

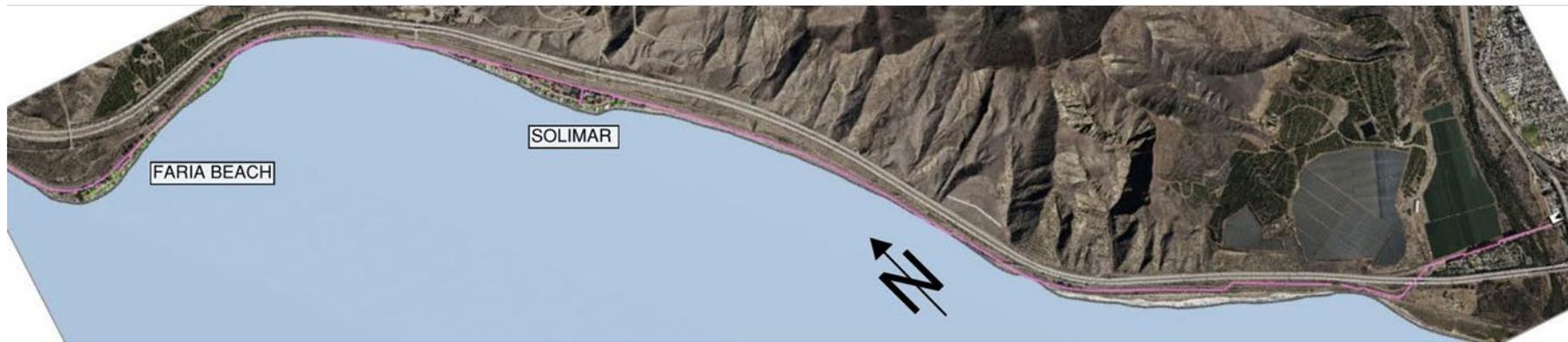
*County Service Area 29 (North Coast)*

# **Proposed Sewer Rate Increase and Placement of Sewer Charges on Tax Roll Fiscal Year 2024-25**

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Presentation to Board of Supervisors  
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# County Service Area 29 (North Coast)



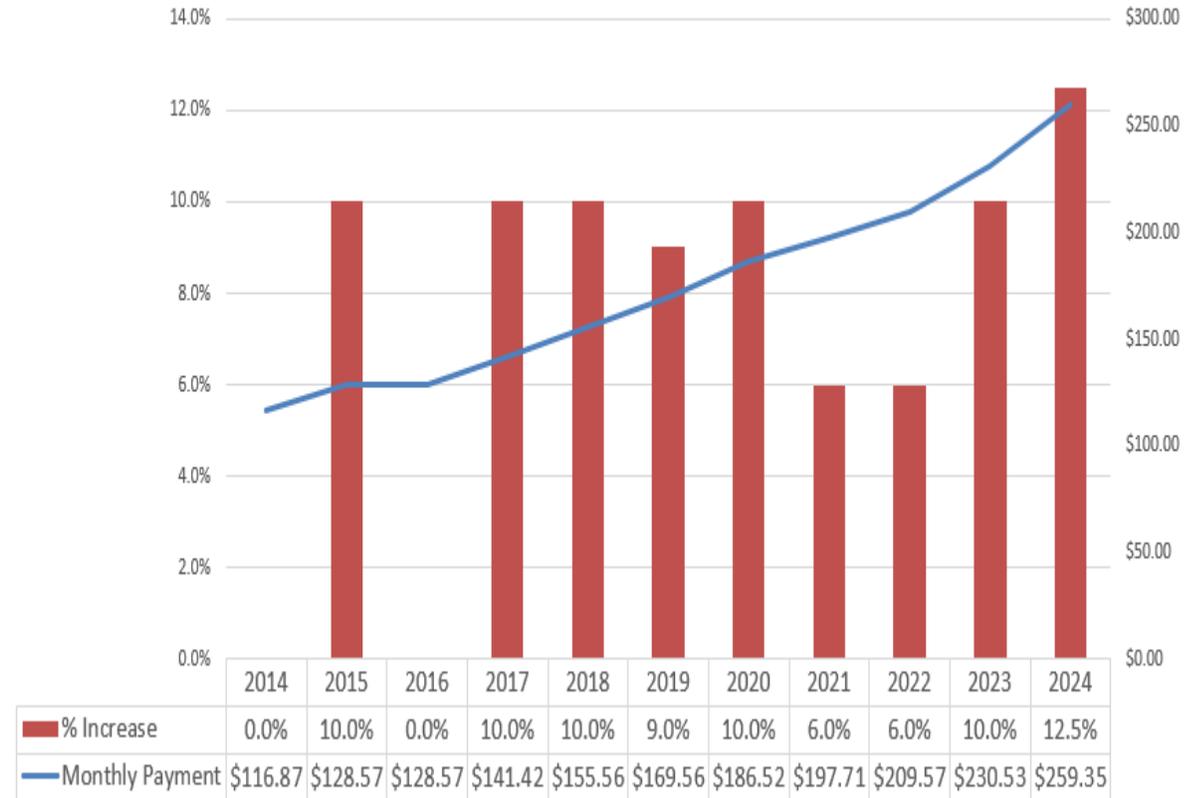
# Sewer Rate Study Assumptions:

