

WHAT DO SEWER RATES FUND?

The District provides wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal services to the cities of Fairfield and Suisun City. The District manages a wastewater treatment plant that processes approximately 15 million gallons per day; 14 wastewater pump stations; and 70 miles of sewer pipes and other related facilities.

The District adopts a five-year rate schedule, annually adjusting sewer rates to reflect the impact of changes in the cost of providing service. The last such five-year schedule was adopted in 2022. As the result of the 2025 cost of service and rate study completed by an independent consultant, the District is proposing a new five-year rate schedule in order to continue to support the District's ongoing operations, increased regulatory requirements, and capital requirements for critical infrastructure.

PROPOSED NEW SEWER RATES

The proposed new sewer rates are developed through a rate study process. The rate study utilized the District's 10-year financial plan and analyzed the cost of service to determine revenue requirements. The revenue requirements are proportioned between different customer classes based on their impacts to the system.

The rate study recommends general rate revenue increases and cost-of-service updates. The proposed five-year rate schedule being considered by the District for adoption is shown in Table 1. Note that the recommended rates for July 1, 2026 will replace the previously adopted rates for the same date.

Additional information on the proposed rate schedule is available in the 2025 Sewer Rate and Capacity Charge Study, prepared by Hildebrand Consulting, LLC, dated November 19, 2025 (2025 Sewer Rate Study). The report is available online at www.FairfieldSuisunSewer.ca.gov.



FAIRFIELD-SUISUN SEWER DISTRICT
1010 CHADBOURNE ROAD, FAIRFIELD, CA 94534

IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING PROPOSED CHANGES TO WASTEWATER RATES

If you would like this notice in another language please visit www.FairfieldSuisunSewer.ca.gov or call 707-429-8930.

Información importante sobre los cambios propuestos para las tarifas de aguas residuales. Si desea recibir este aviso en otro idioma, visite www.FairfieldSuisunSewer.ca.gov o llame al 707-429-8930.

Mahalangang impormasyon tungkol sa mga pagbabagong iminungkahi sa halaga ng natapon na tubig. Kung gusto mong makatanggap nitong abiso sa ibang wika, mangyaring bisitahin ang www.FairfieldSuisunSewer.ca.gov o tumawag sa 707-42-8930.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED INCREASED SEWER RATES

Monday, April 27, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.

or as soon thereafter as the matter is reached on the agenda

WHERE: District Board Room
1010 Chadbourne Rd, Fairfield, CA 94534

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District is considering adopting a new five-year schedule of sewer rates pursuant to Article XIII.D, Section 6 of the California Constitution (also known as Proposition 218). At the public hearing, the Board of Directors will accept oral and written testimony, as well as written protests, regarding the sewer rates.



WHY AM I RECEIVING THIS NOTICE?

You are receiving this notice because our records indicate that you are listed as an account holder and/or as the owner of a parcel receiving sewer service from the Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District (District). The purpose of this notice is to give you information about proposed new sewer rates and how you can participate in the rate-setting process.

QUESTIONS?

For more information or to ask questions, please call (707) 429-8930 Monday through Thursday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. or visit www.FairfieldSuisunSewer.ca.gov

PROPOSED 5-YEAR RATE SCHEDULE

	Proposed Rates				
	July 1, 2026	July 1, 2027	July 1, 2028	July 1, 2029	July 1, 2030
Residential (monthly) ¹	\$54.91	\$60.40	\$66.44	\$73.08	\$78.20
Commercial					
Monthly Account Charge	\$17.13	\$18.84	\$20.72	\$22.79	\$24.39
and					
Regular Strength Volumetric ²	\$4.56	\$5.02	\$5.52	\$6.07	\$6.49
or					
High Strength Volumetric ³	\$7.81	\$8.59	\$9.45	\$10.40	\$11.13
Case-by-Case ⁴					
Monthly Account Charge	\$17.13	\$18.84	\$20.72	\$22.79	\$24.39
and					
Volumetric (direct connect) ⁵	\$3,823.53	\$4,205.88	\$4,626.47	\$5,089.12	\$5,445.36
or					
Volumetric (through local collection)	\$5,601.60	\$6,161.76	\$6,777.94	\$7,455.73	\$7,977.63
and					
BOD (by weight)	\$605.32	\$665.85	\$732.44	\$805.68	\$862.08
and					
TSS (by weight)	\$324.73	\$357.20	\$392.92	\$432.21	\$462.46
Travis Air Force Base (volumetric)	\$3.67	\$4.04	\$4.44	\$4.88	\$5.22

