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MISSION STATEMENT

To protect public health and the environment for the communities we serve through planning and operation of a safe, efficient, and economical wastewater collection system.

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STEGER SANITARY DISTRICT Climate Change Impact Policy



Climate change will result in increased climate variability and intensity as well as groundwater and sea level rise within the District. These changes will impact District infrastructure, operations, and the community.

To address these changes, the District will:

- Monitor climate science and identify the potential District impacts;
- Plan for climate change by applying the best available science to improve resilience;
- Integrate climate science into planning, design, construction, operations, and maintenance activities;
- Reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions;
- Support global, federal, state, and regional action that responds to the impacts of climate change;
- Support appropriate climate change legislation and regulations;
- Collaborate with other public agencies, utilities, regulators, and communities to develop sustainable climate change solutions;
- Educate communities and employees on the impacts of climate change;
- Consider environmental, social, and governance factors in the financial management of the District's investments;
- Consider potential disproportionate impacts of climate change on marginalized neighborhoods and populations. **S**


Steger Sanitary District Performance Report for Calendar Year 2023

The Steger Sanitary District Performance Report shows how well the District is performing its mission "to protect public health and the environment for the communities we serve through planning and operation of a safe, efficient, and economical wastewater collection system." The report is prepared by the District Manager for use by the District's Board of Directors to help evaluate the value and effectiveness of the service being delivered to the customers of the District. Visit <https://www.stegesan.org/performance-report> to view and download the full document. **S**

No Sewer Rate Increase in 2024

On June 20, the Stege Sanitary District Board of Directors held a public hearing to consider raising service rates over the next five years. Sewer service rate increases are periodically necessary to provide funds to pay for the operation, maintenance, and administration 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.

After careful analysis, the Board concluded that a new service rate, proposed to take effect July 1, 2024, will be postponed to July 1, 2025.

Stege Sanitary District is committed to protecting the environment and public health of our community. 



Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget

REVENUE

Sewer Operation Fund

Non Operating Income:	
Interest	110,000
Miscellaneous	30,000
Operating Income:	
Permit & Inspection Fees	12,000
Sewer Service Charges	3,209,000
Contracted Services	33,000
Subtotal	3,394,000

Capital Fund

Non-Operating Income:	
Interest	16,000
Operating Income:	
Property Tax	585,500
Capital Service Charges	3,775,000
Connection Fees	100,000
San Pablo Ave. Impact Fee	100,000
Subtotal	4,576,500

TOTAL REVENUE 7,970,500

EXPENSES

Operating Expenses:

Maintenance/Engineering	2,412,208
Pump Stations	40,020
Contracted Repairs	74,000
General & Administration	1,162,825

Subtotal Operating Expenses 3,689,053

Capital Expenses

Capital Equipment	600,000
Debt Repayment -SRF Loan	43,900
Sewer Rehabilitation	5,188,810

Subtotal Capital Expenses 5,832,710

Other Expenses

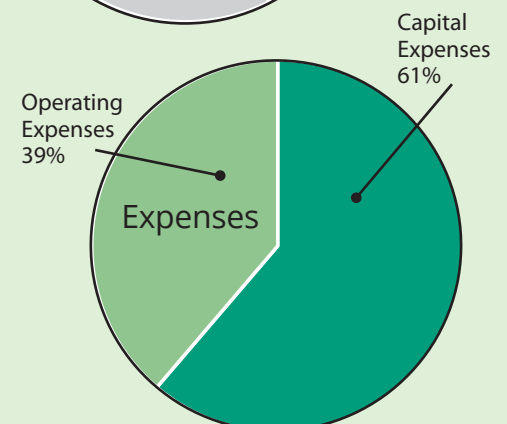
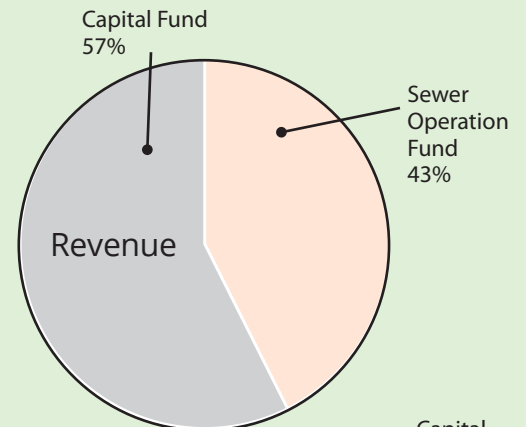
Transfer from Capital Fund	-
Retiree Medical Fund	-

