



**Los Angeles County Public Works
Waterworks Division**

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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED RATE INCREASES

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Los Angeles County Public Works Waterworks District 29, Malibu

PROPOSITION 218 NOTIFICATION: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASES

Why Are Water Rate Increases in District 29, Malibu Necessary?

SAFE, CLEAN, RELIABLE WATER

Los Angeles County Public Works (Public Works), on behalf of the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts, provides services that ensure safe, clean, and reliable water to over 260,000 people countywide, including the Malibu and Topanga communities in Waterworks District 29. The District currently serves:

22,826 people in Malibu and Topanga

6,523 metered connections

REASONS FOR THE RATE INCREASE

Costs to provide water services have continued to increase. To keep pace with rising inflation and maintain reliable services, Public Works is proposing a water rate increase from 2026 – 2030. The reasons for the rate increase include:



Sufficient Funding

To ensure Waterworks District 29 receives sufficient revenue to keep pace with cost increases and increased operational costs to pump, treat, and deliver water.



Capital Improvement Projects

To fund essential capital improvement projects to upgrade, repair, maintain, and properly operate the District's water system infrastructure to be more resilient to natural hazards.



New Water Efficiency Regulations

To align with the State's long-term water-efficiency goals established under SB 606 and AB 1668. New regulations increase costs by requiring Waterworks District 29 to:

- Replace aging water mains to prevent leaks
- Update drought plans and conduct tests to ensure reliable water service
- Establish water-use efficiency goals
- Meet new reporting requirements

Outreach Events

Join Us!

Attend an upcoming community event to gain a deeper understanding of the proposed water rate increase and engage directly with the Public Works team. These events are an excellent opportunity to ask questions, provide feedback, and learn how these changes may impact you.

Virtual Community Workshop

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

6:30 – 8:00 P.M.

Find the Zoom Link at
pw.lacounty.gov/go/Prop218-WWD

District 29 Open House

Saturday, November 8, 2025

10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Waterworks District 29, Malibu Office
23533 West Civic Center Way
Malibu, CA 90265

For reasonable ADA and Title VI accommodations, interpreting services, and materials in other languages, please contact Public Works at 877-637-3661. This service is free.



LANGUAGE SERVICES & ACCOMMODATIONS

Spanish interpretation will be available.

Visit our website for more information:
pw.lacounty.gov/go/Prop218-WWD

Los Angeles County Waterworks District 29

By the Numbers



220 miles of water mains



1,637 hydrants serviced



44 reservoirs



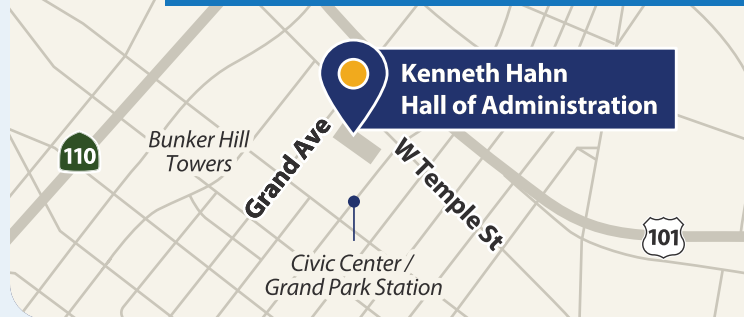
20.5 million gallons
of total storage



For additional questions and comments, please contact us at
waterworkscustomerservice@pw.lacounty.gov
or at **877-637-3661**.

For after-hours assistance, please contact Public Works' 24/7 dispatch line at
800-675-HELP (4357)

Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Water Rate Increases



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025, AT 9:30 A.M.
Hearing Room of the Board of Supervisors, Room 381B
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street (corner of Temple St and Grand Ave)
Los Angeles, CA 90012

How Were Rates Calculated?

