN OPEN
HOUSE OR WEBINAR!**

Gain a deeper understanding of the proposed sewer rate increase and engage directly with the Public Works team by attending an upcoming Open House Event or participating in a live webinar. These events are an opportunity to ask questions, provide feedback, and learn how the changes might impact you.



**OPEN HOUSE AND
WEBINAR INFORMATION**

All meetings begin at 6:00 PM.
Spanish interpretation available.
To request additional interpretation or other accommodations at any of these events, please submit a request form at pw.lacounty.gov/go/Prop218-SM.

Outreach Events

District 1

Monday, May 19
6:00 - 7:30 PM
Rowland Heights Library
1850 Nogales St.
Rowland Heights, CA

Wednesday, May 28
6:00 - 7:30 PM
East LA Library
4837 E 3rd St.
Los Angeles, CA

District 2

Wednesday, May 21
6:00 - 7:30 PM
Compton Library
240 W Compton Blvd.
Compton, CA

Monday, June 9
6:00 - 7:30 PM
Lennox Library
4359 Lennox Blvd.
Lennox, CA

District 3

Tuesday, June 3
6:00 - 7:30 PM
Malibu Library
23519 Civic Center Way
Malibu, CA

Tuesday, June 17
6:00 - 7:30 PM
Calabasas Community Center
27040 Malibu Hills Rd.
Calabasas, CA

District 4

Wednesday, June 4
6:00 - 7:30 PM
Norwalk Library
12350 Imperial Hwy.
Norwalk, CA

Wednesday, June 11
6:00 - 7:30 PM
Peninsula Center Library
701 Silver Spur Rd.
Rolling Hills Estates, CA

District 5

Thursday, May 29
6:00 - 7:30 PM
Quartz Hill Library
5040 W Avenue M2
Quartz Hill, CA

Tuesday, June 10
6:00 - 7:30 PM
San Dimas Library
145 N Walnut Ave.
San Dimas, CA

Monday, June 16
6:00 - 7:30 PM
Stevenson Ranch Library
25950 The Old Rd.
Stevenson Ranch, CA

Webinars

Hosted in English
and Spanish

Thursday, May 22
6:00 PM
[pw.lacounty.gov/
go/Prop218-SM](https://pw.lacounty.gov/go/Prop218-SM)

Thursday, June 5
6:00 PM
[pw.lacounty.gov/
go/Prop218-SM](https://pw.lacounty.gov/go/Prop218-SM)



For additional questions and comments, please contact us at
SMDOffice@pw.lacounty.gov
Hotline: 888-88SEWER (888-887-3937)

For emergencies, please contact Public Works' 24/7
emergency line at **1-800-675-HELP (4357)**



Los Angeles County Public Works
Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District

**PROPOSITION 218 NOTIFICATION:
PROPOSED ANNUAL RATE INCREASES FOR SEWER SERVICES**

Why Are Rate Increases Necessary?

Los Angeles County Public Works (Public Works) is responsible for ensuring efficient operation and upkeep of the region's sewer system. Public Works provides your community with reliable sewer maintenance services with the goal to safeguard public health and the environment and keep communities safe. Costs to provide sewer services have continued to increase and the current rates do not cover the costs to provide these services. To keep pace with rising inflation and continue funding essential operations and maintenance of the region's sewer system, Public Works is proposing a rate increase for sewer services.

PUBLIC WORKS PROVIDES SEWER SERVICES FOR:

500,000 parcels 2 million people 38 cities

THE REASONS FOR THE RATE INCREASE INCLUDE:

- Covering the cost of operating and maintaining the region's sewer system
- Complying with new regulations
- Funding essential projects to repair, maintain, and properly operate the sewer system infrastructure to keep the system running smoothly



Sewer rates in the Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District have not been raised since 2014 with no adjustments for inflation. Even with a rate increase, Public Works' sewer rates are among the lowest in the state.

Public Works Sewer Services

The proposed rate increase will provide sufficient funding so Public Works can continue providing the following services:

PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

- Service requests for odors, noisy manholes, insects, etc.
- Regulatory compliance
- Sewer line cleanings

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
AND CONDITIONS ASSESSMENT**

- Sewer line and pump station repair, rehabilitation, and replacement
- Assessment and planning for future maintenance needs

24-HOUR EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- Responding to sewer overflows, stoppages, and backups
- Resolving station malfunctions



How Were Annual Rates Calculated?

COMPREHENSIVE RATE STUDY

In 2024, Public Works conducted a comprehensive Rate Study for sewer maintenance services. The Rate Study was prepared by an independent, third-party firm. The Study provides a detailed review of Public Works’ costs, and the rate structure needed to meet those costs to continue providing safe and reliable sewer maintenance services.

The proposed service fee increase was calculated by evaluating the overall cost to provide sewer services to the CSMD. These costs are shared proportionally between properties receiving sewer services as required by Proposition 218. Customers will only be charged the amount that it costs to provide sewer services to their property.



PROPOSED ANNUAL SEWER RATE INCREASES PER SEWAGE UNIT						
CURRENT RATES (since 2014)	Proposed 7/1/2025	Proposed 7/1/2026	Proposed 7/1/2027	Proposed 7/1/2028	Proposed 7/1/2029	Total Increase
\$50.50	\$64.50	\$78.50	\$92.50	\$94.35	\$96.23	
Increase Amount	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	*\$1.85	*\$1.88	\$45.73
*Increase to be the lesser of the cost to provide service, or the Consumer Price Index, capped at maximum 2%						

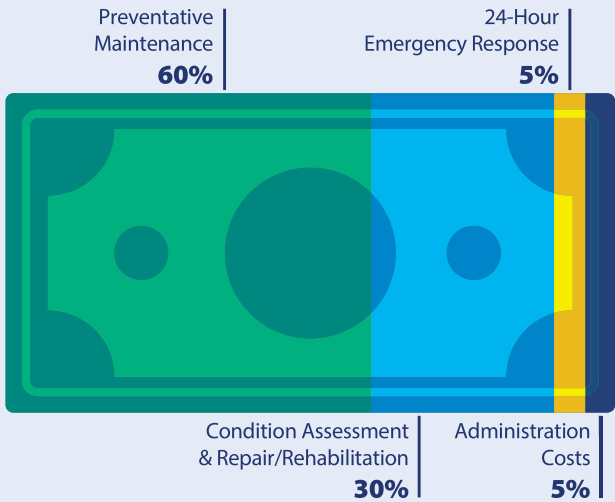
Rates shown are for annual sewer maintenance services. For more detailed information about the Rate study and the proposed rates, visit: pw.lacounty.gov/go/Prop218-SM.

REGIONAL SEWER SERVICE FEE COMPARISON	
Agency	Annual Rates (Single-Family Residential)
City of Los Angeles*	\$234.00
Compton	\$153.24
Covina	\$137.40
Palmdale	\$103.68
Norwalk	\$90.96
San Fernando	\$86.40
LA County Public Works	\$64.50 (Proposed 2025)

*Assumes single-family home uses 120 HCF per year.

“Even with the proposed sewer rate increase, Public Works’ sewer rates are some of the **LOWEST** in the region.”

What Do Sewer Rates Pay For?



Public Works’ largest expense categories for operating and maintaining the county’s 4,600-mile sewer system are:

- Preventative Maintenance**
Service requests, sewer line cleanings, regulatory requirements
 - Condition Assessment & Repair/Rehabilitation**
Sewer line and pump station repair, rehabilitation, and replacements, planning for future maintenance needs
- THESE EXPENSES TOTAL 90% OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET.**

The funding for sewer maintenance is dedicated specifically to providing sewer services, meaning it can only be used for sewer-related costs. This funding is provided solely from fees on property taxes and cannot be used for any other purpose.

Public Hearing on Proposed Sewer Rate Increases

TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2025, AT 9:30 A.M.
Hearing Room of the Board of Supervisors, Room 381B
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple St. (corner of Temple St. and Grand Ave.)
Los Angeles, CA 90012

HOW TO FILE A WRITTEN PROTEST:

Any property owner or tenant who is part of the Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District service area may submit a written protest to the proposed sewer rate increases. Only one protest will be counted per identified parcel.

Written protests must:

- State that the identified property owner or customer opposes the proposed sewer rates
- Provide the property address or assessor’s parcel number
- Include an original signature of property owner or tenant submitting protest - an electronic signature CANNOT be counted

Under California Government Code section 53759, there is a 120-day statute of limitations for challenging any new, increased, or extended fee or charge. This statute of limitations applies to the sewer service rates proposed in this notice. For reasonable ADA and Title VI accommodations, interpreting services, and materials in other languages, please contact Public Works at (888) 253-2652. This service is free.

MAIL WRITTEN PROTESTS TO:

**Los Angeles County Public Works:
Sewer Maintenance Division
RE: Protest - Proposed Sewer Rates**
900 S. Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, CA 91803

To view the protest tabulation procedures or the Sewer Rate Study, or if you would like to review this notice in a language other than English and Spanish, please visit our website at: pw.lacounty.gov/go/Prop218-SM. Protests must be received by the County before the close of the public hearing on **Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.** Protests may also be hand-delivered at the public hearing in **Board Hearing Room 381B, located at 500 West Temple Street, LA 90012.** The doors to the Board Room open after 8:45 a.m., and a Customer Service representative in the Board Hearing Room (who are identified with badges) will accept protest letters.

