
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR SEWER SERVICE CHARGE CHANGES FOR
 COUNTY SERVICE AREA 7 ZONE 2 - BIG BASIN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors has scheduled Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. or thereafter, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, California, to allow public input and comments, if any, and to consider adoption of a resolution establishing the proposed sewer charges shown below. These charges would be effective July 1, 2026.

CSA No.	CSA Name	User Group	2025-26 Rates	2026-27 Rates
			\$ per year	\$ per year
CSA 7 Zone 2	Big Basin Wastewater Treatment Plant	Single Family (Connected to Sewer)	\$3,818.30	\$6,491.12
		Fire Station	\$7,636.60	\$12,982.24
		Accessory Dwelling Unit	N/A	\$3,245.56
		Stand By (Vacant Buildable Parcel)	\$954.57	\$1,622.78

Disclaimer: Rate code assignments are based on the best available data provided by the Assessor’s Office, field inspections, and historical data collected by the CSA. Property owners may contact Community Development & Infrastructure to confirm or update rate codes if there is a concern about accuracy (831) 454-2160 or email dpwsanitation@santacruzcounty.us.

How Do We Set Our Sewer Service Charges?

The charges included in this notice are based on service charge studies prepared for CSA 7 and follow the Revenue Program Guidelines of the State Water Resources Control Board. The current service charge study is available at the office of the Clerk of the Board, County Governmental Center, 701 Ocean Street, Room 520, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

A proposed rate increase of 70% percent for CSA 7 Zone 2 - Big Basin Water Co. Wastewater Treatment Plant is necessary to adequately fund the CSA’s revenue requirements. This increase in revenue is necessary to cover the costs of the State Water Resources Control Board annual permit fee required to operate the wastewater treatment plant, PG&E utility costs, as well as increased operations and maintenance costs.

What Services Do My Sewer Charges Cover?

- Keeping Our Waterways Clean & Safe
- Preserving Water Resources & Wildlife
- Transporting Sewer Waste to the Treatment Plant Safely
- Controlling Odors
- Treating Sewer Waste to Required Standards
- Maintaining Infrastructure & Pipeline Components
- Responding Promptly to Sewer Emergencies

How can I participate?

Your participation is welcome as the Board of Supervisors considers the sewer service charges explained in this notice. If you have any questions or comments about the proposed charges, you can call (831) 454-2160.

Any property owner(s) within CSA 7 - Zone 2, may present verbal and/ or written protest to the Board of Supervisors on the proposed charges, and the Board will consider all oral and written protests. In order to be officially counted, protests must be in writing and include the following: The service address, the assessor's parcel number, a statement of protest, and the name and signature of the individual qualified to protest the charges. Only one written protest will be counted for each individual parcel. Mailed protest must be received prior to the conclusion of the public hearing on May 5, 2026.

Mail to: Departmental Analyst, CSA 7, Governmental Center
701 Ocean Street, Room 410
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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As a courtesy to those persons affected, please attend the meeting smoke and scent free.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
By: Chief Deputy Clerk

Please be advised that per California State law enacted under SB 323, any lawsuit to challenge these rates must be filed within 120 days of adoption.