- 3-5% inflationary increases in labor, power, and treatment costs
- Maintain appropriate financial reserves of 25% of operating expenses
- Maintain appropriate operating expenses of 10% of operating revenue

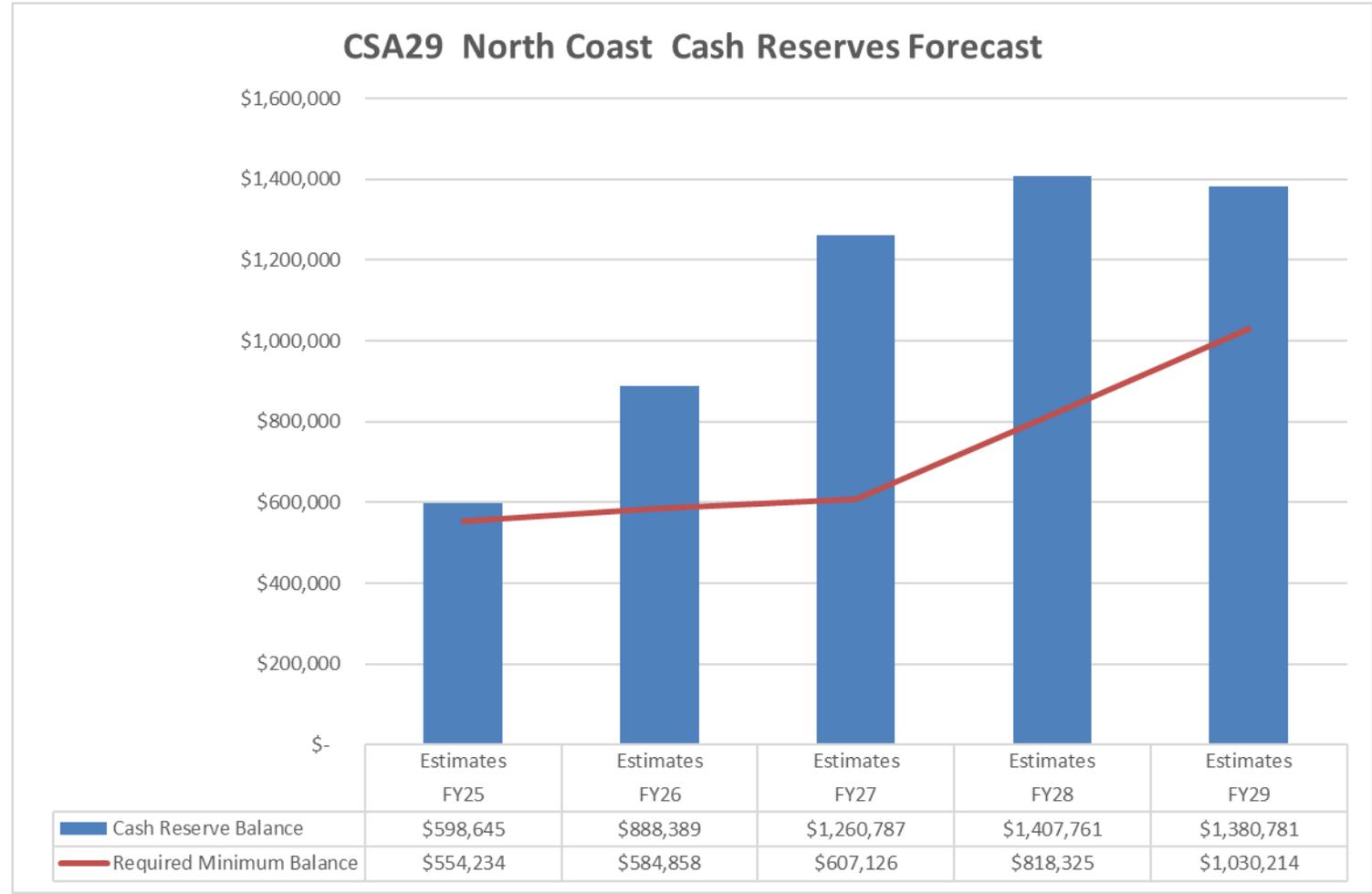
# Current Fiscal Challenges

- Small customer base is a challenge for large capital improvements
- Historically, rates have only covered O&M expenses and nothing for capital replacement and modernization
- Revenue received twice a year from tax rolls: January and May requires cash sufficient for 7 months of operations, plus reserves for emergencies
- Short-term cash flow loans paid off in March 2024

