



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025

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SANITATION DISTRICT**
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PUBLIC HEARING:
The Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz County Sanitation District will hear public comment and consider all oral and written protests regarding the proposed increase in sewer service charges, and consider adoption of a Resolution increasing charges for sewer service as shown in the attached table.

Date: May 15, 2025 **Time:** 4:45 p.m.
Where (In-Person): D.A. Porath Sanitation Facility Meeting Room at 2750 Lode Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95062, off 26th Avenue, or on Zoom.
Remote on Zoom Videoconference via the link: <https://bit.ly/3X96GPP>
Meeting ID: 889 5812 8220
Phone No: +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

SEWER SERVICE CHARGES: CURRENT CHARGES AND PROPOSED INCREASES

Sewer charges are a part of your annual property tax bill and do not need to be paid separately.

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

User Group ¹	Proposed Charges Per		Current Charges Per		Proposed Increase Per		
	Month	Year	Month	Year	Month	Year	Change (%)
Single Family ²	\$96.28	\$1,155.36	\$89.44	\$1,073.28	\$6.84	\$82.08	7.6%
Multiple Family ³	\$82.70	\$992.40	\$76.96	\$923.52	\$5.74	\$68.88	7.5%
Mobile Home	\$70.47	\$845.64	\$65.72	\$788.64	\$4.75	\$57.00	7.2%

COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS AND SCHOOLS

User Group ¹	Proposed Flat Charge ⁴		Current Flat Charge ⁴		Proposed Flat Charge Increase ⁴		
	Month	Year	Month	Year	Month	Year	Change (%)
All Commercial and Schools	\$37.62	\$451.44	\$35.59	\$427.08	\$2.03	\$24.36	5.7%
User Group ¹	Plus Proposed Volume Charge Per HCF ⁴		Plus Current Volume Charge Per HCF ⁴		Proposed Volume Charge Increase		
					Volume Charge Per HCF ⁴		Change (%)
Restaurants/Bakeries	\$16.96/HCF		\$15.42/HCF		\$1.54/HCF		10%
Food Processing	\$20.20/HCF		\$18.20/HCF		\$2.00/HCF		11%
Convalescent Hospitals	\$13.20/HCF		\$12.14/HCF		\$1.06/HCF		8.7%
Other Businesses	\$12.61/HCF		\$11.64/HCF		\$0.97/HCF		8.3%
Schools (Sr. High ADA Basis)	\$43.85/ADA		\$40.56/ADA		\$3.29/ADA		8.1%
Schools (Elem. & Jr. High ADA Basis)	\$29.27/ADA		\$27.08/ADA		\$2.19/ADA		8.1%
Schools - Usage Basis	\$12.15/HCF		\$11.24/HCF		\$0.91/HCF		8.1%
Junior Colleges (FTES Basis)	\$38.63/FTES		\$35.73/FTES		\$2.90/FTES		8.1%
State Parks	\$12.15/HCF		\$11.24/HCF		\$0.91/HCF		8.1%
Dominican Hospital	\$13.20/HCF		\$12.14/HCF		\$1.06/HCF		8.7%
Chaminade	\$17.48/HCF		\$15.85/HCF		\$1.63/HCF		10.3%

HCF = Hundred Cubic Feet.
ADA = Average Daily Attendance.
FTES = Full Time Equivalent Status.

1 The District does not apply sewer charges to vacant land or facilities on septic tanks.
2 Single Family group refers to houses.

3 Multiple Family group refers to condos, townhouses, Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and apartments.
4 Commercial customers are charged flat charge plus a volume charge.

How can I participate?

The Santa Cruz County Sanitation District welcomes your participation and input throughout the process as the Board of Directors considers the charge increases 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 the District may present verbal and/or written protest to the Board of Directors on the proposed charges, and the Board will consider all oral and written protests.

In order to be 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.

