

Hearing Location:
82 Saint Joseph Street
Los Alamos, CA 93440

Los Alamos Community Services District
Proposition 218 Notification
NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED INCREASES TO WATER AND SEWER SERVICE CHARGES

<INSERT OWNER NAME>
<INSERT ADDRESS 1>
<INSERT ADDRESS 2>

Hearing Date & Time: Monday, September 29, 2025 at 6 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible
Hearing Location: 82 Saint Joseph Street, Los Alamos, CA 93440
Questions / More Information: Juan "Ramon" Gomez, General Manager, at:
(805) 344-4195, 82 Saint Joseph Street, Los Alamos, CA 93440

Why Am I Receiving This Notice?

You are receiving this notice in accordance with Proposition 218, a state law which requires providers of public utility services (including water and sewer service) to notify rate payers of increases in proposed water and sewer service charges ("**Service Charges**"). The property listed above receives water and sewer service from **Los Alamos Community Services District ("the District")**.

This notice is intended to provide you with information on the services provided by the District, the reasons for the proposed Service Charges, and the methods by which you can protest the proposed Service Charges if you desire.

What Service Do Rates Fund?

The District provides water service to approximately 622 connections and sewer service to 741 connections in the District service area.

Why is a Rate Increase Needed?

Current Service Charges do not reflect the full cost necessary to provide water and sewer services. The Service Charges increases are driven by rising costs of labor, treatment chemicals, energy, and infrastructure maintenance necessary to ensure safe and reliable service. In addition, the District anticipates funding over \$2.6 million in water capital projects and over \$0.8 million in wastewater capital projects to repair and replace aging infrastructure. The proposed Service Charges are designed to sustainably operate and maintain each utility.

Basis of Proposed Service Charges

Article XIID of the California Constitution (also known as Proposition 218) requires that providers of public utility services levy service charges that are clearly linked to the cost of providing the service to each parcel. The cost of service calculation includes expenses such as debt service, labor, energy, chemicals and other supplies, and the cost of providing required maintenance of the system. The Service Charges proposed herein are designed to meet all legal requirements and fairly and equitably recover the required revenue from all customers, and are based on a Water and Sewer Rate Study dated July 23, 2025 prepared for the District by Bartle Wells Associates, a copy of which is on file with the District and available for public review.

Proposed Service Charges Changes

Water bills are calculated by adding together two components: a volumetric Service Charge per unit of water usage plus a fixed monthly meter Service Charge based on meter size. Sewer customers are charged a fixed monthly

Service Charge by customer classification. Non-residential users are charged a volumetric Service Charge per unit of water usage in addition to their fixed monthly sewer Service Charge.

The current and proposed water and sewer Service Charges are as follows:

Current and Proposed Water Service Charges						
	Current	10/01/2025	07/01/2026	07/01/2027	07/01/2028	07/01/2029
<u>Monthly Service Charges</u>						
Meter Size						
3/4" or less	\$34.17	\$37.40	\$41.14	\$45.26	\$49.78	\$54.76
1"	45.09	49.47	54.41	59.85	65.84	72.42
1.5"	72.41	79.36	87.30	96.03	105.63	116.19
2"	105.21	115.38	126.91	139.60	153.57	168.92
3"	209.01	229.55	252.50	277.75	305.53	336.08
4"	361.99	397.56	437.32	481.05	529.15	582.07
6"	728.03	799.68	879.64	967.61	1,064.37	1,170.81
<u>Commodity Charges (per hundred cubic feet)</u>						
Usage	\$3.90	\$4.30	\$4.73	\$5.21	\$5.73	\$6.30

Current and Proposed Sewer Service Charges						
	Current	10/01/2025	07/01/2026	07/01/2027	07/01/2028	07/01/2029
<u>Monthly Service Charges</u>						
Single Family	\$70.08	\$76.28	\$83.15	\$90.63	\$98.79	\$107.68
Multi-Family	61.27	66.90	72.93	79.49	86.64	94.44
Non-Residential	43.64	48.15	52.48	57.20	62.35	67.96
One Dwelling Unit Equivalent	70.08	76.28	83.15	90.63	98.79	107.68
<u>Non-Residential Commodity Charges (per hundred cubic feet)</u>						
Usage	\$3.47	\$3.78	\$4.12	\$4.49	\$4.90	\$5.34

The proposed rates eliminate the previous drought surcharge structure in favor of a simplified, uniform rate applicable under all supply conditions. Projected usage is based on 2024 data, which reflects relatively low customer demand during a wetter-than-average year, providing a conservative basis for rate setting. This change improves transparency and rate predictability for customers.

Community Input, Written Protest Procedures & Statute of Limitations

Members of the public are invited to attend the Public Hearings and provide input on the proposed Service Charges. Property owners and customers may submit written protests against the proposed Service Charges. Written protests must: a) identify the affected property or properties, such as by address, Assessor's Parcel Number, or customer account number, b) include the name and original signature of the customer or property owner submitting the protest, and c) indicate opposition to the proposed sewer Service Charges and/or water Service Charges increases. Written protests should be mailed to P.O. Box 675, Los Alamos, CA 93440 or delivered to 82 Saint Joseph Street, Los Alamos, CA 93440, Attn: General Manager, prior to the close of the Public Hearing.

Pursuant to California law, one written protest per parcel, filed by an owner or tenant of the parcel, will be counted. Protests submitted by e-mail, facsimile or other electronic means are not counted. The proposed Service Charges cannot be adopted if written protests are received from a majority of affected parcels. Written protests must be submitted prior to the close of the public hearing. Additionally, pursuant to California Government Code §53759, any judicial action to challenge the adopted Service Charges must be filed within 120 days from the date the rates are adopted by the Board.