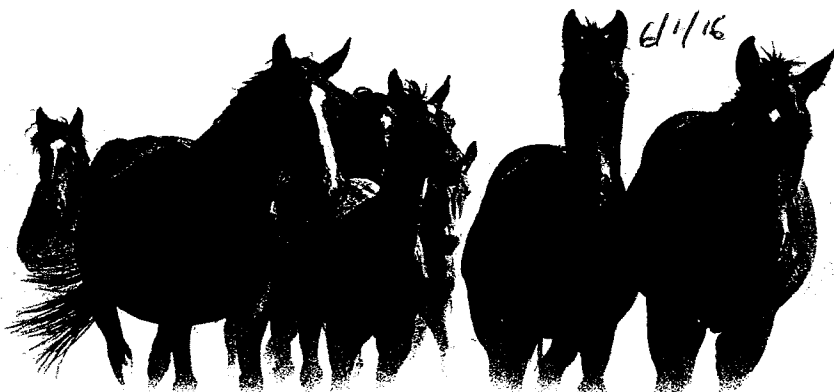


Board of Super. of Santa Barbara Co:  
I hereby protest the  
proposed rate increase  
by the Laguna County  
Sanitation District for  
our sewer service.

Mary Ellen Peters

Santa Maria, CA

Thank you!



I JOY Soderquist

PROTEST A RATE INCREASE  
2016 - 2017

" 289 Rice Ranch "

SANTA MARIA

CA 93455

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CLERK OF THE  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

2016 JUN - 8 PM 2: 09

5-2-16.

To whom it may concern -

I, Aileen M. Ripoli, owner  
of property at 555 Patterson Rd  
Santa Maria, Ca. protest  
the increase you suggest.  
It is way too much and  
it is hard enough to pay  
my taxes with such a  
raise

Aileen M. Ripoli

16-00324

**April 28, 2016**

**Clerk of the Board 4th floor  
County Administration Bldg.  
105 East Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara, Ca 93101**

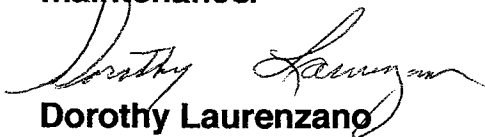
**Re: Protest hike Laguna Sanitation Swr Charge**

**To All Supervisors of Santa Barbara County**

**Last year I wrote to each of you and only received an answer from one of you (Peter Adam) about the then proposed sewer charge rate increase by Laguna Sanitation, and as usual you approved this outrageous hike. Did any of you go back to prior years and look at all the increases they've gotten? I went back ten (10) years and the rate has gone from 419.01 to 911.60) Obviously none of you are on any fixed income.**

**Laguna is now proposing another hike to 963.68.**

**Again, I am protesting this huge amount we have to pay just for sewer maintenance.**

  
**Dorothy Laurenzano**

**Santa Maria, Ca 93455**

Dear Sirs:

I am against any fee change on my sewer at this time. Being a widow it would be a hardship for me since my property tax bill is already at 6,000 yr. I tried to pay my bill by the month but The Laguna Dist. said that I cannot. If I could pay the sewer bill every month it would take almost 1,000 of my tax bill. Hope you decide not to increase the rates.

Elaine Brandenburg

Orcutt, Ca 93455

Customer Type	Current Sewer Charge		Proposed Sewer Charge	
	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly
Single Family Residence	\$910.60	\$75.88	\$963.68	\$80.31
Multiple Family/Condo/Mobile	\$819.54	\$68.29	\$819.54	\$68.29
Commercial	Based on type, flow and loading		Based type, flow and loading	
Schools per Staff/Student	\$47.52/capita	\$3.96/capita	\$49.99/capita	\$4.17/capita

**How do I protest?**

- To protest this action, the property owner must provide a written statement including owner's 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, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

**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) 739-8750.

May 12, 2016

To Whom it May Concern:

I, L. Elaine McBride is  
owner of 5545 Lancers Ave, Santa  
Marina, Ca 93455.

I am on a fixed income. As  
you know everything is or has  
gone up, my income sure  
hasnt. If this continues, I'll  
be forced to sell my home.  
I've worked long & hard to  
own. I am 80+ years of age  
and hoped to stay here  
until my death.

