

Laguna County Sanitation District

FY 2022 – 2023
Rates and Fees



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- Dependent special district created in 1958
- Provides wastewater services to Orcutt and unincorporated Santa Maria area
- Regulated by:
 - RWQCB Order R3-2011-0217 (plant)
 - EPA (brine disposal well)
 - SWRCB 2006-0003 (sewer system)
 - SWRCB (operator licensing)
 - SWRCB – DDW (laboratory)
 - SWRCB 2014-0057-DWQ (industrial)
 - APCD (air emissions)
- Conserves and protects water resources **2**



Current Activities

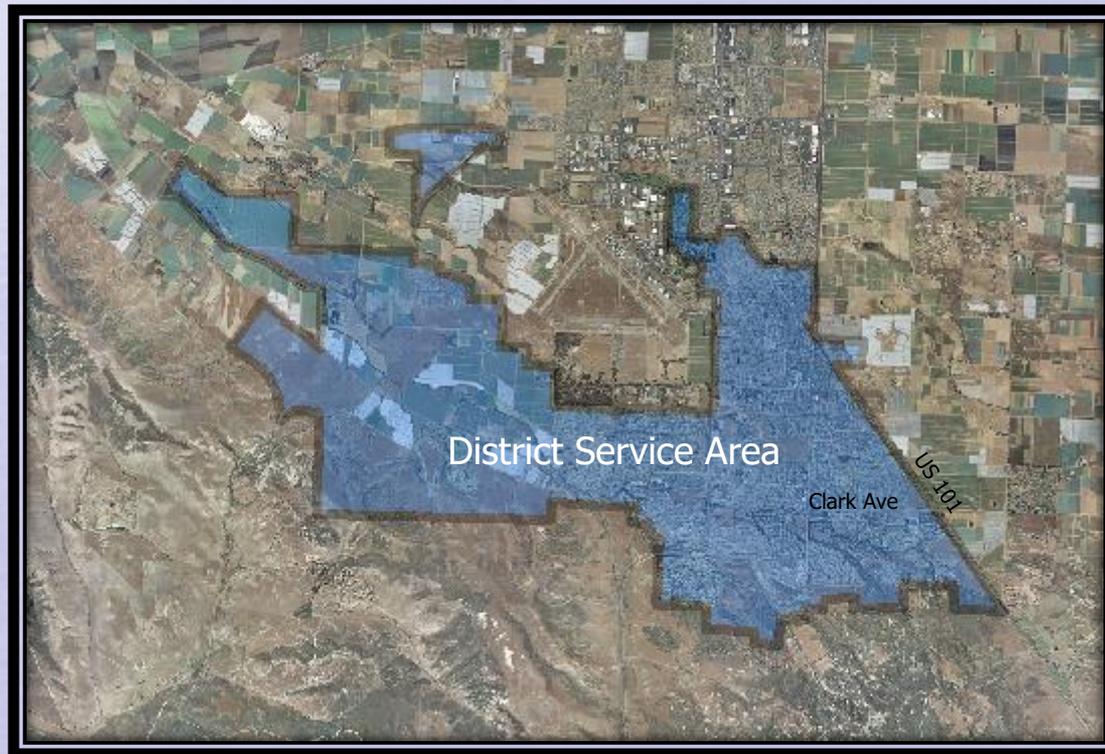


- Phase 1 plant upgrade in progress
- Recycled water distribution project to Waller Park
- Phased sewer system rehabilitation work



Annual Rates and Fees Ordinance

- Public noticing pursuant to Prop 218
 - Mailer to 12,948 customers on 10,900 parcels
- Hearing date published pursuant to Government Code in Santa Maria Times
- A small number of written responses (less than 1%)



Sewer Charge Rates

- Pay for annual operation, maintenance, replacement, and reserves
- Collected on the tax roll
- 1.5% increase proposed for FY 2022-2023
 - Per rate study
 - CPI was 3.8%

Proposed Sewer Charge

Residential unit equivalent (RUE) rate

Proposed annual rate	\$1,104.98
<u>Last year's rate</u>	<u>\$1,088.65</u>
Rate increase/year	\$ 16.33

Equivalent to \$1.36/month (monthly rate of \$92.08)

Multiple Family Residential = \$897.66/year
School = \$57.32 per cap/year
Commercial = Based on flow and load

How LCSD Compares Countywide

<u>Treatment Level</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Inc.</u>
Tertiary	Summerland	\$143.00*	3.6%
	Lompoc	\$ 92.80	
	Laguna	\$ 92.08	1.5%
	Vandenberg Village	\$ 75.67	
Secondary	Montecito	\$139.21*	
	Santa Ynez	\$100.65*	4.25%
	CSA 12 Mission Canyon	\$ 90.36	4.85%
	Los Alamos	\$ 77.40*	
	Carpinteria	\$ 76.34*	3.0%
	Cuyama	\$ 66.00	
	Mission Hills	\$ 65.03	Prop
	Santa Barbara	\$ 63.96	7.0%
	Guadalupe	\$ 54.30	3.0%
	Goleta West Sanitary	\$ 50.92*	
	Goleta Sanitary	\$ 45.36*	Prop
	Solvang	\$ 34.65	Prop
	Buellton	\$ 30.45	
	Santa Maria	\$ 28.36	5.0%
	Average	\$ 73.70	

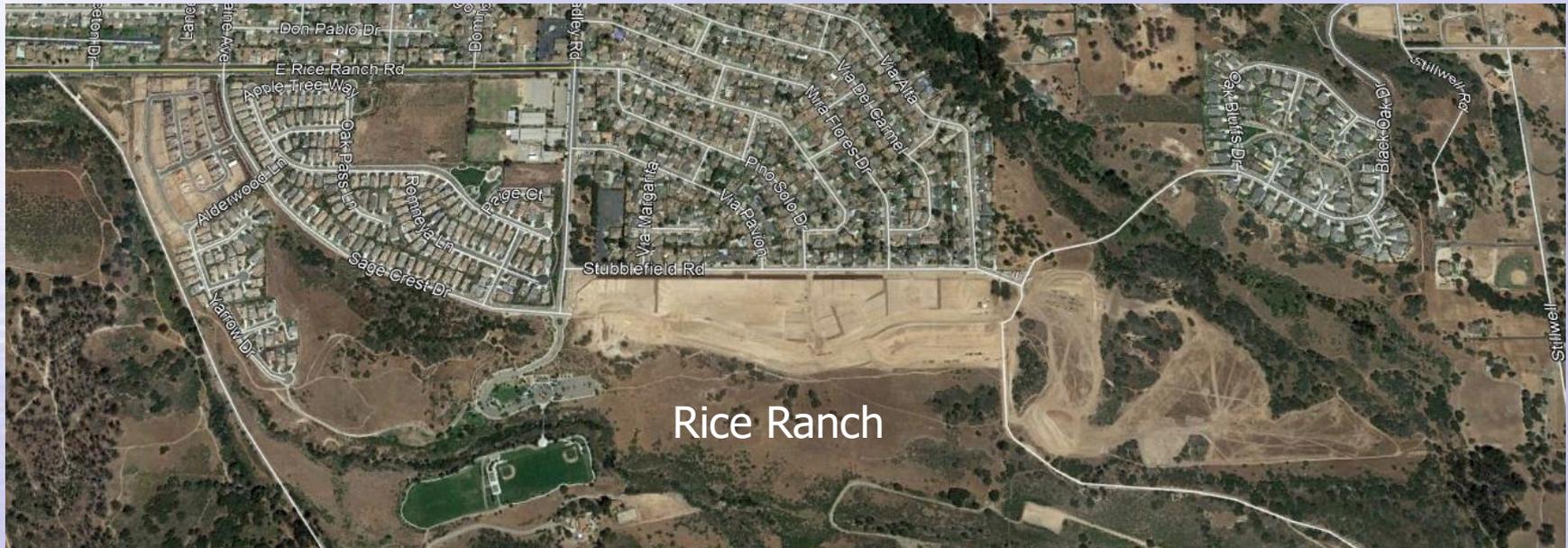
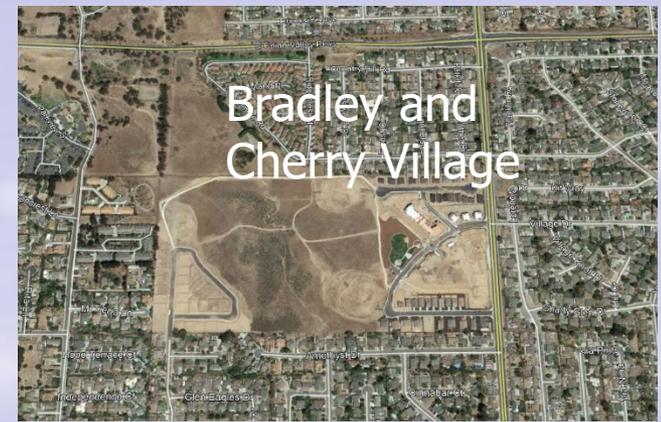
* These rates include estimated property tax contributions.

Prop = a rate will be proposed but not determined

Total Water Cost Comparison

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Water/Mo</u>	<u>Water and Sewer/Mo</u>
Summerland + Montecito Water	\$120.39	\$263.39
Montecito + Montecito Water	\$120.39	\$259.60
CSA 12 Mission Canyon + Santa Barbara	\$130.67	\$221.03
Santa Ynez + Santa Ynez RWCD 1	\$ 95.69	\$196.34
Santa Barbara	\$130.67	\$194.63
Carpinteria + Carpinteria Valley Water	\$107.26	\$183.60
Lompoc	\$ 79.36	\$172.16
Goleta West Sanitary + Goleta Water	\$117.40	\$168.32
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Cuyama	\$ 93.40	\$159.40
Laguna + Golden State Water	\$ 53.36	\$145.44
Solvang	\$109.93	\$144.58
Mission Hills	\$ 68.12	\$133.15
Los Alamos	\$ 50.22	\$127.62
Santa Maria	\$ 91.43	\$119.79
Vandenberg Village	\$ 35.34	\$111.01
Guadalupe	\$ 51.79	\$106.09
Buellton	\$ 65.31	\$ 95.76
Average		\$164.70

Developer Charges and Fees



- Paid by development for sewer system equity buy-in
 - Trunk line fees fund collection system improvements
 - Connection charges fund treatment and discharge improvements

Developer Charges and Fees

- Fees adjusted per index as prescribed by ordinance or agreement
- Connection charge per RUE (CCI = 7.6%) \$9,070
- Trunk Line Fees
 - Dutard trunk line per RUE (CCI = 7.6%) \$1,158
 - Bradley trunk line per RUE (PR = 3.25%) \$2,999

RUE = Residential Unit Equivalent

CCI = Engineering News Record Construction Cost Index

PR = Prime Rate set by developer reimbursement agreement

Recommendations

- Adopt ordinance setting the rates and fees for FY 2022-2023