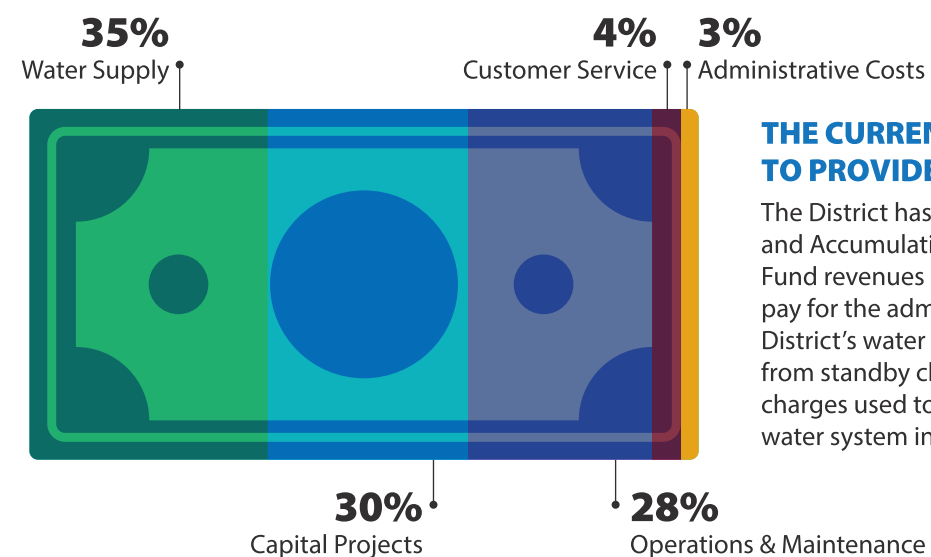
COMPREHENSIVE FEE STUDY

In 2025, Public Works conducted a comprehensive Rate Study for Waterworks District 29, Malibu. The Rate Study was prepared by an independent, third-party firm. The study provides a detailed review of Public Works' costs to continue providing safe and reliable water to our customers and the fee structure needed to meet those costs. Setting new rates is a collaborative effort involving staff with key data and expertise, professional rate consultants who analyze and recommend solutions, engaged residents and customers, and elected leaders. Proposed rates are determined through evaluation and analysis of cost escalations related to operations and

maintenance, water treatment and distribution, capital project costs, general inflation, and cost increases for materials and power. The costs are distributed proportionally between properties receiving services from Public Works as required by Proposition 218. Customers will only be charged the amount that it costs to provide service to their property.

For a detailed list of the proposed rates from 2026–2030, refer to the attached rate schedule. To review the Rate Study, visit pw.lacounty.gov/go/Prop218-WWD.

What Do Water Rates Pay For?



THE CURRENT RATES DO NOT COVER THE COSTS TO PROVIDE WATER SERVICES

The District has two main sources of funding: General Fund and Accumulative Capital Outlay (ACO) Fund. The General Fund revenues are primarily from water sales and are used to pay for the administration, operation, and maintenance of the District's water system. The ACO Fund revenues are primarily from standby charges, surcharges, and capital improvement charges used to replace and upgrade old and undersized water system infrastructure.

In addition to the rate increases described in this Notice, commencing January 1, 2026, and any time thereafter through and including December 31, 2030, Waterworks District 29 is proposing to pass through certain inflationary and wholesale cost increases to customers to become effective 30 days after adjustment notices are sent to customers. Adjustments to the rates for wholesale cost increases shall be based on any adopted rate increases by wholesale water providers including the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, and West Basin Municipal Water District (each a "Wholesaler") relating to Waterworks District 29's cost to purchase water. Adjustments to the rates for inflation shall be based on the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the Los Angeles, Riverside, and Orange County areas, published as of July of each year, or if such index ceases to be published, a comparable index as determined by the Director of Public Works. Pass-through adjustments shall not result in the rates increasing by more than 15% in any calendar year, and shall not cause the rates to exceed the cost of providing water service.

Written Protests

HOW TO FILE A WRITTEN PROTEST

Any property owner or customer of record who is part of the Waterworks District 29 service area, located in Malibu and Topanga, may submit a written protest to the proposed water rate increase. Only one protest will be counted per identified parcel.

Written **protests** must:

- State that the identified property owner or customer opposes the proposed water rates.
- Provide property address or assessor's parcel number.
- Include the signature of the property owner submitting the protest.

MAIL OR HAND-DELIVER WRITTEN PROTESTS TO:

Los Angeles County Public Works: Waterworks Division
Re: Protest — Proposed Water Rates
P.O. Box 1460, Alhambra, CA 91802-1460
or 900 S Fremont Ave, Alhambra, CA 91803

Protests may be mailed or hand-delivered to the above address prior to the Public Hearing, so long as they are **received** by Public Works before the close of the Public Hearing on **Tuesday, December 16, 2025**, at 9:30 a.m. This means that protests mailed to Public Works but received after the close of the Public Hearing will not be counted, even if they are postmarked on or prior to December 16, 2025. Protests may also be hand-delivered at the public hearing in Board Hearing Room 381B, located at 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. The doors to the Board Room will 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.

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

The Board of Supervisors will accept and consider all written protests and will hear and consider all oral comments to the proposed water rate increase at the Public Hearing. Oral comments at the Public Hearing will not qualify as valid protests unless they are accompanied by a written protest. Upon the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the Board of Supervisors will consider adoption of the proposed water rate increases as described in this Notice. If written protests against the proposed water rate increases are not presented by property owners or customers of record representing a majority of the identified parcels subject to the proposed rate increases, the Board of Supervisors will be authorized to adopt the rate increases. Please visit our website at pw.lacounty.gov/go/Prop218-WWD to review the protest tabulation procedures or the Water Rate Study.

Formal Objections

HOW TO SUBMIT A FORMAL OBJECTION

This year, Public Works is implementing an administrative remedy and exhaustion procedure relating to the proposed water rates. Property owners and customers of record who will be affected by the proposed rate increases may submit a written legal **objection**. The written legal objection is separate from the protest procedure described to the left.

In order to be valid, written legal **objections** must:

- Indicate that the submission is an objection.
- Specify the grounds for the proposed water rates' noncompliance with Proposition 218 in sufficient detail to allow Public Works to determine whether any adjustments are necessary. Please note that a statement that the proposed rates are too high, or that they are illegal without explaining the basis for such claim, will be insufficient and will not constitute a valid legal objection because it does not provide Public Works sufficient information to determine whether any changes must be made to the proposed water rates.
- Provide property address or assessor's parcel number.
- Include the signature of the property owner or customer of record submitting the objection.

MAIL OR HAND-DELIVER FORMAL OBJECTIONS TO:

Los Angeles County Public Works: Waterworks Division
Re: Objection — Proposed Water Rates
P.O. Box 1460, Alhambra, CA 91802-1460
or 900 S Fremont Ave, Alhambra, CA 91803

Written legal objections must be received by Public Works by **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2025**. **Failure to submit an objection in time to be received by Public Works by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, will bar any right to challenge the proposed water rates through a legal proceeding.** All timely objections received will also be counted as a protest. Any objection received after the deadline and before the close of the Public Hearing will only be considered and counted as a protest. Under California Government Code section 53759, there is a 120-day statute of limitations for challenging the proposed water rate increases, which commences on the date the resolution enacting the proposed water rate increases is adopted. The written basis supporting the proposed water rates can be found here: pw.lacounty.gov/go/Prop218-WWD

2025

Waterworks District 29, Malibu

Distrito 29 de Agua, Malibu

Los Angeles County Public Works - Proposed Rates
Obras Públicas del Condado de Los Ángeles – Tarifas Propuestas

SCHEDULE/HORARIO:
2954, 2957, 2960, 2962

BILL CODES/CÓDIGOS DE FACTURACIÓN:
W03, I03, F03, W05, I05, F05,
W07, I07, F07, W09, I09, F09

METER SERVICE CHARGE (\$/BILLING UNIT/MONTH)* CARGO POR SERVICIO DE MEDIDOR (\$/UNIDAD DE FACTURACIÓN/MES)*

SCHEDULE/BILL CODE CALENDARIO/ CÓDIGO DE COBRO	CURRENT RATE TARIFA ACTUAL	1/1/2026	1/1/2027	1/1/2028	1/1/2029	1/1/2030
2954, 2957, 2960, 2962: W03, I03, W05, I05, W07, I07, W09, I09	\$48.725	\$48.73	\$51.90	\$55.27	\$58.86	\$62.69

QUANTITY CHARGE (\$/HCF)* CARGO POR CONSUMO (\$/HCF)*

2954: W03, I03, F03	Tier 1:\$8.258 Tier 2: \$9.627 Tier 3: \$13.715	\$8.00	\$8.52	\$9.07	\$9.66	\$10.29
2957: W05, I05, F05	Tier 1:\$8.563 Tier 2: \$10.035 Tier 3: \$14.306	\$8.70	\$9.27	\$9.87	\$10.51	\$11.20
2960: W07, I07, F07	Tier 1:\$8.687 Tier 2: \$10.117 Tier 3: \$14.452	\$9.26	\$9.86	\$10.50	\$11.18	\$11.91
2962: W09, I09, F09	Tier 1:\$8.687 Tier 2: \$10.117 Tier 3: \$14.452	\$8.18	\$8.71	\$9.27	\$9.87	\$10.51

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION SURCHARGE FOR ALL SCHEDULES/BILL CODES CARGO POR CONSTRUCCIÓN DE INSTALACIONES PARA TODOS LOS CALENDARIOS/LOS CÓDIGOS DE FACTURACIÓN

SERVICE/SERVICIO \$/UNIT/MONTH - \$/UNIDAD/MES	\$2.42	\$2.42	\$2.58	\$2.75	\$2.92	\$3.11
QUANTITY/CONSUMO \$/HCF*	\$0.961	\$0.68	\$0.72	\$0.77	\$0.82	\$0.87

PRIVATE FIRE SERVICE CHARGE (\$/MONTH) CARGO POR INCENDIO SERVICIO PRIVADO (\$/MES)

2954, 2957, 2960, 2962: F03, F05, F07, F09	1"	\$141.31	\$35.80	\$38.13	\$40.61	\$43.25	\$46.06
	1.5"	\$141.31	\$38.82	\$41.34	\$44.03	\$46.89	\$49.94
	2"	\$141.31	\$44.03	\$46.89	\$49.94	\$53.19	\$56.65
	2.5"	\$141.31	\$51.86	\$55.23	\$58.82	\$62.64	\$66.71
	3"	\$141.31	\$62.72	\$66.80	\$71.14	\$75.76	\$80.68
	4"	\$141.31	\$94.96	\$101.13	\$107.70	\$114.70	\$122.16
	6"	\$190.03	\$210.67	\$224.37	\$238.95	\$254.48	\$271.02
	8"	\$238.76	\$410.25	\$436.91	\$465.31	\$495.56	\$527.77
	10"	\$336.21	\$710.45	\$756.63	\$805.81	\$858.19	\$913.97
	12"	\$531.11	\$1,126.52	\$1,199.75	\$1,277.73	\$1,360.78	\$1,449.23

DROUGHT QUANTITY CHARGE (\$/HCF) CARGO POR CON SUMO EN SEQUÍA (\$/HCF)							
SCHEDULE/BILL CODE/ YEAR - CALENDARIO/ CÓDIGO DE COBRO/AÑO		STAGE 1 ETAPA 1	STAGE 2 ETAPA 2	STAGE 3 ETAPA 3	STAGE 4 ETAPA 4	STAGE 5 ETAPA 5	STAGE 6 ETAPA 6
2954: F03, I03, W03	1/1/2026	\$8.39	\$8.87	\$9.50	\$10.33	\$11.50	\$13.24
	1/1/2027	\$8.93	\$9.45	\$10.11	\$11.00	\$12.24	\$14.10
	1/1/2028	\$9.51	\$10.06	\$10.77	\$11.71	\$13.03	\$15.01
	1/1/2029	\$10.13	\$10.71	\$11.47	\$12.47	\$13.88	\$15.99
	1/1/2030	\$10.79	\$11.41	\$12.22	\$13.29	\$14.79	\$17.03
2957: F05, I05, W05	1/1/2026	\$9.12	\$9.65	\$10.33	\$11.23	\$12.50	\$14.40
	1/1/2027	\$9.72	\$10.28	\$11.01	\$11.97	\$13.32	\$15.35
	1/1/2028	\$10.35	\$10.95	\$11.72	\$12.74	\$14.18	\$16.34
	1/1/2029	\$11.02	\$11.66	\$12.48	\$13.57	\$15.10	\$17.40
	1/1/2030	\$11.74	\$12.42	\$13.30	\$14.46	\$16.09	\$18.54
2960: F07, I07, W07	1/1/2026	\$9.71	\$10.27	\$10.99	\$11.96	\$13.31	\$15.33
	1/1/2027	\$10.34	\$10.94	\$11.71	\$12.73	\$14.17	\$16.32
	1/1/2028	\$11.01	\$11.65	\$12.47	\$13.56	\$15.09	\$17.38
	1/1/2029	\$11.72	\$12.40	\$13.27	\$14.43	\$16.07	\$18.51
	1/1/2030	\$12.49	\$13.21	\$14.14	\$15.38	\$17.12	\$19.72
2962: F09, I09, W09	1/1/2026	\$8.58	\$9.07	\$9.71	\$10.56	\$11.75	\$13.54
	1/1/2027	\$9.13	\$9.66	\$10.34	\$11.25	\$12.52	\$14.42
	1/1/2028	\$9.72	\$10.28	\$11.01	\$11.97	\$13.32	\$15.35
	1/1/2029	\$10.35	\$10.95	\$11.72	\$12.74	\$14.18	\$16.34
	1/1/2030	\$11.02	\$11.66	\$12.48	\$13.57	\$15.10	\$17.40

* The current monthly Service Charge includes 5 HCF (hundred cubic feet) of water per billing unit. Beginning January 1, 2026, the Service Charge will no longer include this amount, and all water use will be billed at the Quantity Charge rate. La tarifa mensual de servicio actual incluye 5 HCF (cien pies cúbicos) de agua por unidad de cobro. A partir del 1 de enero de 2026, la tarifa de servicio ya no incluirá esta cantidad, y todo el consumo de agua se cobrará según la tarifa por volumen.

Note: Rates for customers outside of the District's service area (BILL CODES F04, W04, W06, W08) will be consistent with proposed rates in the nearest applicable water service area within the District. Las tarifas para los clientes fuera del área de servicio del Distrito (CÓDIGOS DE FACTURACIÓN F04, W04, W06, W08) serán consistentes con las tarifas propuestas en el área de servicio de agua aplicable más cercana dentro del Distrito.