This proposal of 5.8% - \$80.31  
mo. is unbelievable! Really,  
dont know how I can do  
much more.

Please Dont pass this  
Proposed Rate & Fee increase.

2016 MAY 16 AM 7:56

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
CLERK OF THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Sincerely

L. Elaine McBride

This is a Protest letter against  
Laguna Sanation District raising  
my rates. I live on a very high income  
& bought my Property 23 years ago here  
in Orcutt.  
Mary Lou Bryan  
18



Mary Lou Bryan  
SANTA MARTA CA 93455-2902

2016 MAY 19 AM 7:55

MAIL ROOM  
SANTA BARBARA  
CALIFORNIA  
93101

9, 2016

Santa Barbara Co Board of Supervisors  
County Administration Bldg., 4th Floor  
East Anapamu St.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

This is to ask you to deny the sewer rates  
~~to~~ proposed for Laguna County Sanitation  
District ~~customers~~ for 2016-17. That  
would be \$963.38 a whopping \$53.  
increase. MUCH too much of an  
increase.

Almost every bill in my mail is larger  
than the previous ones. The only  
thing that doesn't go up is my Social  
Security income.

Are you trying to run our seniors out  
of their homes that they own? Because  
with increases like yours in the past  
5 years, that's what will happen.

Please deny this \$53. Proposed increase.

Sincerely,  
Carol A. Erickson  
Santa Maria, CA 93455

Parcel: 107-860-25-00 8



Santa Maria, Ca 93455

Clerk of Board  
4th Floor

County Administration Bldg.  
105 E. Anapamu St  
Santa Barbara, Ca 93101

To: Clerk of Board,

I am writing to protest the proposed increase for Laguna Sanitation District. I live at 4515 S. Blosser Rd. I do not think a thousand dollars a year from users of the system is necessary yearly for sewer upkeep.

I am against the proposed increase.

Sincerely,

Carl Gustav Powell

2016 MAY 16 AM 7:56

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
CLERK OF THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Rates and Fees**

**Notice Date: May 3, 2016, Hearing Date: June 21, 2016**

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.

This notice describes proposed sewer rate increases and how you can participate in the process. The district's sewer rate structure is based on a comprehensive rate study model to evaluate costs of service as required by Articles XIII C and D of the California Constitution (Proposition 218).

***Why are sewer rates increasing?***

- The district is planning a plant upgrade to replace outmoded facilities (up to 60 years old) based on the findings of a master plan presented to the board October 11, 2011. See [http://cosb.countyofsb.org/uploadedFiles/pwd/RRWMD/LagunaCoSanDist\\_PDF.pdf](http://cosb.countyofsb.org/uploadedFiles/pwd/RRWMD/LagunaCoSanDist_PDF.pdf)) or contact the district office for more information.
- Adjustments to sewer rates are necessary to generate revenue to pay the costs to construct the new facilities. This year an increase not exceeding 6% is proposed.

***How will the proposed changes impact my sewer bill?***

- District sewer charges are billed annually on the tax roll along with your property taxes. Most customers are billed a flat rate on a per connection basis.
- A standard single family home would see a 5.8% increase from \$910.60 per year to \$963.68 (monthly this would be \$75.88 to \$80.31). A table showing residential, commercial and institutional rates is shown below:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PROPOSED CHANGES TO  
LAGUNA COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT  
SEWER RATES AND FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 16-17

Date: **June 21, 2016**

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

*4/27/2016*

PRSR STD  
US Postage  
PAID  
Santa Maria, CA  
Permit #37

*I object to this large rate increase. Use current funds and budget accordingly for upgrades, rates petition*



\*\*\*\*\*AUTO\*\*SCH 5-DIGIT 93455  
Current Resident

**Peter F. Dettelis**

Santa Maria, CA 93455-4461

**Santa Maria, CA 93455-4461**

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**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 :

<http://www.countyofsb.org/pwd/pwrrwm.aspx?id=3250>

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***Exchange Your Water Softener and Save \$400!***

If you have a regenerating water softener, 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 now 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 93454

<http://www.eculligan.com>



**Rayne**  
Water Conditioning

(805) 925-6555

2239 South Oakley  
Santa Maria, CA 93454

<http://www.raynewater.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 Rayne. After proof of removal of existing regenerating water softener and a 2-year service agreement, the District will deposit \$250.00 to your water softener service account with either Culligan or Rayne. Early termination may result in penalties. For additional questions regarding wastewater treatment and the need to reduce salt, please call the Laguna County Sanitation District at 739-8750.

