



Bodega Bay Public Utility District
265 Doran Park Road
Bodega Bay, California 94923



**Proposition 218 Notification
NOTICE OF PROPOSED WASTEWATER
SURCHARGE AND PUBLIC HEARING PROCEEDINGS**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Bodega Bay Public Utility District is proposing to adopt a capital surcharge to fund capital and debt service costs associated with the 2022 Sewer Rehabilitation Project. The project entails the repair or replacement of approximately 21,000 feet of aging sewer pipelines throughout the District. The Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on this matter on:

Date: December 15, 2021
Time: 9:00 A.M.
Place: Bodega Bay Public Utility District
265 Doran Park Road
Bodega Bay, California 94923

At the public hearing, the Board will review the proposed capital surcharge and hear and consider all protests and objections concerning this matter. This notice has been sent to all property owners as of the last address available. If there is no majority protest, the Board will consider and may adopt the proposed surcharge. The proposed surcharge will become effective on February 1, 2022. Any judicial action or proceeding to challenge the proposed sewer service charges must be initiated within 120 days of the effective date of the proposed surcharge.

This Notice of Public Hearing provides information on the proposed capital surcharge, how customers can receive more information on the surcharge, and how to submit a written protest.

2022 Sewer Rehabilitation Project

The District is responsible for operating and maintaining 15.6 miles of gravity sewer mains, most of which were constructed in the late 1970s. Many of these assets are beginning to reach the end of their 50-year design life. In recent years, portions of the sewer collection system have required significant emergency repairs, and an inspection of the entire system has revealed that sections are at risk of potential failure. Additionally, the District has noticed increasing levels of inflow and infiltration (I/I) of surface water into the sewer collection system.

The District is preparing to start construction on the 2022 Sewer Rehabilitation to repair or replace approximately 21,000 feet of aging sewer pipelines throughout the District. Repairing the sewer collection system will reduce I/I and improve the long-term condition of the sewer collection system.

The project is estimated to cost about \$5.1 million. The District is pursuing low-interest financing for this project to smooth costs over time and minimize the bimonthly bill impact on ratepayers. The proposed capital surcharge will fund debt service payments on the project financing rather than funding the entire project cost upfront in one year.

Proposed Capital Surcharge

The 2021 Wastewater Rate Study Update conducted by Bartle Wells Associates provides the basis for calculating the proposed capital surcharge to ensure that revenues from the surcharge align with the Sewer Rehabilitation Project costs and that surcharges are proportionally allocated to each customer.

The proposed surcharge comprises a flat bimonthly charge for all single-family residential wastewater users and a volumetric charge on each hundred cubic foot (hcf) of bimonthly water use for all commercial wastewater users.

Single Family Residential (Fixed Charge)	\$30.31	per account (\$15.16 per month)
Commercial (Volumetric Charge)	\$3.46	per hcf* bi-monthly water use

*1 hcf = 748 gallons

Other than the proposed capital surcharge, wastewater rates will remain unchanged.

Public Notice and Majority Protest Process

The Bodega Bay Public Utility District Board of Directors will hold a public hearing as a part of the Board meeting on December 15, 2021, at 9:00 am in the Conference Room at the District office, 265 Doran Park Road.

Customers directly responsible for the payment of the rates and property owners of record, if different, may submit a written protest against the proposed surcharge. If the Board receives written protests from a majority of affected parcels within the District, then the proposed surcharge cannot be adopted. It is essential to follow these instructions for your protest to be valid:

1. Protests must be in writing and received by the District Clerk at or before the close of the public hearing on December 15, 2021. The protest must specifically identify what is being protested. Written protests may be mailed or personally delivered to the District Clerk at Bodega Bay PUD – PO Box 70, 265 Doran Park Road, Bodega Bay, CA 94923.
2. All written protests must include the street address or the Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) of the property receiving sewer service.
3. The protest must be signed by the person listed on the utility account as responsible for paying the utility bill and/or the property owner. The name of the signer should also be printed legibly. Only one protest will be counted for each property.
4. Email, fax, and telephone protests will not be counted. Oral comments will not be counted as a protest unless accompanied by a written protest. Mailed protests received after the close of the public hearing will not be counted, even if they were postmarked earlier.
5. All requests for disability-related accommodations or modifications to participate in the public hearing should be made to the District Clerk at the number below at least 72 hours before the hearing. If you have a visual impairment requiring materials to be produced in another format, please contact the District Clerk as soon as possible.

A draft of the 2021 Wastewater Rate Study Update is available online at bodegabaypud.com and the District office for review. For more information, please contact the District at (707) 875-3332 or j.ames@bodegabaypud.com