



# Notice of Proposed Sewer and Wastewater Treatment Rate Increase and Public Hearing

The City of San Leandro is considering raising rates for sewer/wastewater treatment services, up to the amounts on tables on the back.

The San Leandro Water Pollution Control Division operates and maintains sewer lines and the Wastewater Treatment Plant (Plant). The Plant has been serving the community since 1939, making it one of the oldest plants in the Bay Area. We clean about 1.8 billion gallons per year. The Plant cleans about twice as many pollutants as most other plants its size.

Though the Plant is 80 years old, it is one of the most innovative wastewater treatment plants in the East Bay.

- In 2017, we completed a major upgrade to the Plant. This project replaced facilities and equipment that were past their useful service life with modern processes and equipment. We are now seeing increased reliability of the treatment process.
  - We are installing a 1-megawatt solar array that will help to create clean energy to produce clean water, with a 50% matching \$2 million grant from the California Energy Commission.
  - We received a \$539,000 grant to design a Treatment Wetland from San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority. This will allow us to start preparing for upcoming regulatory changes to improve habitat and increase resilience to rising seas.
  - We were early adopters of Turbo Blower technology. This advanced technology uses as much as 60% less electricity than traditional blowers.
- Since the rates were last reviewed in 2010, some of our costs have increased.
- We received a low interest loan from the State Revolving Fund to pay for the plant upgrade. We will make payments until 2037.
  - We need to make investments in finding and resolving sewer problems before they create bigger issues. We are proud to have one of the lowest rates of sewer overflows in the Bay Area, mostly because of the dedication of our staff and our commitment to finding problems and repairing our pipes.
  - Regulation changes will soon require removal of additional pollutants. We are making plans to meet these requirements in the most cost-effective way.

In accordance with Proposition 218 (Article XIID of the California Constitution), this notice about the proposed rate increase is being sent to all property owners served by the City of San Leandro Water Pollution Control Plant. If more than 50% of property owners submit a written protest to the City during the 45-day protest period that runs from May 31, 2019 to July 15, 2019, the City cannot raise rates beyond CPI. If fewer than 50% of property owners submit a written protest within that timeframe, the City has the discretion to consider raising sewer/wastewater treatment services up to the amounts shown in this notice. The proposed rates, if adopted, would be effective after January 1, 2020; all increases shown would be effective as of July 1st of 2020 and each subsequent year. The rates cannot exceed the maximum shown in the table nor be raised again without another written notice to property owners and a Public Hearing.

If you do not agree with the proposed rate increase, you may submit a written protest letter or use the form below and deliver it in one of three ways:

1. Mail it to the San Leandro City Clerk, Wastewater Rates, 835 E. 14th Street, San Leandro CA 94577. It must arrive by 5 p.m., July 15, 2019.
2. Hand deliver your letter or the form below to the San Leandro City Clerk at 835 E. 14th Street, Room 205, San Leandro CA 94577, by 7 p.m., July 15, 2019.
3. Bring your letter or the form below to:  
**City Council Public Hearing**  
**7 p.m. July 15, 2019 San Leandro City Hall**  
**835 E. 14th Street, Council Chambers, San Leandro CA 94577**

In order to be counted as a valid protest against the proposed rate increase, your letter or the form below must include the Assessor's Parcel Number (on mailing label), the property address, and an authorized signature, and be delivered as outlined above. Only one protest is allowed per property.

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### Protest Form

Assessor's Parcel Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I protest the proposed sewer and wastewater treatment rate increase to fund operations, maintenance, modernization and replacement costs related to providing sewer service to within the San Leandro Water Pollution Control Plant service area.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I am the owner of the above listed property or the authorized representative of the owner of the above listed property.

Please print your name \_\_\_\_\_ Please sign your name \_\_\_\_\_

**A Vital Community Service**

- We clean about 1.8 billion gallons a year for 50,000 residents and businesses in the northern two-thirds of San Leandro.
- We respond to problems within 1 hour, 24 hours a day/7 days a week/365 days a year.
- We perform over 45 laboratory analyses a day to ensure excellent water quality.

**Stewards of the Bay**

- The water we clean is sent to the Bay--and is much cleaner than required.

- We recycle enough water for irrigation to meet the fresh water requirements of more than 1,200 families every year.

**Value for Your Money**

- The Plant is self-sufficient; no City general fund money is used.
- Recently received \$1.9 million grant for installation of solar panels
- Awarded a \$540,000 grant for design of a wetlands-based treatment process.
- Our rates are 28 % lower than the Alameda County average



City of San Leandro  
 835 E. 14th Street  
 San Leandro, CA 94577

**Important Notice to Property Owners About Your Water Pollution Control Plant**

**Residential Rates**

The rates are proposed to rise incrementally over five years, after which they may not be raised without another written notice and Public Hearing. If the costs are less than expected--due to grant awards or other cost savings--the City Council may decide not to raise the rate to the maximum proposed.

Residential: Proposed Monthly Maximum Rates for the City of San Leandro						
Description	Current Rates	Beginning 1/1/2020	Beginning 7/1/2020	Beginning 7/1/2021	Beginning 7/1/2022	Beginning 7/1/2023
Single family	\$35.75	\$37.00	\$40.50	\$44.30	\$48.60	\$53.20
Multiple family	\$25.37	\$26.10	\$28.50	\$31.20	\$34.20	\$37.40

**Commercial, Industrial, Institutional and Large Users**

Commercial users are charged based on the amount of water they use and their category of business. Large industrial users are charged based on their water usage and actual samples of pollution in the water they send to the plant.

Non-Residential: Proposed Monthly Maximum Rates for the City of San Leandro						
Description	Current Rates	Beginning 1/1/2020	Beginning 7/1/2020	Beginning 7/1/2021	Beginning 7/1/2022	Beginning 7/1/2023
Commercial, per 100 cubic feet						
Auto, Steam cleaning	\$8.26	\$8.68	\$9.50	\$10.40	\$11.39	\$12.47
Bakeries	\$6.79	\$6.98	\$7.64	\$8.37	\$9.16	\$10.03
Laundries	\$4.81	\$4.97	\$5.44	\$5.96	\$6.53	\$7.15
Markets & foods	\$8.10	\$8.52	\$9.33	\$10.22	\$11.19	\$12.25
Mixed Use	\$7.02	\$7.24	\$7.93	\$8.68	\$9.50	\$10.41
Restaurants	\$7.59	\$7.97	\$8.82	\$9.78	\$10.83	\$12.00
All other	\$3.92	\$3.92	\$4.28	\$4.66	\$5.07	\$5.51
Institutional						
Schools	\$3.23	\$3.39	\$3.77	\$4.19	\$4.66	\$4.91
Industrial, Other Large Users						
Volume, \$ per Million Gallons	\$3,271.82	\$3,315.00	\$3,630.00	\$3,974.00	\$4,352.00	\$4,766.00
BOD, \$ per Thousand Pounds	\$438.96	\$459.00	\$502.00	\$550.00	\$602.00	\$659.00
SS, \$ per Thousand Pounds	\$732.35	\$769.00	\$851.00	\$943.00	\$1,044.00	\$1,142.00
Account Charges						
Each Account, \$ per month	Varies	\$6.30	\$7.00	\$7.75	\$8.55	\$9.65

BOD: Biochemical Oxygen Demand (an indication of water quality). SS: Suspended Solids