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**COOKING OIL AND GREASE**



Cooking oil and grease clogs sewers. Keep them out of the drain by scraping plates and cookware clean and pour out all cooking oil and grease into a can or bag and dispose of in the trash.

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**MEDICATION DISPOSAL**



Medications can be taken for free to drop-boxes located at each of the Sheriff's nine substations throughout the county. Locally, this is at 912 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 medications by individuals and households only. Medical professionals are not eligible.

May 2, 2016

Re. Rate Increase  
Laquesa Sanitation District

Dear Sirs:

This is my letter of protest regarding  
regarding your proposed increase of rates.  
I could cite many reasons why you  
should not continue to raise rates, but  
you've probably heard them all.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Frey

Santa Maria CA 93455

2016 MAY -4 PM 3:52  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
CLERK OF THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

5-2-2016

To clerk of the Board  
on the 4th floor.

2016 MAY -4 PM 3:52  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
CLERK OF THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

No to a rise in sewer assessment for  
older established homes.

I have paid for repairs + expansion of  
La Cuna Sanitation since 1960.

The new buildings and tracks and commercial  
buildings that are expanding, that need a larger  
sewer system, need to pay their own way.

I did

Thomas J Fraser

Santa Maria, Ca. 93455

Ph #

D. #

May 2, 2016

Clerk of the Board  
4<sup>th</sup> floor County Administration Bldg.  
105 E. Anapamu St.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Board of Supervisors:

We strongly protest the request to the Board of Supervisors to approve another hike in sewer charges!

The charges has more than doubled in 10 years and the increases are "killing us".

Thanking you, we are

Billie + Candace Dunn

Santa Maria, CA 93455  
Parcel # 103-241-004

2016 MAY -4 PM 3:51  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
CLERK OF THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1 May 2016

Clerk of the Board,

I was absolutely astounded that you are demanding another increase in Laguna Sanitation Service. Looking back through my past property tax bills to 2002, the year I moved, this fee has gone from \$241.34 to \$911.60, an increase of almost 400%. Why?

On your notice that came in the mail you say "The rate increase would be imposed if there is less than a majority within protest of property owners". No reasons are offered for the increased being imposed" on us.

Well this is my letter of protest!

Penny Popper  
Santa Monica Ca.

## THE NERVE

THE FACT THAT OUR SEWER RATES COULD BE GOING UP IS REDICULOUS. WE ARE CURRENTLY IN A SEVERE DROUGHT AND OUR GOVERNOR HAS MANDATED STATE WIDE WATER RESTRICTIONS.

OUR SEWER RATES ARE BASED ON OUR WATER CONSUMPTION, WITH OUR GOVERNOR'S MANDATED RESTRICTIONS MOST EVERY CALIFORNIAN HAS DONE WHAT THEY CAN TO CONSERVE AND BE WATER CONSCIOUS, IN THIS TIME OF NECESSITY I'M PROUD OF HOW WELL MOST HAVE DONE. HOWEVER NOW WE ARE FACED WITH AN INCREASE TO OUR SEWER RATES, AN INCREASE FOR WHAT? AN INCREASE FOR PROCESSING LESS, THE REVENUE OBVIOUSLY IS DOWN BECAUSE THE MANDATES FOR CONSERVATION HAS DECREASED THE VOLUME OF SEWAGE.

WHEN A BIG COMPANY, CORPORATION, OR BUSINESS SUFFERS SET BACKS THEY "TRIM THE FAT" BY CUT BACKS, LAY-OFFS, RE-ORGANIZING, BUY OUTS FOR OLDER EMPLOYEES ETC. THEY FIND A BETTER WAY TO DO THE SAME THING FOR LESS, INSTEAD OF PUNISHING THE PUBLIC WITH MORE TAXES, FINES, OR RATE INCREASES, ALL BECAUSE WE'VE DONE WHAT WE WERE ASKED TO DO.

