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Laguna Sanitation District rate increase.

My vote:

Why bother? Your minds are made up!

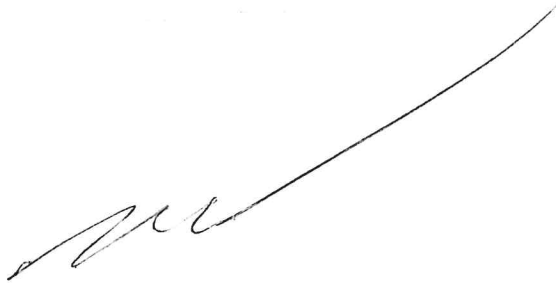
Support Trump and exit the un-documented and we wouldn't need this increase. Hello

Moving is the answer. We are getting out. Enough increases!

Now approaching 9 billion people in the world growth is no longer an answer.

* No on this proposed 3.5% increase WHICH IS WHOPPING HUGH > in case U haven't considered seniors?

Sorry I can't make the Hearing. Who in their right mind would given the assured outcome.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**PROPOSED CHANGES TO****LAGUNA COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT
SEWER RATES AND FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 25-26****Dates: May 13 and May 20, 2025****Time: 9:00 am or thereafter****Place: County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room**

511 East Lakeside Parkway

Santa Maria CA 93455

County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room

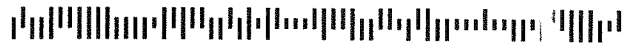
105 East Anapamu Street

Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Laguna County Sanitation District

620 West Foster Road

Santa Maria, CA 93455



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SNAY, MICHAEL DANA

387 VALLEY VIEW DR

SANTA MARIA, CA 93455-5535

*Vote Attached***Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Rates and Fees****Notice Date: March 18, 2025, Hearing Dates: May 13 and May 20, 2025**

You are receiving this notice because our records indicate that you are a Laguna County Sanitation District customer.

If you are not a district customer, please disregard this notice.

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- The rate increase is to keep up with inflation and is consistent with a recently prepared rate study. The proposed rate structure is inclusive of the revenue requirements associated with the plant upgrade which was recently constructed to replace antiquated facilities based on the findings of a master plan presented to the board October 11, 2011. See <https://www.countyofsb.org/1355/Laguna-Sanitation> or contact the district office for more information. This rate adjustment is necessary to pay the costs to construct and operate the new facilities in addition to providing the required reserves for replacement and depreciation of existing and proposed facilities.
- An increase of 3.5 % is proposed.

How will the proposed changes impact my sewer bill?

- District sewer charges are generally billed annually on the tax roll along with your property taxes. Most customers are billed a flat rate on a per connection basis.
- For your property at APN 103-305-012, the proposed fiscal year 2025-2026 sewer service charge is \$1178.21

Customer Type	Current Sewer Charge		Proposed Sewer Charge	
	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly
Single Family Residence	\$1,138.37	\$94.86	\$1,178.21	\$98.18
Multiple Family/Condo/Mobile	\$924.79	\$77.07	\$954.35	\$79.53
Commercial	Based on type, flow and loading		Based type, flow and loading	
Schools per Staff/Student	\$59.05/capita	\$4.92/capita	\$61.12/capita	\$5.09/capita

How do I protest?

- To protest this action, the property owner must provide a written statement including owner or occupant name and address or assessor's parcel number, to the Clerk of the Board on the 4th floor of the County Administration Building at 105 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101 prior to the hearing date. You may also provide your written protest at the hearing.

How and when would the increase become effective?

- The rate increase would be imposed if there is less than a majority written protest of property owners. The new rate would apply to July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Who can I contact to ask questions?

- Questions or comments may be directed to the Laguna County Sanitation District office at 620 West Foster Road in Santa Maria, CA 93455 or by phone at (805) 803-8750.

LAGUNA COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT
Serving Orcutt and Unincorporated Santa Maria Since 1958

INFORMATION

Lateral Maintenance

Most sewer systems rely on gravity flow to operate. Your sewer lateral, which extends from your building to the sewer main, periodically requires maintenance to help prevent flow obstructions. The age and material of your lateral play a factor but ordinarily roots from trees and shrubs are attracted to water and if your lateral line is cracked, roots will grow towards the water source, enter the lateral line and eventually obstruct flow. Illegal disposal of substances such as cooking grease further contribute to plugging problems. Contact a licensed plumber or drain service for your maintenance needs.

Backwater Valve

Backwater valves are used on lateral lines to prevent back-ups due to obstructions in the main line. The district requires backwater valves on all new and replacement laterals. Existing building laterals must have backwater valves if the drainage fixtures are lower than the next upstream manhole cover. Only backwater valves approved by the California Plumbing Code may be used. Installation of such devices may require a permit and should periodically be inspected to ensure it is in good working order.

