

Laguna County Sanitation District



FY 2021 – 2022
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**

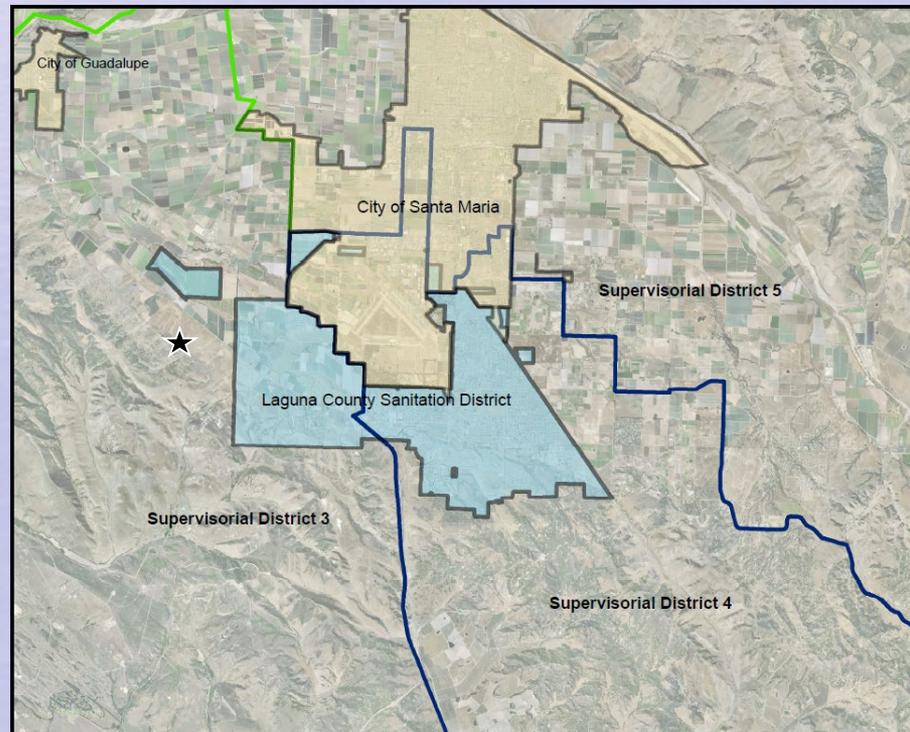
Current Activities

- Completed flood protection project
- Completed sludge beds upgrade
- Phase 1 plant upgrade in progress
- Recycled water discharge capacity project to begin this year
- Phased sewer system rehabilitation work



Annual Rates and Fees Ordinance

- Public noticing pursuant to Prop 218
 - Mailer to 12,824 customers on 10,796 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 2021-2022
 - Per rate study
 - CPI was 1.6%

Proposed Sewer Charge

Residential unit equivalent (RUE) rate

Proposed annual rate	\$1,088.65
<u>Last year's rate</u>	<u>\$1,072.56</u>
Rate increase/year	\$ 16.09

Equivalent to \$1.34/month (monthly rate of \$90.72)

Multiple Family Residential = \$884.39/year
School = \$56.47 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	\$136.43*	3.5%
	Lompoc	\$ 92.80	
	Laguna	\$ 90.72	1.5%
	Vandenberg Village	\$ 75.67	
Secondary	Montecito	\$138.37*	
	Santa Ynez	\$ 96.46*	
	CSA 12 Mission Canyon	\$ 86.18	3.46%
	Los Alamos	\$ 77.04*	
	Carpinteria	\$ 73.89*	4.0%
	Cuyama	\$ 66.00	
	Mission Hills	\$ 65.03	1.88%
	Santa Barbara	\$ 59.78	5.0%
	Guadalupe	\$ 52.72	0.71%
	Goleta West Sanitary	\$ 49.76*	
	Goleta Sanitary	\$ 45.31*	
	Solvang	\$ 34.65	
	Buellton	\$ 30.45	
	Santa Maria	\$ 27.01	5.0%
	Average	\$ 72.12	

* These rates include estimated property tax contributions.

Total Water Cost Comparison

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Water/Mo</u>	<u>Water and Sewer/Mo</u>
Montecito + Montecito Water	\$117.04	\$255.41
Summerland + Montecito Water	\$117.04	\$253.47
CSA 12 Mission Canyon + Santa Barbara	\$124.44	\$210.62
Carpinteria + Carpinteria Valley Water	\$133.00	\$190.61
Santa Ynez + Santa Ynez RWCD 1	\$ 93.48	\$189.94
Santa Barbara	\$124.44	\$184.22
Lompoc	\$ 79.36	\$172.16
Goleta West Sanitary + Goleta Water	\$105.74	\$155.50
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Cuyama	\$ 93.40	\$159.40
Solvang	\$109.93	\$144.58
Laguna + Golden State Water	\$ 53.36	\$144.08
Mission Hills	\$ 68.12	\$133.15
Los Alamos	\$ 49.86	\$126.90
Santa Maria	\$ 91.43	\$118.44
Vandenberg Village	\$ 35.34	\$111.01
Guadalupe	\$ 51.79	\$104.51
Buellton	\$ 65.31	\$ 95.76
Average		\$162.06

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 disposal improvements

Developer Charges and Fees

- Fees adjusted by indices pursuant to ordinances and agreements
- Connection charge per RUE \$8,429
Per rates and fee study
- Trunk Line Fees
 - Dutard trunk line per RUE \$1,076
 - Bradley trunk line (3.25%) per RUE \$2,905

Recommendations

- Adopt ordinance setting the rates and fees for FY 2021-2022

