

**COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 29
REPORT PER COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 3428
FIXING SEWER SERVICE CHARGES AND SEWER STANDBY CHARGES
FOR FY 2024-25**

May 13, 2024

TO: Clerk, Board of Supervisors

FROM: Joseph Pope, Director, Water and Sanitation

County Service Area (CSA) No. 29 was formed to construct, operate, and maintain a sewer system for the collection and disposal of wastewater in the North Coast community of Ventura County (Ventura Beach RV Resort, Solimar Beach, Faria Beach, Mussel Shoals, and Seacliff).

FINANCING

Clean Water Grants were obtained to finance the major portion of the costs of planning, design, and construction of the wastewater facilities, while operations and maintenance (O&M) expenses are collected from the customers in the service area.

Ventura Regional Sanitation District provides O&M services under contract. All management, administrative, and budgetary functions are accomplished by the Public Works Agency Water and Sanitation Department.

TOTAL SERVICE CHARGES REQUIRED

The proposed O&M requirements and financing for FY 2024-25 is as follows:

<u>REQUIREMENTS</u>		<u>FINANCING</u>	
Indirect Cost Recovery	\$ 7,730	Service and Standby	
Public Works Charges	204,750	Charges	\$ 1,311,254
Operations & Maint.	561,720	Interest Earnings	11,952
Sewer System Power Charges	40,000	Other Revenue	19,300
City of Ventura	190,000	Subtotal	\$ 1,342,506
Miscellaneous	10,000	Fund Balance	(328,306)
Total Requirement	<u>\$ 1,014,200</u>	Total Financing	<u>\$ 1,014,200</u>

We are recommending that the total projected requirements of \$1,014,200 be financed. The recommended rate increase will help increase the fund balance by \$328,306.

Based on the above, an estimated \$1,311,254 must be collected as sewer service charges and sewer standby charges. Of this amount, \$1,221,000 will be derived from individual users, while \$90,254 will come from the County parks system and the Ventura County Fire Protection District.

SEWER SERVICE CHARGES FOR FY 2024-25

Sewer Service Charges for FY 2024-25 vary between individual parcels depending on the number of Equivalents Residential Unit (ERU) on each parcel. The total Sewer Service Charges proposed are to be levied at a rate of \$259.35 per month per ERU, a 12 and a half percent (12.5%) increase compared to FY 2023-24.

It is also proposed that Sewer Standby Charges of \$240 be generated at the rate of \$30 per parcel or acre, the same as last fiscal year.

The amount of the sewer service charge and sewer standby charge for each parcel is Charges for FY 2024-25" (Exhibit 4A). All parcels benefiting from the sewer system are identified and listed by the Assessor's parcel number on the attached "Schedule of Sewer Service Charges and Sewer Standby Charges for FY 2024-25" (Exhibit 4B). Said parcels are also depicted on a set of maps on file in the County Surveyor's Office.

Exhibit 4A - Summary of Sewer Service Charges and Sewer Standby Charges for FY 2024-25

Exhibit 4B - Schedule of Sewer Service Charges and Sewer Standby Charges for FY 2024-25