Bathroom Wipes and other Waste

Do not dispose of trash items such as toilet wipes or scrubs, or substances such as egg shells, cooking oil, fat or grease through the sewer. It is against the County Code for **anyone** to dispose of such substances from whatever source through the sewer. Commercial operations such as restaurants are required to have grease traps or interceptors and industrial waste generators are required to install a pre-treatment facilities to remove these wastes from the sewer system.

Water Softeners

Salt load water softeners pollute and are prohibited in homes after January 1, 2012. If you have one prior to that date, please consider using a canister exchange softener. Contact our office for information on a rebate program to change your salt load softener for a canister exchange softener.

Sewer System Management

The Laguna County Sanitation District sewer collection system is regulated by the State Water Resources Control Board. A sewer system management plan addressing its operation can be viewed at: <https://www.countyofsb.org/1355/Laguna-Sanitation>

Water Softener Prohibition

Please note that there is a prohibition on the use of regenerating (salt load) water softeners for new homes and commercial development after January 1, 2012 (Ordinance 4821 per Section 29-26.1 of the County Code), and any development in the Rice Ranch tracts.

Exchange Your Water Softener and Save \$400!

If you have a regenerating water softener not otherwise prohibited, the District, along with local water service companies, have a promotional opportunity to encourage you to install a canister exchange softener*. With removal of your regenerating water softener and proof of a canister exchange agreement, we will credit your account \$250. In addition, these local water service companies offer a new customer incentive programs which can save you an additional \$150 – for a total savings of \$400.



better water. pure and simple.

(805) 922-3585

700 West Cook Street

Santa Maria, CA 93458

<http://www.eculligan.com>

*This program is limited to residential homeowners who own an operable salt load regenerating water softener and are served by the Laguna County Sanitation District. Qualifying customer must enter into a 2-year service agreement with Culligan or CalSoft. After proof of removal of existing regenerating water softener and 2-year service agreement, the District will deposit \$250 to your water softener service account with either Culligan or CalSoft. Early termination may result in penalties. For additional information regarding water softener treatment or the need to reduce salt to the sewer system, please call the District at (805) 803-8750.



(805) 925-6555

2239 South Oakley

Santa Maria, CA 93455

<http://www.calsoftwater.com>

COOKING OIL AND GREASE



Cooking oil and grease from food prep clogs sewers. Keep them out of the drain by scraping plates and cookware before washing and secure in a plastic bag along with sink strainer waste for trash disposal. Pour out all cooking oil and grease into a container and store in the freezer for disposal in the trash on your collection day or approved household hazardous waste center.

MEDICATION DISPOSAL



Medications may not be flushed down the toilet but can be taken for free to drop-boxes located at pharmacies and at the Sheriff station at 812-A West Foster Road in Santa Maria. This includes prescription and over-the-counter drugs. Please keep medications in their original containers and remove or scratch out all personal information. The program is for the disposal of medication by individuals and households only. Medical professionals are not eligible. See <https://lessismore.org/materials/94-medicines/> for more.

4/1/21

County Supervisors

I wish to protest this seven change Proposal.
Most of you on the Board can afford this
increase, But I cannot. I'm a widow
who lives on social security of 1120⁰⁰ per
month. I've lived in my house for over
60 years, + the past 10 years this increase
has gone from 551⁰⁰ to 1138⁰⁰ per year
this is complete robbery!!!

Donothy Laurenzano

369 E Waller Ln.

Lake Maria, PA 93455

parcel # 109-023-013

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Donothy Laurenzano
4/1/21

To: County Board of Supervisors.

From: Fairy Livingston
4573 California Blvd
Orcutt, CA 93455
APN: 111-330-027

Date: March 29, 2025

Re: Laguna County Sanitation District
"Keeping up with Inflation Request"

Really! October 2020 @ the Datarod Rd.
Location a 53 Million Dollar upgrade was
done, at the Taxpayers expense!

Stop this BS! We are in Crisis Mode
as Taxpayers!

I live alone and I know I don't Cause
\$94.86 per month in sewage! But, now they
want to charge me \$98.18 monthly i.e. yearly = 1178.21
This is Crap!

Fairy Livingston

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To: Clerk of the Board.
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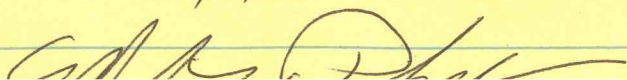
From: Michael Phillips
1430 Foxenwood Dr APN: 111-490-035
Santa Maria, CA. 93455

RE: Protest Action of Increasing Rates/Fees

To Whom it may concern.

