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# Notice of Public Hearing: Proposed Increases to Wastewater Rates

**Date:**  
Monday, May 4, 2026 at 6 p.m.

**Location:**  
DSRSD District Office,  
7051 Dublin Blvd, Dublin, CA 94568

## How do I submit a Written Protest or a Written Objection?

Any property owner or tenant-customer may submit a Written Protest or Written Objection to these proposed rates. A valid Written Protest or Written Objection must (1) identify the property (parcel number, address, or account number), (2) identify the property owner or tenant-customer, (3) bear the property owner or tenant-customer's signature unless sent via email, and (4) comply with the specific requirements for a Written Objection or Written Protest as outlined below.

## What is the difference between a Written Protest and a Written Objection?

The main differences are (1) the deadline for timely submission, (2) the additional information required for a Written Objection, and (3) a valid, timely Written Objection is required to initiate a legal challenge to the rates, if adopted.

## Specific requirements for a valid, timely Written Objection

A Written Objection must specify the grounds for alleging that the proposed rates do not comply with Article XIII D of the California Constitution (Proposition 218). To be considered timely, the Written Objection must be received by April 27, 2026, at 5 p.m. through one of the submittal options listed below. An untimely Written Objection or one which does not include the required information will be considered a Written Protest if received prior to the end of the public hearing.

## Requirements for a timely Written Protest

A Written Protest must clearly state that the property owner or tenant opposes the proposed rate increases. To be considered timely, a Written Protest must be received by May 4, 2026, before the end of the public hearing through one of the submittal options listed below. Only one Written Protest will be counted per parcel. If timely Written Protests are received from owners or tenant-customers representing the majority of parcels within the Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) service area, the proposed rate increases will not be implemented.

**Pursuant to California Government Code section 53759.1(c), failure to submit a timely Written Objection bars any right to challenge any new, increased, or extended fee or charge through a legal proceeding.**

**Pursuant to California Government Code section 53759(a), there is a 120-day statute of limitations in which to challenge any new, increased, or extended fee or charge through a legal proceeding.**



### Submittal Options

- **MAIL OR IN PERSON:** DSRSD – Proposed Increases to Wastewater Rates, 7051 Dublin Blvd, Dublin, CA 94568
- **EMAIL:** [rates@dsrds.com](mailto:rates@dsrds.com) • **FAX:** (925) 829-1180

# Customer Notification Proposed Increases to Wastewater Rates

Dublin San Ramon Services District's (DSRSD's) mission is to protect public health and the environment by providing reliable and sustainable water, recycled water, and wastewater services in a safe, efficient, and fiscally responsible manner. DSRSD began providing wastewater service in 1961. Today, the District directly provides wastewater service to approximately 168,000 people living in Dublin and southeast San Ramon, and to the City of Pleasanton by contract. Wastewater service is an essential utility that protects public health and the environment by safely handling everything that flows down the drain. Because this work largely happens out of sight, many customers may not realize its critical role in preventing pollution and keeping communities safe. Establishing cost-based rates ensures the system remains dependable, sustainable, and compliant with current and future regulatory requirements.

DSRSD retained HDR Engineering, Inc., an independent engineering consultant, to prepare its 2026 Local and Regional Wastewater Cost of Service Study (Cost of Service Study) to update the cost of providing wastewater service and to reevaluate rates based on changes since the last study. The Cost of Service Study provides a basis for determining revenue requirements, allocating service costs proportionally across customer types, and establishing wastewater service rates in accordance with governing law "Proposition 218" (California Constitution Article XIII(D), Section 6).

## Why are wastewater rates changing?

As a public agency, DSRSD rates must reflect the reasonable cost of providing our services. The District periodically conducts wastewater cost of service studies to ensure adequate revenue to fund the operation, maintenance, and capital replacement needs for both Local (collection) and Regional (treatment) wastewater systems; maintain reserve targets in accordance with Board policy; and reallocate costs among the types of customers to reflect changes over time. This ensures that customers are equitably charged for the services they receive.

DSRSD must follow the requirements of Proposition 218, including holding the scheduled public hearing, and set rates sufficient to recover the cost of operating and maintaining the facilities needed to provide wastewater service. Some of the major factors contributing to this proposed rate increase include new and/or increasingly stringent state and federal environmental regulations; capital expenditures; and higher labor, chemical, and power costs. DSRSD's approach is to adopt consistent, incremental rate adjustments to keep rates stable and predictable over time, while avoiding larger and less predictable increases.

Based on the Cost of Service Study, new rates are proposed for all wastewater customers for the next five fiscal years (July 1 of one year to June 30 of the next year). Proposed rates are designed to recover the cost of providing wastewater service and are proportionally allocated to each customer type.

