

Stege Sanitary District

Notice of Public Hearing: Proposed Increase in Sewer Service Rates

Thursday, June 20, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Stege Sanitary District Office, 7500 Schmidt Lane, El Cerrito

The Stege Sanitary District Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing to consider comments on and objections to a proposed five-year service rate increase.

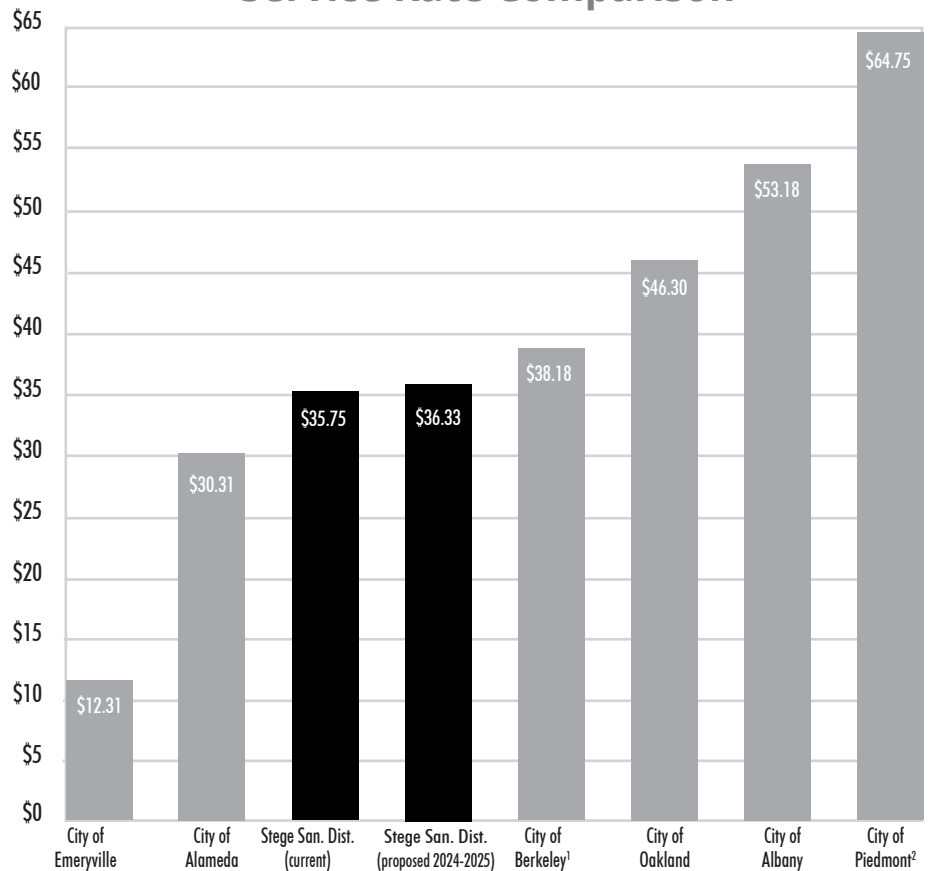
You are receiving this notice pursuant to Article XIII D, Section 6 of the California Constitution ("Proposition 218") because you are a customer or property owner of record within the District's service area. Under Proposition 218, you have the right to object to the proposed rate increase. Written objections or protests may be handed in at the hearing, sent by U.S. mail or other delivery service to Stege Sanitary District, 7500 Schmidt Lane, El Cerrito, CA 94530, or faxed to (510) 524-4697. The Board of Directors will review the amount of the rates as well as the methodology for calculating the proposed rates at the public hearing. If the owners of a majority of the properties in the District object in writing to the proposed rate increase by the end of the hearing, the District may not approve the rate increase at this time. Any objections must be received in writing by the end of the hearing.

Proposed Rate Increase

The Stege Sanitary District Board of Directors is considering raising service rates over the next five years to meet necessary operating and capital improvement expenses while maintaining sufficient emergency reserve funds. The new rates would take effect on July 1, 2024.

Stege Sanitary District is committed to protecting the environment and public health of our community. District rates provide funds to pay for the administration, operation, and maintenance of the District's wastewater collection system, for capital improvements required to maintain adequate levels of customer service, for unforeseen emergencies, for lawful obligations and expenses, and to comply with applicable laws and regulations imposed by state and federal regulatory agencies.

Monthly Single Family Residential Service Rate Comparison



1-Based on a parcel size of 5,000-9,999 sq. ft. 2-Based on 4,000 gallons/month of wastewater flow

Why a Rate Increase Is Necessary

The District requires revenues sufficient to fund current and future costs of operating, maintaining and administering the existing sewer facilities, fund current and future debt payments, and fund capital improvements and infrastructure replacement programs. These revenues allow the District to protect public health and safely and reliably collect, convey, and treat wastewater. By State law, the District may not collect more revenue than

is necessary to recover the total costs of providing services. The proposed rates were developed through a comprehensive Sewer Rate Study designed to meet all legal requirements and fairly and equitably recover the required revenue. The Sewer Rate Study was prepared by Lechowicz and Tseng and is available for public review at Stege Sanitary District Office, 7500 Schmidt Lane, El Cerrito or www.stegesano.org.

Single-Family Residential Rates

Since the difference in usage between single family residences have an insignificant effect on the cost of providing service to the users, a flat rate system is utilized. The proposed increase would change the current rate of \$35.75 per month per single-family residence to the following:

Proposed Single-Family Residence Monthly Rates				
2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
\$36.33	\$36.92	\$37.50	\$38.08	\$36.67

Multi-Family Residential Rates

Individual multi-family units typically utilize up to one-third less sewer service. Therefore, multi-family buildings are charged a lower rate. The proposed multi-family rate would change the present \$24.74 per month to the following:

Proposed Multi-Family Residence Monthly Rates				
2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
\$25.31	\$25.88	\$26.47	\$27.06	\$27.66

Commercial Rates

Commercial, industrial, and institutional rates are based on water use. The proposed commercial rate would change the present \$9.02 per 1,000 gallons of water used to the following:

Proposed Commercial Rates per 1,000 gal Water Used				
2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
\$9.25	\$9.48	\$9.72	\$9.96	\$10.21

If you have questions or comments about the proposed service rate increase, you may:

- Attend the Public Hearing on Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- Call the District office at (510) 524-4668
- Email the District at staff@stegesano.org
- Write a letter to 7500 Schmidt Lane, El Cerrito, CA 94530

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 53759, there is a 120-day statute of limitations judicially challenging the rates set forth in this Notice that begins the effective date of the ordinance or resolution approving these rates.

