



Montara Water & Sanitary District

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED INCREASES TO WATER AND SEWER FEES AND CHARGES; COLLECTION OF CHARGES ON THE TAX ROLL

This Notice provides information about proposed increases to water and sewer fees and charges, and collection of charges on the tax roll.

HEARING DATE: Thursday, June 4, 2020

HEARING TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Montara Water and Sanitary District
8888 Cabrillo Highway
Montara, CA 94037

(Adjacent to the Point Montara Lighthouse & Hostel)

Dear Property Owner or Customer,

To support continued investment in our critical local water and sewer systems, Montara Water and Sanitary District (MWSD) is proposing to adopt new Water System Reliability Charges to be collected annually on property tax rolls, and 9% annual increases to its sewer service charges over each of the next three years. The rates and charges are proposed to go into effect starting on July 1, 2020.

The water and sewer utilities are independent self-supporting enterprises that rely primarily on revenues from water and sewer service charges to fund the costs of providing service. As such, water and sewer rates must be set at levels adequate to fund the costs of operations, maintenance, debt service, and capital improvements needed to keep the aging water and wastewater systems in good operating condition. Both systems have identified need for substantial ongoing investment to ensure continued high quality, reliable drinking water, adequate fire protection and sanitation.

What Do the Proposed Increases Pay for? Funds collected will be used to maintain and replace aging pipelines, tanks, pumps and other infrastructure in the District's water collection and distribution system, the sewer collection system and the regional wastewater treatment plant operated by the Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside.

Continuing Our Infrastructure Investment

In 2001, our community overwhelmingly supported the public purchase of our local water system and secured funds to upgrade it's infrastructure. That general obligation bond measure provided \$11 million to purchase the water system and \$8 million for critical system improvements. Over the last 19 years, by leveraging those funds, along with low interest loans and grants, as well as your rate dollars, we've invested over \$14.5 million in our water system.

We added new tanks, water treatment facilities, installed a new well and rehabilitated 7 wells, begun pipeline replacements, added solar panels, improved our system technology by adding real-time monitoring and upgrading our meter reading technology. We've also ensured that our staff have efficient, ready to go equipment, generators, and vehicles should an emergency occur.

We work hard to keep this system operating for you and that work never ends.

PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

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Proposed Water System Reliability Charges:

MWSD is proposing to adopt Water System Reliability Charges effective July 1, 2020 as shown on the table below. The proposed charges are applied annually by meter size. Water accounts with both regular water service and a private fire service connection shall pay Water System Reliability Charges solely based on the water service meter size; these accounts do not pay an additional charge associated with their private fire service connection. Regular bi-monthly water system service and quantity charges will remain unchanged. The Water System Reliability Charges are proposed to be collected on the San Mateo County property tax rolls.

Proposed Water System Reliability Charges	
Water Service Accounts	
Meter Size	Effective July 1, 2020
5/8 x 3/4-inch	\$558.66
3/4-inch	\$837.99
1-inch	\$1,396.65
1-1/2-inch	\$2,793.30
2-inch	\$4,469.28
3-inch	\$8,379.90
4-inch	\$13,966.50
Accounts with Private Fire Service Only	
Connection	Effective July 1, 2020
Up to 4-inch	\$279.33
6-inch	\$558.66
8-inch	\$893.86
10-inch	\$1,340.78
12-inch	\$1,899.44

Typical Residential Bill Calculation for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2020:

A typical residential customer with a 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter will be billed \$558.66, collected on the property tax rolls.

Proposed Water System Reliability Charges to be collected on property tax rolls.

The MWSD Board of Directors will consider the collection of Water System Reliability Charges on the property tax roll under California Government Code Section 5473.

Sewer Rates; Collection of Charges on the Tax Roll

use to sewer rates to maintain the water and sewer systems beginning July 1, 2020, as described on these pages.

Proposed Sewer Rates:

The District is proposing to adopt sewer rate increases for the next three fiscal years as shown on the table below. The proposed sewer rates are applied per hundred cubic feet (hcf) of billable annual usage subject to a minimum charge based on 4 hcf per month (48 hcf per year) of billable use. Residential sewer service charges are currently calculated based on annualized water use from four wet-weather months (depending on water billing cycle), a period of minimal outdoor irrigation. Commercial sewer service charges vary based on customer class and wastewater strength and are applied based on annual water use. The first rate increase will be effective July 1, 2020. Sewer service charges are collected on the San Mateo County property tax rolls.

