



# Proposition 218 Notification:

## *Proposed Annual Rate Increases for Topanga Sanitary Sewer Zone (SSZ)*

### ***What is the Topanga 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 the Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District. Only property owners benefiting from these additional services pay the rates to cover the costs in the specific zone.

The Topanga Sanitary Sewer Zone is a special zone in the unincorporated County area of Topanga. The zone was created to collect the necessary funds to pay for wastewater treatment and disposal costs to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District. 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?***

The costs payable to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District for the treatment and disposal of wastewater from the Topanga Sanitary Sewer Zone have increased. The amount of revenue collected from the Topanga Sanitary Sewer Zone is now insufficient to cover these costs. To sustainably continue covering the costs for wastewater treatment and disposal, Public Works is proposing a rate increase for the Topanga 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 Topanga 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 Topanga Sanitary Sewer Zone and engage with the Public Works team, please attend any of the upcoming community events.

### **TOPANGA SANITARY SEWER ZONE COMMUNITY MEETING**

**Tuesday, May 20**

**6:00 - 7:30 PM**

Calabasas Community Center

27040 Malibu Hills Rd, Calabasas, CA 91301

### **OPEN HOUSE**

**Tuesday, June 17**

**6:00 - 7:30 PM**

Calabasas Community Center

27040 Malibu Hills Rd, Calabasas, CA 91301



### **OPEN HOUSE AND WEBINAR INFORMATION**

All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

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](https://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 Topanga 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 Topanga 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](https://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 (TOPANGA SANITARY SEWER ZONE)

CURRENT RATES (Since 2008)	Proposed 7/1/2025	Proposed 7/1/2026	Proposed 7/1/2027	Total Increase
\$650	\$750 (\$63/mo)	\$850 (\$71/mo)	\$950 (\$79/mo)	
Increase Amount	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$300

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](https://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 Topanga 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)**

