

Pursuant to Government Code §53756(d)

MAY 7, 2010 • NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS

Notice of Public Hearing on Sewer Service Charge Increase

The District will be holding a public hearing on its budget and sewer rates on June 10, 2010 at 4:30 pm at the District's office, 300 Smith Ranch Road, San Rafael, 94903.



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San Rafael, CA 94903

Board of Directors

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Background

Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District provides wastewater collection, treatment, recycling and disposal services to properties located within its boundaries. To cover the cost of these services, the District currently charges \$476 per year per single family residence, apartment or equivalent residential unit. The District Board and staff have minimized costs through proactive planning. By updating and replacing aging sewer facilities before they break, the District may avoid costly fines being imposed upon it and our rate payers.

On June 4, 2009 the District's Board of Directors approved a five-year rate increase at a public hearing. The rate increase took effect on July 1, 2009. This rate increase was approved pursuant to Proposition 218, without any majority protest. Funds from the five-year rate plan will be utilized for maintenance, to replace and update aging sewer system facilities to meet new stringent regulatory requirements, to avoid costly fines, and to protect public health and the environment.

The District has an exceptional sewer collection and treatment record, resulting in the protection of public health and the environment, while maintaining sewer rates that are below the average for Marin County.

Residential Rates

Residential Customers: the basic rate flat rate for per single-family home and residential unit such as apartments, condominiums, unit per multi-family dwelling and mobile home will be adjusted to \$563 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010.

Non Residential Rates

Non-residential Customers: The rates for non-residential customers are proportional to the rise in residential rates. Rates are calculated individually for each type of non-residential use.

Domestic strength users , including commercial, office buildings, retail, churches, halls, public agencies, laundromats, service stations, medical offices, barbers and beauty shops, car washes, convalescent hospitals, hospitals	The basic rate times the average summer and winter water use times a strength factor of 1	To Calculate water use , the District obtains an average of winter and summer water usage for each non-residential customer from the Marin Municipal Water District. Excluded is water used solely for irrigation, and recycled water that does not enter the District's sewer system, i.e. water not used for toilet flushing, laundry, commercial car washes, etc.
Mixed uses-high and domestic strength users	The basic rate times the average summer and winter water use times a strength factor of 2	
High strength users: restaurants, cafes, bakeries, mortuaries, hotels with restaurants, markets with disposals	The basic rate times the average summer and winter water use times a strength factor of 2.6	
Industrial and other high-strength users	Contact the District for assistance	

School Rates

Schools without showers or cafeteria facilities: 0.01 times the basic rate per average daily attendance for students, faculty and employee.

Schools with showers or cafeteria facilities: 0.02 times the basic rate per average daily attendance for students, faculty and employee.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the District at (415) 472-1734 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Notification prior to the meeting will enable the District to make reasonable accommodation to help ensure accessibility to this meeting.

This notice is being sent pursuant to Government Code § 53756(d).
This rate increase was originally approved on June 4, 2009.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARING: June 10, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. at the District's office
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