Proposed Sewer Rates		Projected Rates Effective On or After		
Sewer Service Charge Rates:		Projected Rates Effective On or After		
<i>Volumetric charge billed per hundred cubic feet (hcf) of metered water use. Subject to a minimum charge based on 48 hcf of annual sewer use (4 hcf per month).</i>				
Customer Class	Current	Effective July 1, 2020	Effective July 1, 2021	Effective July 1, 2022
Residential	\$21.07	\$22.97	\$25.04	\$27.29
Restaurants	\$36.55	\$39.84	\$43.43	\$47.34
Motels	\$22.18	\$24.18	\$26.36	\$28.73
Offices	\$18.98	\$20.69	\$22.55	\$24.58
General Commercial	\$20.33	\$22.16	\$24.15	\$26.32
Schools	\$19.28	\$21.02	\$22.91	\$24.97
Hospitals	\$21.01	\$22.90	\$24.96	\$27.21

Sewer Service Charge Rates are usage-based rates billed per hundred cubic feet (hcf) of billable use; 1 hcf = one hundred cubic feet, or approximately 748 gallons. Annual sewer service charges are subject to a minimum charge based on 4 hcf per month (48 hcf per year) of billable use.

Sample Residential Bill Calculation for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2020:

A typical residential customer with average monthly water use of 5 hcf has annualized billable use of 5 hcf x 12 months = 60 hcf. The annual sewer service charge is calculated by multiplying annual billable use of 60 hcf x \$22.97 per hcf = \$1,378.20 which is collected on the property tax rolls.

How to Protest the Proposed Rate Increases and/or Method of Collection

Property owners or customers may file written protests against the proposed rate increases and method of collection. Pursuant to California law, protests must be submitted in writing and must a) identify the affected property or properties, such as by address, Assessor's Parcel Number, or customer account number; b) include the name and signature of the customer or property owner submitting the protest; and c) indicate opposition to the specific proposed:

1. Water System Reliability Charges,
2. collection on the property tax rolls, or
3. sewer rate increases.

Protests submitted by e-mail, facsimile, or other electronic means will not be accepted. The proposed rates will not be adopted if written protests are received from the owners or customers representing a majority of affected parcels. Only one protest accepted per parcel.

Written protests may be mailed to: District Clerk, Montara Water and Sanitary District, P.O. Box 370131, Montara, CA 94037-0131. Written protests may also be delivered to the District's headquarters at 8888 Cabrillo Highway. All written protests must be submitted prior to the close of the Public Hearing on June 4, 2020.



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Montara Water & Sanitary District - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED WATER SYSTEM RELIABILITY CHARGES AND INCREASES IN SEWER FEES AND CHARGES

Montara Water and Sanitary District (MWSD) works every day to deliver water, garbage and sewer services for the residents of Montara and Moss Beach. Over 6,000 residents rely on our services for their homes and businesses. To continue to invest in and maintain critical water and sewer system infrastructure, MWSD is proposing annual Water System Reliability Charges to be collected on the property tax rolls, along with 9% annual increases in sewer service charges for the next three years, effective starting July 1, 2020.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Call: (650) 728-3545
8:30 AM to 5:00 PM Mon-Fri

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Write: PO Box 370131,
Montara, CA 94037

Web: www.mwsd.montara.org

Attend: Public Hearing on
Thursday, June 4, 2020 at
7:30 PM at:

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Economic Hardship Assistance Available

Customers experiencing financial hardship may qualify for MWSD's Economic Hardship Assistance Discount.

The Hardship Assistance Discount offers qualified customers an annual \$100 sewer charge credit, and a bi-monthly water charge credit of \$16.67 (\$100 per year). Customers enrolled in the PG&E Care Program and/or Recology of the Coast's low income rate program qualify for the District's Hardship Assistance Discount. Customers participating in Recology's low income rate program will be automatically enrolled in MWSD's program after July 1, 2020.

To Enroll:

Call Recology of the Coast Customer Service at (650) 355-9000 or MWSD directly at (650) 728-3545.