CSA 29- Historic Rate Increases



- Assumes 12.5% Rate increase followed by 8% per year increases
- Annual loan re-payments on \$1.5M General Fund Loan from County for
  - Repayment of cash flow loans from CSA 30 & 34
  - Sewer Master Plan
  - Caltrans bridge pipe replacement



## Wastewater Planned Operations and Maintenance

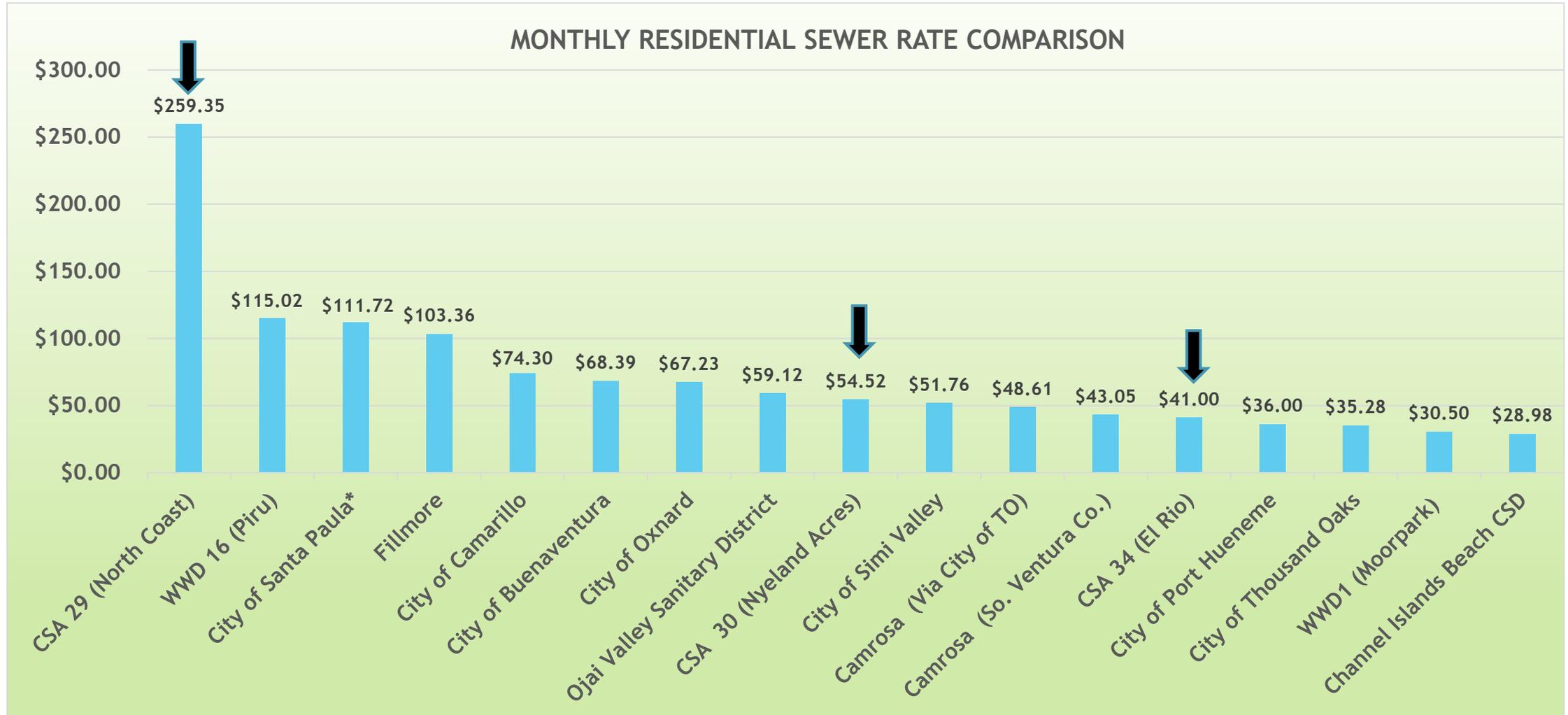
### **Planned Operations and Maintenance Improvement Projects Include:**

- Update sewer master plan
- Relocate sewer line at Caltrans Bridge-Willow Creek Crossing
- Replace STEP Pumps as needed
- Upgrade odor controls at lift stations
- Upgrade alarm circuiting
- Implement asset management GIS / CMMS system, and complete GIS sewer model
- Improve Remote Monitoring System (SCADA)

### **FY23-24 Accomplishments:**

- No Sewer Spills in Calendar Year 2023
- Replaced STEP Pumps as needed
- Inspected and cleaned 94% of all STEP tanks

County Service Area 29  
**North Coast Sewer Services**



\*Santa Paula rates includes a water usage charges, estimating 12 HCF per ERU

# Recommendations

- Approve 12.5% Sewer Rate Increase Effective July 1, 2024
- Maintain sewer standby charges at the same levels set in FY 1996-97
- Approve continued collection of sewer service charges and sewer standby charges as part of the annual general County tax roll



# QUESTIONS