¹ Single-family dwelling, multiple-family dwelling, trailer courts, and mobile home parks
² Offices, retail, stores, hotels, motels, schools, churches, hospitals, nursing homes, laundromats, dry cleaning, establishments, bars without dining facilities, car washes without auto steam cleaning facilities, other commercial or industrial customers not treated high strength or as case-by-case.
³ Commercial laundries, restaurants and bars with dining facilities, service stations with holding tank dumping facilities, car washes with auto steam cleaning facilities, bakeries and food processing, other commercial or industrial customers with concentrations specified for case-by-case.
⁴ BOD or 265 milligrams per liter TSS, but less than the concentrations specified for case-by-case.
⁵ All commercial or industrial customers other than those specified as regular or high strength with flows greater than 0.005 MGD, or with concentrations greater than 65 mg/l BOD or 1,000 mg/l TSS; all intermittent customers; and any commercial or industrial customer requesting and paying the full cost of metering and testing.
⁶ For customers that deliver wastewater directly to collection system pipes of 12" or greater.

RATE CALCULATION METHODOLOGY

Rate revenue is derived from various customer classes that require different service demands to treat wastewater. The proposed structure for the Sewer Service Charges is consistent with common industry practice, and is designed to recover the cost of providing sewer services to the different customer classes.

- Residential customers pay a flat amount based on the number of dwelling units. Residential customers pay a fixed monthly account charge that is included within the per-dwelling rate.
- Most commercial / industrial customers are charged a volumetric rate based on water usage (measured in hundred cubic feet) as well as a monthly fixed account charge.
- Case-by-case and District-billed customers are industrial / commercial customers with high flows, heavily concentrated discharges to the sewer system, or special requirements for discharges. These customers are billed based on a combination of monthly discharges (measured in million gallons) as well as the "wastewater strength" needed to treat the discharges.

SUBMIT AN OBJECTION

Customers have a right to submit an objection to the proposed sewer rate increases. A written legal objection is based on the belief that the proposed sewer rate increases violate a specific law, statute, or regulation, and preserves the right to challenge the proposed rates in court. **Written legal objections must be submitted no later than 5:00 PM on March 26, 2026.**

(Please note the date for written legal objections is EARLIER than the deadline for protests.)

Failure to submit a timely written legal objection will bar any later court challenge, and any such action will be limited to the specific legal issues raised in timely written objections.

To be considered timely and valid, a written legal objection must:

1. Be in writing with an original signature from the property owner OR the tenant responsible for paying the sewer bill (the account holder).
2. Identify the parcel for which the legal objection is filed, by street address OR the Assessor's Parcel Number (APN).
3. Clearly state that the communication is a "written objection".
4. Describe the basis for the objection with sufficient specificity to allow the District to respond in writing.

A statement such as "these rates violate Proposition 218", without supporting explanation, is not sufficient. The objection should, where possible, cite the specific constitutional provision, statute, or regulation believed to be violated (for example, "California Const., art. XIII D, § 6(b)(3)" or "Gov. Code § 53755").

5. Include the desired resolution or outcome.
6. Be received by the District by **no later than 5:00 p.m., on March 26, 2026.**

At the April 27, 2026 public hearing, the District Board will consider all timely written legal objections and the District's written responses. The District's responses will explain the substantive basis for retaining or modifying the proposed wastewater rates in response to written objections, including the reasons for rejecting any requested changes.

Be advised that pursuant to Government Code section 53759(d) there is a 120-day statute of limitation for any challenge to the new, increased or extended fee or charge.

SUBMIT A PROTEST

If you do not agree with the proposed sewer rate increases, Proposition 218 gives you the right to submit a written protest. Your written protest must be received by the District not later than the **close of the public hearing which will begin at 6:00 PM on April 27, 2026.** Only one protest per parcel will be counted.

- Who May Submit a Protest
- The property (parcel) owner, OR
 - A tenant who is the sewer utility account holder and is responsible for paying the sewer bill

If the person signing the protest owns the property but is not listed as the owner on the most recent Solano County assessment roll, the protest must include written proof of current ownership.

If the District receives valid written protests from a majority of the parcels that receive sewer service, the proposed sewer rate increases will not be adopted.

- All Protests Must
1. Be in writing with an original signature from the property owner OR the tenant responsible for paying the sewer bill (the account holder).
 2. Identify the parcel by street address OR the Assessor's Parcel Number (APN).
 3. Clearly state that you oppose the proposed sewer rates (no specific reason has to be provided).

Be received by the District at or before the close of the public hearing, which will begin at **6:00 PM on April 27, 2026.**

MAIL OBJECTIONS AND PROTESTS TO:

Director of Administrative Services
 Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District
 1010 Chadbourne Road, Fairfield, CA 94534

Scanned copies of written legal objections and protests containing all required items above **including the original signature**, may be emailed to contactus@FairfieldSuisunSewer.ca.gov. Fax will not be accepted.