



# FAIRBANKS RANCH COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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## **Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Increases in Rates for Sewer Service**

In accordance with Article XIID of the California Constitution, commonly known as Proposition 218, notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Fairbanks Ranch Community Services District will be holding a public hearing to consider increasing its annual sewer service charge as set forth below.

**The public hearing will be held on August 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Fairbanks Ranch Clubhouse, 16401 Circa Del Norte, Rancho Santa Fe, CA, or via a Zoom teleconference meeting without a physical location depending on the state of the COVID emergency regulations and meeting restrictions. Zoom meeting instructions will be available on the District website at [frcsd.com](http://frcsd.com).**

The Fairbanks Ranch Community Services District is responsible for maintaining and operating the District’s sewer treatment plant and sewer collection system. The yearly sewer service charge is used to fund the management, operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement of the infrastructure which transports and treats the sewage generated by the District’s homes and businesses. The District has been running an operating and capital maintenance deficit for the past several years; aging sewer infrastructure requires appropriate funding to protect the public health and safety of the environment and comply with regulatory agency mandates. Plant upgrades and maintenance of the treatment plant and sewer pump stations have increased dramatically in cost over the past several years. The District subsequently retained the firm of Bartle Wells Associates to prepare a sewer cost of service study, which recommended the following rate increases. The study can be found on the District website at [frcsd.com](http://frcsd.com). The District’s current Sewer Service Charge is \$800 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU). The District is proposing an increase to \$990 per EDU for Fiscal Year 2022/23, \$1230 per EDU for Fiscal Year 2023/24, and \$1530 per EDU for Fiscal Year 2024/25. As shown in the table below, the District has been steadily reducing its rates for the past 12 years prior to these increases which will serve to maintain the financial health of the District and prudently manage and maintain the our community’s sewer treatment plant and infrastructure.

### **Sewer Service Charge Rates per EDU**

<b>2012</b>	\$990	<b>2017</b>	\$900	<b>2022</b>	\$800
<b>2013</b>	\$900	<b>2018</b>	\$800	<b>2023</b>	\$990 proposed
<b>2014</b>	\$900	<b>2019</b>	\$800	<b>2024</b>	\$1230 proposed
<b>2015</b>	\$900	<b>2020</b>	\$800	<b>2025</b>	\$1530 proposed
<b>2016</b>	\$900	<b>2021</b>	\$800		

**Following the public hearing considering the proposed sewer service charge increases on August 1, 2022**, as long as the District has not received written protests from a majority of affected owners of parcels subject to the sewer service charge, the Board of Directors may adopt the new sewer service charges as outlined above.

**Protest Procedures**

Homeowners and businesses wishing to protest the proposed rate increases must submit a written protest must include identification of the property involved by either listing the assessor's parcel number (APN) or the property address. The protest letter must be signed by the property owner, and please include your printed name in the letter. Mailed protests or delivered protests must be received by the Board of Directors on or before the close of the Board of Directors' public hearing on August 1, 2022. Prop. 218 provides if a majority of affected property owners file written protests against the proposed rates, the Board will not be able to increase rates. Only one protest per parcel may be filed and counted. If you wish to mail a written protest, please send it to:

Board of Directors  
Fairbanks Ranch Community Services District  
605 Third Street  
Encinitas, CA 92024  
ATTN: SEWER SERVICE CHARGE INCREASE

At the Public Hearing noticed above, the Board of Directors of the Fairbanks Ranch Community Services District will consider public comment as well as written protests submitted by ratepayers and property owners. Any person may appear at the public hearing and be heard on any matter related to the proposed increase in rates. Ratepayers can also contact District Assistant General Manager Paula Melendrez at 760-479-4150 with questions concerning the proposed rate increase, or via email at [pmelendrez@dudek.com](mailto:pmelendrez@dudek.com).

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