

Explanation of Sewer Rate Increases

Olivenhain Municipal Water District (OMWD) sewer rates and charges are used to recover costs of providing sewer collection and treatment within the 4S Ranch and Rancho Cielo sanitation areas. OMWD sewer rates and charges are evaluated on an annual basis to determine if adequate revenues are collected to pay for operation and maintenance costs.

The 2008 proposed sewer rates and charges were developed based on Generally Accepted Cost of Service Principles. These principles provide the basis for determining how much cost needs to be recovered from various customer types. As a result, sewer rates are varied among customer types depending on each customer type's system demand.

All revenue derived from the rates and charges is used exclusively for the recovery of operation and maintenance costs. The proposed increases are primarily due to the increased costs of power, chemicals, and labor associated with providing sewer collection and treatment services within the 4S Ranch and Rancho Cielo sewer service area as well as for providing the required funds to maintain and periodically replace aging infrastructure.

Each customer's sewer bill increase will vary depending on customer type (single family residential sewer bills are different than commercial sewer bills, for example). Sewer service charges will continue to be billed on the County Property Tax Roll, as part of our sewer customers' property tax bills.

Further details regarding the basis and reasons for the 2008 Proposed Sewer Rates and Charges are explained in the 2008 Sewer Rate Review Report which is available for public review on the District's website at www.omwd.com or at the District's office at 1966 Olivenhain Road, Encinitas, California 92024.

Who Should I Call With Questions?

If you have questions about the proposed Sewer Rates and Charges, please call (760) 753-6466.

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Municipal Water District
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Notice of Public Hearing on Sewer Rate Increases

**May 14, 2008
at 4:30 p.m.**

**OMWD Board Room
1966 Olivenhain Road
Encinitas, CA 92024**



Notice of Public Hearing

Notice of Public Hearing in
Conformance with Article XIID of the
California State Constitution and the
Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act

In compliance with Article XIID of the California State Constitution and the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act, the Olivenhain Municipal Water District is hereby notifying all affected property owners of the proposed sewer rates and charges change effective July 1, 2008.

Public Hearing Information

A Public Hearing will be held in the Board Room on May 14, 2008, at 4:30 p.m., at 1966 Olivenhain Road, Encinitas, California 92024. The District Board of Directors will conduct the public hearing on the proposed sewer rate and charge increases. At the time of the public hearing the Board of Directors will hear and consider all protests and objections concerning these matters and will consider and may adopt the increased rates and charges.

Interested parties can comment on the proposed rates. Written or verbal protests submitted by a majority of the District's sewer customers can halt the proposed increase. If you oppose the proposed increase in writing, all written protests must contain a description of the property and must be received prior to the close of the public hearing. Please send your written protest to Clerk of the Board, Olivenhain Municipal Water District, 1966 Olivenhain Road, Encinitas, California 92024.

Proposed Sewer User Rates and Charges for July 1, 2008

	Current			Proposed				
	Annual Service Charge per EDU*	Commodity Charge Flat Rate per EDU*	Commodity Charge Variable Rate per HCF**	Annual Total for Single Family Users	Annual Service Charge per EDU*	Commodity Charge Flat Rate per EDU*	Commodity Charge Variable Rate per HCF**	Annual Total for Single Family Users
Single Family - 4S Ranch	\$147	\$364		\$511	\$146	\$389		\$535
Multi Family - 4 S Ranch	\$146		\$6		\$146		\$6	
Single Family - Rancho Cielo	\$183	\$457		\$640	\$146	\$538		\$684
Non-Residential - Commercial/Industrial								
Group I	\$146		\$6		\$146		\$6	
Group II	\$146		\$7		\$146		\$7	
Group III	\$146		\$14		\$146		\$14	

*EDU= Equivalent Dwelling Unit. An EDU means the standard measurement of sewage discharged into the sewer system equal to the average discharge from a detached single family unit.

**HCF= Hundred Cubic Feet or 748 gallons. HCF is calculated from water usage.



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OUR MISSION

Olivenhain Municipal Water District is a multi-functioning public agency that is dedicated and committed to serving present and future customers in a service oriented manner by:

Water

Providing safe, reliable, high-quality drinking water while exceeding all regulatory requirements in a cost-effective and environmentally responsive manner.

Recycled Water

Providing recycled water and wastewater treatment in the most cost-effective and environmentally responsive method.

Parks

Safely operating the Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve and providing all users with a unique recreational, educational, and environmental experience.

Emergency Management

Complying with policies and procedures that adhere to local, state, and federal guidelines for national security and disaster preparedness.

Sustainable Operations

Pursuing alternative and/or renewable resources with the most sustainable, efficient, and cost-effective approach.