TOTAL EXPENSES 9,521,763

Transfer to/(from) Reserves

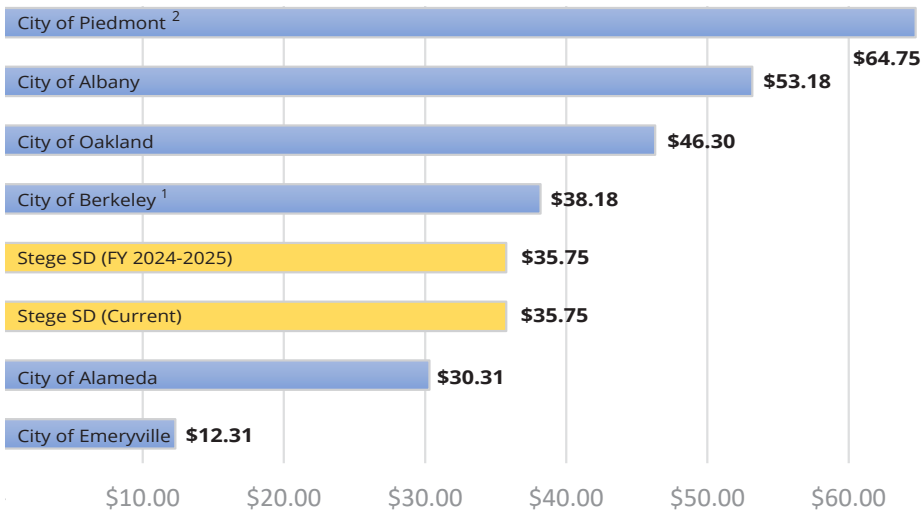
Revenue	7,970,500
Expenses	9,521,763
Subtotal	(1,551,263)

TRANSFER TO/(FROM) RESERVES (1,551,263)



The District adheres to an investment policy for reserve funds that complies with state statutes and stipulates safety, liquidity, and yields as the order of investment objectives.

Monthly 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

Think Before You Flush



Protect Your Family and Home from Sewage Backups and Overflows

- NO** Baby & facial wipes
- NO** Tampons & applicators
- NO** Bandages & sticker backs
- NO** Cleaning wipes
- NO** Whitening strips & their wrappers
- NO** Maxi pads & their wrappers
- NO** Cotton swabs & makeup pads
- NO** Dental floss
- NO** Cigarette butts
- NO** Kitty litter & dog waste bags
- NO** Condoms & their wrappers
- NO** Hair
- NO** Unused or expired medicine

Helpful Reminders



BPD

A backflow prevention device (BPD) provides an emergency escape path should wastewater back up in your lateral. BPDs must be installed outside the home so overflow will occur outside, not inside your home.



If you are unsure if you already have a backflow prevention device on your lateral, or if you want to know if you need one, contact the District at (510) 524-4668 (Monday through Thursday: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm; Friday: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm) to make an appointment for a free inspection. **S**



Keep FOG out of Drains

Fats, Oils, or Grease (FOG) that is washed down the drain can clog household

plumbing, sewer laterals, and sewer mains. Keep FOG out of your drains. **S**

Plumbing Contractors

Stege recommends getting at least three bids before starting work. For a list of plumbing contractors registered to work on private laterals in the District, go to www.stegesd.org. **S**




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Sewer Problems? Call Us First!

Slow drains? Water or sewage backing up into your home? The problem might be a clog in your lateral—the private sewer line that runs from your home to the public sewer main—or the problem might be in the sewer main itself. **Call us before you call a plumber.** The District maintains a 24/7 emergency hotline that is always answered by a person, not a recording. The number is (510) 524-4667. If necessary, we will send out a crew to inspect and let you know if you need a plumber. The inspection is free and we try to respond within one hour of your call. 

Spotlight on Service

Board of Directors 2024 Election

Stege Sanitary District is an independent Special District of the State of California. It is a public agency administered by a duly-elected five member Board of Directors. Directors are elected at-large by District residents and serve four-year terms of office. In 2024, two positions on the Stege Sanitary District Board of Directors will be up for election. To learn more about the responsibilities and core beliefs of the

Board of Directors, go to <https://www.stegasan.org/board-of-directors-information-sheet>

Candidates must be US citizens, at least 18 years-of-age, and must reside within Stege Sanitary District. Procedures, deadlines and nomination papers may be obtained from the County Elections Office: Contra Costa County Election Division, 555 Escobar Street, Martinez, CA 94553 (925) 335-7800, www.cocovote.us 