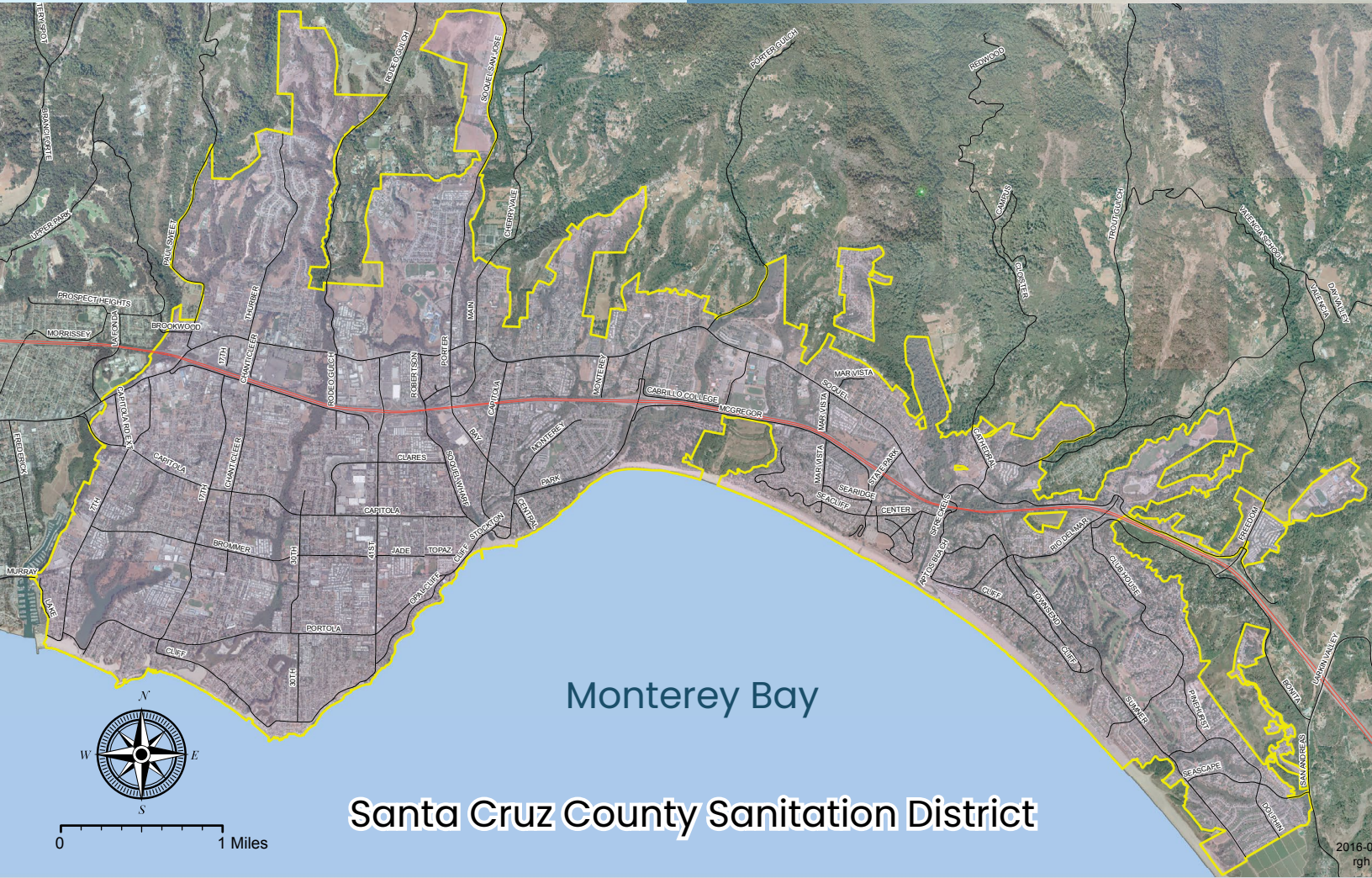
Mailed protest must be received by May 15, 2025.

Mail to:

**District Secretary
Santa Cruz County Sanitation District
Governmental Center
701 Ocean Street, Room 410
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Never Flush Wipes Down The Toilet!

