

WHY HAVE I RECEIVED THIS NOTICE?

You have received this notice because East Orange County Water District (EOCWD) provides local sewer service to your property within EOCWD’s service area. The property APN is listed on the front of this notice right above the recipient mailing address

EOCWD is proposing a rate increase in order to pay projected costs of inspection, repair, operation and maintenance. As a property owner within EOCWD’s service area, your local sewer service fee will pay for these services.

THIS NOTICE WAS DEVELOPED TO:

- Inform you about the proposed rate increase in your local sewer rate
- Share how you can participate in the process
- Invite you to attend the public hearing at which time the proposed rate will be considered.

We invite you to review this information and contact us with questions, comments or concerns at admin@eocwd.com

ABOUT THE DISTRICT

EOCWD was founded in 1961 under the principles of local community service and fiscal discipline, which it maintains to this day. In 2016, EOCWD took over Sewer Area 7 and lowered your sewer rate by 50%. Since then, EOCWD has not implemented a rate increase. EOCWD prides itself on providing high-quality, reliable local sewer service to you and your neighbors at a fair price. The proposed rate increase over the next 5 years will remain below the rate that existed prior to when EOCWD took over the local sewer service in 2016.

The rates that are charged reflects the true cost of providing sewer service to the community and ensuring the District’s long-term financial stability and maintaining the same level of reliable service that our customers have received for the past 62 years.

WHY ARE NEW RATES BEING CONSIDERED?

EOCWD is proposing a rate increase in order to fund projected costs of inspection, repair, replacement, operation and maintenance. As a property owner within EOCWD’s service area, your local sewer service fee will pay for these services. EOCWD cannot charge rates that result in a profit. EOCWD considers the following factors when determining its sewer rates:



Fair treatment of all customers



Reflecting the true cost of service



Protecting the District’s financial stability and its ability to provide high-level service



185 North McPherson Road
Orange, CA 92869-3720

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROTEST PROCEEDINGS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SEWER RATES

The East Orange County Water District (EOCWD) Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing to consider a proposed rate increase for sewer service provided to residential and commercial customers. If approved by the EOCWD Board of Directors, the increase would take effect on July 1, 2023, with subsequent increases proposed annually over the next four years.


The public hearing will be conducted at the time, date, and location in this notice. All members of the public are invited to attend the public hearing.


This notice is being sent to all record owners of property upon which the proposed charges will be imposed.


EOCWD is dedicated to keeping its customers informed throughout the process. Additional information about water rates and charges is included in this document and online at www.eocwd.com/ratechange.

There is a 120-day statute of limitations for challenging any new, increased, or extended fee or charge.



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DATE April 27, 2023
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TIME 5:00 p.m.
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LOCATION
Clifton C. Miller
Community Center
300 Centennial Way
Tustin, CA 92780

UNDERSTANDING THE RATE INCREASE



CURRENT AND PROPOSED ANNUAL SEWER SERVICE CHARGES

Annual fees collected via property taxes

ANNUAL FEES						
	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Effective Month	Current	Jul 2023	Jul 2024	Jul 2025	Jul 2026	Jul 2027
Proposed Revenue Adjustments		12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%
Single-Family Residential	\$108.00	\$120.96	\$135.48	\$151.73	\$169.94	\$190.33
Multi-Family Residential per dwelling unit	\$75.60	\$84.67	\$94.83	\$106.21	\$118.96	\$133.23
Non-Residential	Non-residential customers pay a rate per 1,000 square feet of building area based on a property use classification factor. Reference to Appendix A in the Rate Study at www.eocwd.com/ratechange .					

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

East Orange County Water District welcomes your input as its Board of Directors considers the changes explained in this notice. If you have questions or comments, you can:



Visit, call, or go online – Rate Study information related to the proposed rate increases are available for review at the EOCWD Office located at 185 N. McPherson Road, Orange, CA 92869-3720. You may also obtain information by calling the District at (714) 538-5815 or online at www.eocwd.com/ratechange.



Write – Any record owners of a parcel within the sewer service area upon which the proposed charges will be imposed directly liable for the payment of the proposed charges have the right to submit a formal written protest to the proposed rates, but only one protest may be counted per parcel. Written protests may be mailed or hand delivered to:

Attention: General Manager
East Orange County Water District
185 N. McPherson Road, Orange, CA 92869-3720

Written protests may also be submitted at the public hearing being held at the Clifton C. Miller Community Center on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Written protests must be physically received prior to the conclusion of the public input portion of the public hearing. Protests to the proposed rates must include your name, signature, and street address, parcel number, or account number. **Protests submitted by email or other electronic means DO NOT count as formal written protests.**



Attend a public meeting/hearing – The public hearing will take place on Thursday, April 27, 2023 beginning at 5:00 p.m at the Clifton C. Miller Community Center, 300 Centennial Way, Tustin, CA 92780. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Board of Directors will consider the adoption of the proposed rate increases. At the public hearing, all members of the public will have an opportunity to speak, but verbal comments alone do not qualify as a formal protest.

PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS

At the time of the public hearing, the Board of Directors will hear and consider all written protests and public comments. After the hearing, if a majority of the property owners of the impacted parcels or tenants directly liable for the payment of the charges submit written protests in opposition to the proposed rate increases, the increases will not be imposed. If a majority protest is not received, the EOCWD Board of Directors may adopt the proposed changes, though they are not obligated to. If adopted, the proposed rates will become effective July 1, 2023, and subsequent increases would be proposed for 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027.