DSRSD's Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant



## Notice of Public Hearing

On Monday, May 4, 2026, the DSRSD Board of Directors will hold a public hearing during its regularly scheduled Board meeting to consider increases to wastewater rates effective July 1, 2026; July 1, 2027; July 1, 2028; July 1, 2029; and July 1, 2030.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m. in the DSRSD Board Room, located at 7051 Dublin Blvd, Dublin, CA 94568.

## How can I learn more?



Contact Financial Analyst  
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Attend the public hearing  
on May 4, 2026, at 6 p.m.  
in the DSRSD Board Room,  
located at 7051 Dublin Blvd,  
Dublin CA



Visit [www.dsrds.com/WWRates2026](http://www.dsrds.com/WWRates2026) to view the Cost of Service Study



## What are the proposed changes?

District wastewater rates are comprised of Local (collection) and Regional (treatment) wastewater rates. If approved, the proposed rates will become effective beginning on July 1, 2026. Rates would then increase by a fixed percentage annually on July 1, 2027; July 1, 2028; July 1, 2029; and July 1, 2030.

### Residential Wastewater Customers

The proposed residential wastewater rate structure is one fixed charge that combines the cost of wastewater collection and treatment. Single-family homes, townhomes, condominiums, and duplexes are charged a flat rate for wastewater services, which appear on the property owner's secured tax bill as "DSRSD SEWER SVC." Multifamily properties also pay a flat rate for wastewater services; however, these charges are billed bi-monthly with their drinking water service.

PROPERTY TYPE	CURRENT BIMONTHLY RATE	PROPOSED BIMONTHLY RATES				
		EFFECTIVE 7/1/2026	EFFECTIVE 7/1/2027	EFFECTIVE 7/1/2028	EFFECTIVE 7/1/2029	EFFECTIVE 7/1/2030
Single Family/Townhome	\$88.34	\$93.17	\$97.94	\$102.96	\$107.52	\$111.52
Duplex	\$176.68	\$186.35	\$195.87	\$205.92	\$215.04	\$223.04
Multifamily/Condominium	\$66.27	\$70.20	\$73.84	\$77.68	\$81.16	\$84.20
Single Family with 2nd Dwelling Unit	\$154.61	\$163.37	\$171.78	\$180.64	\$188.69	\$195.72

### Non-Residential Wastewater Customers (Commercial, Industrial and Institutional)

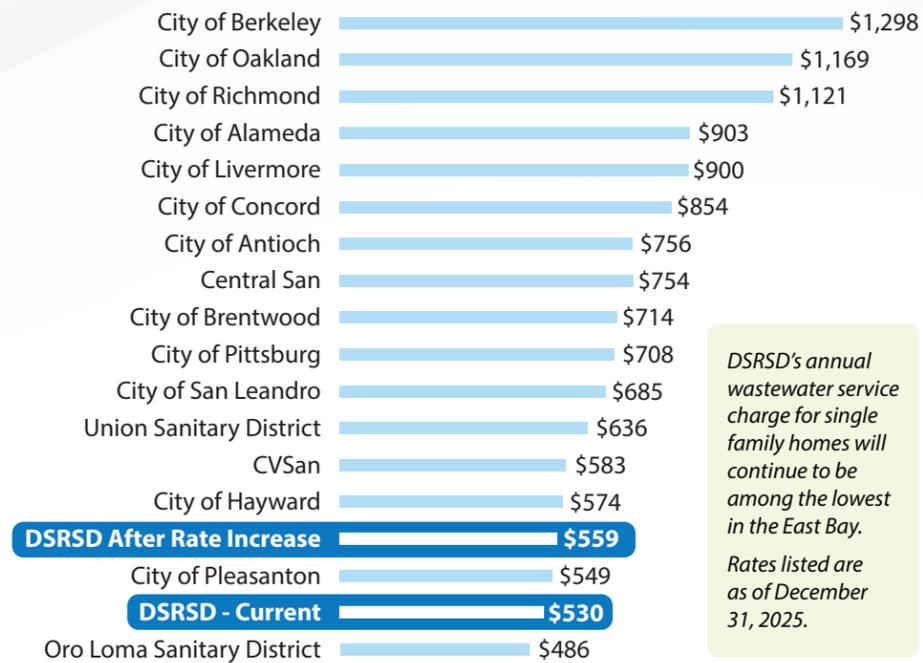
Non-residential customers are charged variable rates based on volume and wastewater strength and are billed bi-monthly. Wastewater rates are comprised of two components: collection through the sanitary sewer system and treatment/disposal at the District's Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. Volume is measured in 100 cubic feet (CCF); strength is measured in mg/L.