I WONDER IF THE PEOPLE WHO MANAGE THESE FACILITIES BRINGS THEIR 5 GALLON BUCKET INTO THE SHOWER TO SAVE THE WATER WHILE WAITING FOR IT TO GET HOT. THEN USE THAT ~~SOME~~ WATER TO FLUSH THEIR TOILETS, I'D LOVE TO KNOW THAT & IF THEY SCRUB AND LATHER THEN RINSE, PROBABLY NOT. THEY ARE PROBABLY THE ONES WHO LIVE IN DEER FIELD WITH THE OVER WATERED LAWNS. THE NERVE



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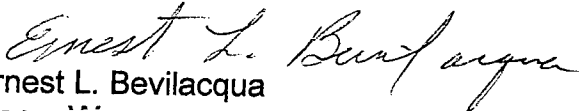
Re: Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Rates and Fees  
Laguna County Sanitation District,  
620 West Foster Road, Santa Maria CA 93455  
Dated: May 3, 2016, Hearing Date June 21, 2016

Please accept this letter as a protest against the proposed 5.8% increase being considered for the purpose of upgrading outmoted facilities at subject location.

Having lived in this area for over 40 years, and as employed individuals, we have been able to afford county tax increases, even though they have always been above the cost of living index. While employed we received some cost of living adjustments that helped offset tax increases. After retirement, Social Security and pension benefits have cut COL adjustments to nothing, causing hardship for the elderly. We now face, along with other tax increases, an added 5.8% in sewer taxes which will push that tax alone to almost \$1000 per year.

The county always has the power to raise taxes to cover costs while we payers have little say and no way of maintaining purchasing power. The county must learn to live within means and not out of the "deep pockets" of the taxpayer.

Help!



Mr. Ernest L. Bevilacqua

Santa Maria, CA 93455  
PN 103-092-012  
May 3, 2016

2016 MAY -6 PM 1:11  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
CLERK OF THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

May 28, 2016

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Clerk of the Board  
County Administration Building  
105 E. Anapamu St.  
Santa Barbara, Ca 93101

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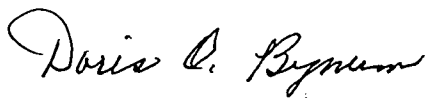
Gentlemen:

I am writing in protest of the latest request of the Laguna County Sanitation for an increase of their rates. For the past several years they have raised their rates by a considerable amount. Much more than they had in previous years.

They sell the water that they reclaim as well as what homeowners pay out each year and I feel that they should be able to make the improvements they may need without further burdening the tax payers. We have to make plans ahead of time to be able to make improvements on our property without the possibility of getting an increase in income. So should the Laguna Sanitation. For those of us who live in Tanglewood, we do not have deep pockets for them to dig into. The over \$900 per year that we pay now is more than enough. This constant request for more money needs to stop.

And why do multiple family residents receive a lower rate than a single family residence?

Sincerely,



Doris O. Bynum

Santa Maria, Ca. 93455

FROM: Raymond D. Rabatin  
5522 Esplanda Ave.  
Santa Maria, CA 93455

2016 JUN -3 PM 2:10

5-29-2016

TO: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 East Anapamu St., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Santa Barbara CA 93101

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
CLERK OF THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SUBJECT: Protest of Proposed Sewer Rate Increase

Dear Ma'am/Sir,

In accordance with Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Rates and Fees, Notice Date, May 3, 2016, I hereby protest the proposed 5.8% increase of sewer charges on single family residential rates.

In reviewing the rate table provided with the Notice it is obvious that single family residences will unfairly bear the burden of the proposed rate increase. Please provide the basis of how you determined to increase the single family residences by some 5.8%, not increase multiple family/condo/mobile customers, and not identify the rate increase for commercial customers.

Again, I strongly protest this action and request a detailed analytical breakout of why the increase is not spread evenly among all customers.

I would also ask that a motion be presented to the board to remove the single family residences from a flat rate structure to a usage structure based on water flow/usage.

Respectfully,



RAYMOND D. RABATIN, Col, USAFR

Santa Maria, CA 93455


Clerk of the Board,

I would like to file my formal protest of this price increase. When is it going to stop. People on fixed income cannot afford these increases.

Keith Schwindt

Santa Maria,CA

Thank you for your time.

  
6/1/16

2016 JUN -6 PM 1:39  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA,  
CLERK OF THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS