



Proposition 218 Notification:

Proposed Annual Rate Increases for Malibu Sanitary Sewer Zone (SSZ)

What is the Malibu Sanitary Sewer Zone?

Sanitary Sewer Zones were established by Los Angeles County Public Works (Public Works) for areas that receive additional sewer services beyond the services provided by Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District. Only property owners benefiting from these additional services pay the rates to cover costs in the specific zones.

The Malibu Sanitary Sewer Zone is a special sewer zone created to collect the necessary funds to pay for wastewater treatment and disposal provided by the Malibu Water Pollution Control Plant operated by Public Works. The costs to operate and maintain the collection system are paid for through the Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District. These sewer service charges are collected through property owners' tax rolls.

Why Are Sewer Rate Increases Necessary ?

Public Works is responsible for ensuring the efficient operation and upkeep of the Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District, including Malibu Water Pollution Control Plant which provides wastewater treatment and disposal only for properties within the Malibu Sanitary Sewer Zone.

The Malibu Sanitary Sewer Zone fee has been the same since 2008. Due to inflation, the costs to operate and maintain the Malibu Water Pollution Control Plant have significantly increased and currently exceed the funds collected. To sustainably continue covering the costs for the operation and maintenance of the treatment plant, Public Works is proposing a rate increase for the Malibu Sanitary Sewer Zone.

THE REASONS FOR THE RATE INCREASE INCLUDE:

- Keeping up with the rising cost of collection, treatment, and disposal of wastewater
- Funding essential projects to maintain, rehabilitate, and properly operate the Malibu Sanitary Sewer Zone infrastructure to keep the system running smoothly

ATTEND AN OUTREACH EVENT!

To learn more about the proposed sewer rate increase in the Malibu Sanitary Sewer Zone and engage with the Public Works team, please attend any of the upcoming community events.

MALIBU SANITARY SEWER ZONE COMMUNITY MEETING

Monday, May 12

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Malibu Library

23519 Civic Center Way

Malibu, CA 90265

OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, June 3

6:00 - 7:30 PM

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OPEN HOUSE AND WEBINAR INFORMATION

All meetings begin at 6:00 PM

Interpretación en español disponible.
To request additional interpretation or other accommodations at any of these events, please submit a request form at pw.lacounty.gov/go/Prop218-SM.

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 Malibu Sanitary Sewer Zone service area may submit a written protest for 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 and 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 Annual Rate Increases for Malibu Sanitary Sewer Zone (SSZ)

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.

How Were Annual Rates Calculated?

PROPOSED ANNUAL SEWER RATES (MALIBU SANITARY SEWER ZONE)

CURRENT RATES (Since 2008)	Proposed 7/1/2025	Proposed 7/1/2026	Proposed 7/1/2027	Total Increase
\$2,258	\$2,758 (\$229.83/mo)	\$3,258 (\$271.50/mo)	\$3,758 (\$313.17/mo)	
Increase Amount	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$1,500

The rates shown are annual sewer maintenance services for a single-family residence which is equivalent to one sewage unit. For more detailed information about the Rate Study and the proposed rates, visit: pw.lacounty.gov/go/Prop218-SM.

COMPREHENSIVE RATE STUDY

The proposed service fee increase was calculated by evaluating the overall cost to provide sewer services to the Malibu Sanitary Sewer Zone. 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.

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.

For 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)**