Flushable wipes clog pipes! Dispose of them in the trash, not the toilet.

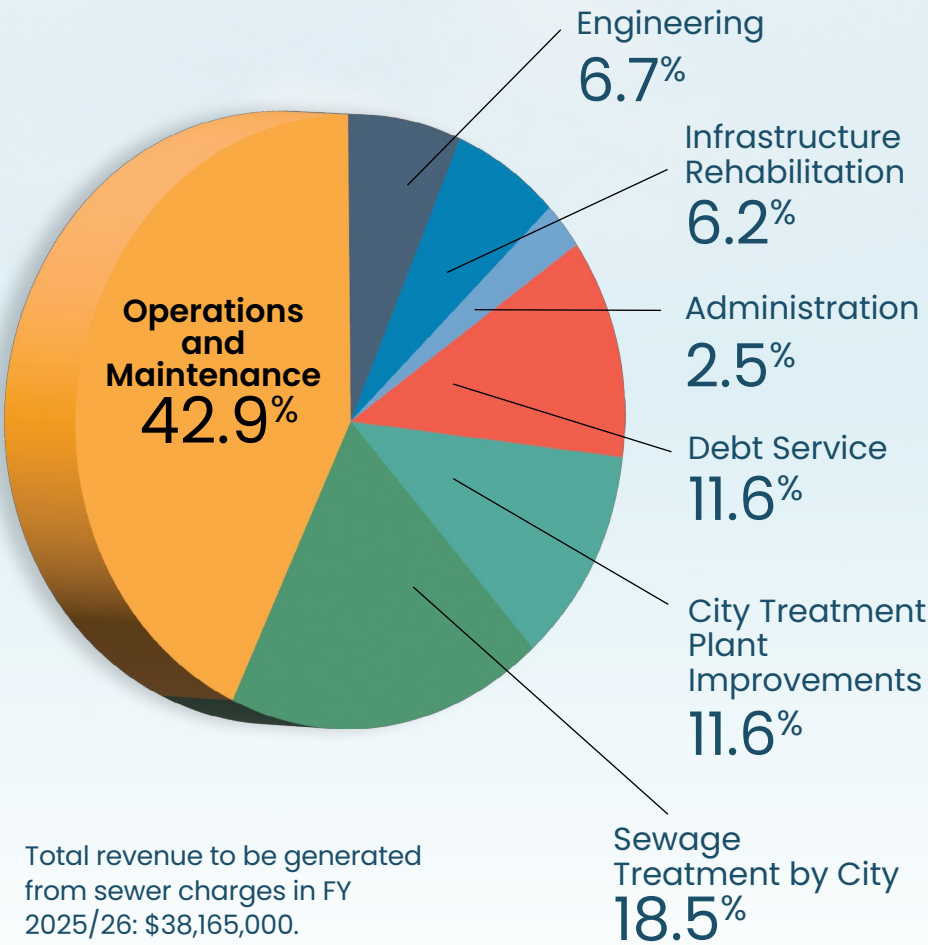


What Services Do My Sewer Charges Cover?

- Keeping Our Beaches 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

Did you know that over 60% of the District’s sewer lines are more than 40 years old? These lines are at risk of leaking, collapsing causing sinkholes, clogging with roots, and overflowing – putting the health of the public and environment at risk. Your sewer charges enable us to update and maintain this aging system. Thank you!

What Do My Sewer Charges Pay For?



How Do We Set Our Sewer Service Charges?

The charges included in this notice are based on service charge studies prepared for the District and follow the latest Revenue Program Guidelines of the State Water Resources Control Board.

The current service charge study is available at bit.ly/sewer-rates or at:

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Rate code assignments are based on the best available data provided by the Assessor’s Office, field inspections, and historical data collected by the District. Property owners may contact the District to confirm or update rate codes. If there is a concern about accuracy call (831) 454-2160 or email DPWsanitation@santacruzcountyca.gov.