Non-residential customers are categorized into a specific strength rate based on the assumed (based on use type) or measured strength of their wastewater. Wastewater strength is measured by the degree of organic pollutant in the wastewater known as biological oxygen demand (BOD) and total suspended solids (TSS). Rates are higher for customers whose wastewater contains more concentrated pollutants – like fats, oils, chemicals, or organic materials – or with a higher wastewater volume because it requires more energy, chemicals and time to treat.

	CURRENT RATES	PROPOSED RATES					
		EFFECTIVE 7/1/2026	EFFECTIVE 7/1/2027	EFFECTIVE 7/1/2028	EFFECTIVE 7/1/2029	EFFECTIVE 7/1/2030	
<b>LOCAL (COLLECTION) (PER CCF)</b>	\$1.42	\$1.58	\$1.63	\$1.68	\$1.73	\$1.78	
<b>REGIONAL (TREATMENT) (PER CCF)</b>							
<b>STRENGTH RATES</b>	Less than or equal to 300 mg/L	\$3.48	\$3.80	\$4.14	\$4.51	\$4.74	\$4.93
	Between 300 and 450 mg/L	\$4.45	\$4.85	\$5.29	\$5.77	\$6.06	\$6.30
	Between 450 and 600 mg/L	\$5.41	\$5.92	\$6.49	\$7.11	\$7.46	\$7.76
	Between 600 and 750 mg/L	\$6.38	\$6.98	\$7.64	\$8.37	\$8.78	\$9.14
	Between 750 and 900 mg/L	\$7.34	\$8.01	\$8.75	\$9.55	\$10.03	\$10.43
	Between 900 and 1,050 mg/L	\$8.30	\$9.06	\$9.90	\$10.81	\$11.35	\$11.81
	Greater than 1,050 mg/L	To be determined by District on calculation basis					
<b>BIMONTHLY MINIMUM CHARGE</b>		\$66.27	\$70.20	\$73.84	\$77.68	\$81.16	\$84.20

OTHERS	CURRENT RATES	PROPOSED RATES				
		EFFECTIVE 7/1/2026	EFFECTIVE 7/1/2027	EFFECTIVE 7/1/2028	EFFECTIVE 7/1/2029	EFFECTIVE 7/1/2030
<b>DSRSD - East Bay Municipal Utility District Recycled Water Agency (DERWA)</b>						
Volume \$/MG	\$4,112.92	\$4,227.80	\$4,345.89	\$4,467.27	\$4,690.64	\$4,878.26
BOD \$/lb	\$0.38	\$0.39	\$0.40	\$0.41	\$0.43	\$0.45
TSS \$/lb	\$0.76	\$0.76	\$0.77	\$0.77	\$0.81	\$0.84
SFPUC \$/gallon	\$0.0379	\$0.0050	\$0.0053	\$0.0056	\$0.0059	\$0.0061
Septic Haulers \$/gallon	\$0.0379	\$0.0349	\$0.0370	\$0.0392	\$0.0412	\$0.0428

### Annual Wastewater Service Charges in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties



DSRSD's annual wastewater service charge for single family homes will continue to be among the lowest in the East Bay. Rates listed are as of December 31, 2025.

### Serving Our Community

DSRSD treats over 4.6 billion gallons of wastewater annually from homes, businesses, and industries within the cities of Dublin, San Ramon, and Pleasanton. The District is heavily regulated by multiple state and federal agencies, and wastewater is treated before discharge to meet strict standards for protection of public health and the environment.

DSRSD employs highly trained staff including licensed, state-certified personnel who operate the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant 24/7. The District also inspects, maintains, and repairs 233 miles of pipeline, over 6,800 manholes, and one lift station in the service area. District staff manages an industrial wastewater permitting program to ensure that what is sent down the drain from industrial businesses is safe for the wastewater collection and treatment systems and is compliant with discharge regulations meant to protect the environment. DSRSD's state-certified laboratory handles and analyzes thousands of samples annually for process control, monitoring of industries for compliance, and reporting to state and federal agencies

### Investing in the Future of Wastewater

Wastewater rates help fund essential upgrades to the wastewater collection system and the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant to ensure the plant will continue to operate and meet regulatory standards now and in the future.

#### Cogeneration Engine Replacement Project

Over 90% of the energy required to operate the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant is generated onsite from three cogeneration engines installed in the early 1980s. These cogeneration engines utilize a blend of renewable biogas – a natural byproduct of the wastewater treatment process – and natural gas to cost-effectively produce clean electricity for the plant. The existing engines have reached the end of their anticipated useful life. The District is implementing a \$44 million project to replace the cogeneration system with more efficient engines that would increase the District's energy production and further reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

DSRSD mechanics perform maintenance on the District's cogeneration system.