I protest the increased proposed rate & fee
of the Laguna County Sanitation District
for my property at 1430 Foxenwood Dr,
Santa Maria, CA. 93455. APN 111-490-035.
My name as occupant of the above
property is Michael L. Phillips

Sincerely,



Hunt Family Trust
3827 Sunset Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

March 31, 2025

Clerk of the Board
4th Floor County Administration Building
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

**RE: Protest proposed Rate and Fees Increase
Laguna County Sanitation District**

Dear Clerk

As a long time owner of 155 Cain Drive , Orutt CA 93455, APN 105-180-042

I hereby Protest a proposed rate increase on my property taxes for the newly constructed (October 2011) sewer facility.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter W. Hunt". The signature is stylized with a large initial "P" and a long horizontal stroke.

Peter W. Hunt (owner)

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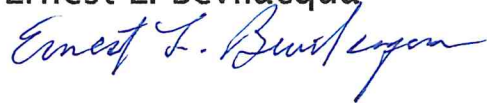
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Re: Proposed sewer rate increase

I, Ernest L. Bevilacqua am the owner of property at APN 103-092-012. I PROTEST this sewer tax increase. As an 85 year old citizen living on a fixed pension and social security, faced with ever increasing living costs and decreased purchasing power, request relief from this and future tax increases.

Sincerely,

Ernest L. Bevilacqua



March 31, 2025

To: County of Santa Barbara

Board of Supervisors

From: Mary Ellen Peters

3811 Mono Pl

Santa Maria, CA 93455

Parcel #: 107-093-023

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Subject: Laguna County Sanitation District Proposed Rate Increases

I am writing to state my opposition to the (multiple) rate increases being requested by the Laguna County Sanitation District.

My taxes have more than doubled since I bought my home, and the Sanitation fees are currently \$1139.37.

I'm a single, retired senior citizen and simply cannot afford their proposed rate increases.

Thank you for your time.

4/1/25

We are writing this letter in
protest. Louis Magdaleno
Lydia Magdaleno
please add us to the protest list.

thanks,

Louis Magdaleno
[Signature]

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MAGDALENO FAMILY TRUST 8/26/08

421 PINAL AVE

ORCUTT, CA 93455-5201

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
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Protest Against Proposed Sewer Rate Increase

Dear Members of the City Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed sewer rate increase. As a senior citizen living on a fixed income, this increase presents a significant financial burden.

Currently, there are numerous rate increases occurring, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to manage our expenses. My husband is on hospice care, and I anticipate soon being solely reliant on a single income. This impending financial constraint exacerbates the impact of any additional rate hikes.

I strongly urge the Council to consider implementing an exemption or a more lenient rate structure for senior citizens who are striving to remain in their family homes. Such a measure would provide much-needed relief to those of us on a fixed income and facing challenging personal circumstances.

Thank you for understanding and considering this request.

Sincerely,

Karen and Bryan Feldpouch

APN 103-092-031

803 Blake St
Santa Maria CA 93455

4/12/2025

Laguna County Sanitation District

I protest this increase. Property
APN 109-052-016. Our reservoirs have water.
Our households are already incurring an
increase in EVERYTHING!

Stop this increase.

Regards,

S. Hartzell

Susan M Hartzell
3106 Lancaster Dr
Santa Maria, Ca
93455

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PROPERTY OF LAGUNA SANITATION
DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Barbara Bello
3323 Briarwood Ct.
Santa Maria, Ca. 93455

(805) 928-8016 hm.
(805) 714-6347 cell
Email: barbbello3323@gmail.com

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
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April 12, 2025

Attn; Laguna County Sanitation District,

As a customer in your district APN 111-151-020 I am writing in protest against the proposed increase in my sewer bill. There needs to be a change on how a property is taxed for sewer usage. I called the district office for their definition of Multiple Family Residence. I was told Every parcel is billed as a single family residence. This worked and was fine when only one family lived in a SINGLE FAMILY residence. My household consists of two. My neighbor on my left has a household of 12. That residence has 10 times more the amount of sewage than me. My neighbor on my right has a household of 11. A single family dwelling used to mean one family with the same last name living in it. That is no longer the case here in Santa Maria. Many households consist of more than one family. Yet we are all being taxed the same. There has to be a fairer way for the sewer tax to be calculated. A way to calculate the amount of sewage coming from each house or at least a way to calculate the sewage by the household number. This can be provided by the homeowner.

Other thoughts;

Have the new housing developments in Orcutt pay more. Their sewage has to travel so much further than the sewage coming from the Tanglewood Development where I live. The sewer plant is very close. Yet we pay the same. Also, the farmers benefit by using the gray water on their fields, do they contribute to the expense of the sewer system??

I feel the proposed increase of 3.5% is much too high for existing customers. The Laguna Plant was just improved 2 or 3 years ago. If it needs to expand more to process the sewage from the new housing being constructed then those developments should be charged more.

Many home owners in Santa Maria are senior citizens or retired. The price of everything has gone up. Our utilities have all gone up. We are told by each company, oh, its just a small increase. Well all those small increases add up and when your on a fixed income its going to be Very hard to remain in your life long home.

Thank you for hearing my concerns. I can be reached at the above information if needed.

Sincerely,

Barbara Bello