



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

**Proposition 218 Notification
NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PROPOSED WATER AND
WASTEWATER RATE INCREASES AND PUBLIC HEARING PROCEEDINGS**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Article XIII(D) of the California Constitution that the Bodega Bay Public Utility District is proposing to increase its rates for Water and Wastewater services. The Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on this matter, which will be held on:

Date: June 19, 2024

Time: 9:00 A.M.

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

The public hearing will review the proposed changes for water and wastewater rates, and other related changes to fees and charges. At the time of the public hearing, the Board will hear and consider all protests and objections concerning these matters. This notice has been sent to property owners as of the last address on file with Sonoma County. If there is no majority protest, the Board will consider and may adopt the increased rates by ordinance. The proposed rate changes will become effective at the start of each fiscal year (July 1) for the next five years after adoption of the ordinance.

This Notice of Public Hearing provides information on the proposed water and wastewater rate changes as required by State law. The ordinance for proposed rate changes is anticipated to be presented to the Board for adoption in June. This notice also provides information on how the rates are calculated, the reasons for the required rate changes, how customers can receive more information on the effect of the rate changes, and how to file a protest of the proposed rate changes.

2024 Water and Wastewater Rate Study

The 2024 Water and Wastewater Rate Study recently completed by Bartle Wells Associates for the District provides the basis for calculating the proposed rates to ensure that the revenues generated by the rates do not exceed the cost of providing service, and that the costs to provide service are proportionally allocated to each customer based on capacity requirements and service demands. This report includes detailed revenue and cost projections and the basis of the cost allocation to fixed and variable components. To obtain a copy of the 2024 Water and Wastewater Rate Study, please contact the District.

Proposed Water Rates

The proposed water rates are provided on the next page. These rates address increasing operations costs, ongoing debt service obligations, and a five-year capital improvement plan to address aging infrastructure and state requirements for operating a water enterprise. One unit is defined as one hundred cubic feet (hcf) of water consumption, or 748 gallons. If approved, these rates will be adopted as maximum rates for the next five years.

Proposed Wastewater Rates

The proposed wastewater rates are provided on the next page. These rates address increasing operations costs, ongoing debt service obligations, and a five-year capital improvement plan to address aging infrastructure and state requirements for operating a wastewater enterprise. If approved, these rates will be adopted as maximum rates for the next five years.

Proposed Wastewater Capital Surcharges

The current wastewater capital surcharges are provided for reference. There are no proposed wastewater capital surcharge rate increases. The current 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. The wastewater capital surcharge was established to provide funds for debt servicing payments for the 2022 Sewer Rehabilitation project to repair or replace approximately 21,000 feet of aging sewer pipelines throughout the District.

Estimated Bimonthly Residential Bill Impact

Bimonthly Bill Impact: Typical Single Family Residence with 5/8" or 3/4" Meter

	Current	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26	FY 2026/27	FY 2027/28	FY 2028/29
Water Fixed Charge	\$78.05	\$80.78	\$83.61	\$86.54	\$89.57	\$92.70
2 HCF Billed Water Usage (10 total units)	\$20.04	\$20.74	\$21.46	\$22.22	\$23.00	\$23.80
Wastewater Fixed Charge	\$122.20	\$128.31	\$134.73	\$141.47	\$148.54	\$155.97
Wastewater Capital Surcharge	\$30.31	\$30.31	\$30.31	\$30.31	\$30.31	\$30.31
Total Estimated Bill	\$250.60	\$260.14	\$270.11	\$280.54	\$291.42	\$302.78
Combined Increases (\$)		\$9.54	\$9.97	\$10.43	\$10.88	\$11.36

WATER RATES	Current	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26	FY 2026/27	FY 2027/28	FY 2028/29
		1-Jul-24	1-Jul-25	1-Jul-26	1-Jul-27	1-Jul-28
% Water Rate Increase		3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%

Bimonthly Fixed Water Charge - \$/Meter

5/8" or 3/4"	\$78.05	\$80.78	\$83.61	\$86.54	\$89.57	\$92.70
1"	\$130.08	\$134.63	\$139.35	\$144.23	\$149.28	\$154.50
1.5"	\$260.15	\$269.27	\$278.70	\$288.47	\$298.57	\$309.00
2"	\$416.25	\$430.83	\$445.92	\$461.55	\$477.71	\$494.40
3"	\$832.75	\$861.92	\$892.12	\$923.38	\$955.71	\$989.11

Water Volumetric Rate - \$/hcf

Allowance (0-Included Units*)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tier 2 (>Included Units*)	\$10.02	\$10.37	\$10.73	\$11.11	\$11.50	\$11.90

WASTEWATER RATES	Current	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26	FY 2026/27	FY 2027/28	FY 2028/29
		1-Jul-24	1-Jul-25	1-Jul-26	1-Jul-27	1-Jul-28
% Wastewater Rate Increase		5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%

Single Family Users - Flat Bimonthly Charge

Flat Bi-Monthly Charge	\$122.20	\$128.31	\$134.73	\$141.47	\$148.54	\$155.97
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All Other Users – Tier 2 Volumetric Wastewater Charge - \$/hcf*

Volumetric Charge - \$/hcf	\$14.72	\$15.46	\$16.23	\$17.04	\$17.89	\$18.78
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All Other Users - Bimonthly Minimum Wastewater Charge - \$/Meter

5/8" or 3/4"	\$122.20	\$128.31	\$134.73	\$141.47	\$148.54	\$155.97
1"	\$204.07	\$214.28	\$225.00	\$236.25	\$248.06	\$260.47
1.5"	\$406.92	\$427.27	\$448.65	\$471.10	\$494.64	\$519.38
2"	\$651.32	\$683.89	\$718.11	\$754.04	\$791.72	\$831.32
3"	\$1,303.87	\$1,369.07	\$1,437.57	\$1,509.48	\$1,584.92	\$1,664.20

***Bimonthly Units (hcf)/Meter Included in Volumetric Water Use Charges and Fixed Minimum Wastewater Charges**

5/8" or 3/4"	8	8	8	8	8	8
1"	14	14	14	14	14	14
1.5"	28	28	28	28	28	28
2"	44	44	44	44	44	44
3"	89	89	89	89	89	89

WASTEWATER CAPITAL SURCHARGES

	Current	FY 2024/25 1-Jul-24	FY 2025/26 1-Jul-25	FY 2026/27 1-Jul-26	FY 2027/28 1-Jul-27	FY 2028/29 1-Jul-28
% Wastewater Capital Surcharge Increase		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Single Family Users - Flat Bimonthly Charge						
Flat Bi-Monthly Charge	\$30.31	\$30.31	\$30.31	\$30.31	\$30.31	\$30.31
All Other Users - Volumetric Wastewater Charge - \$/hcf						
Volumetric Charge - \$/hcf	\$3.46	\$3.46	\$3.46	\$3.46	\$3.46	\$3.46

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 to be held on **June 19, 2024 at 9:00 am** in the Conference Room at the District office, 265 Doran Park Road, Bodega Bay, CA 94923.

Customers directly responsible for the payment of the rates and/or property owners, if different, may submit a written protest against the rate changes. If the Board receives written protests from a majority of the affected customers and/or property owners of the identified parcels, then the proposed rate changes cannot be adopted by the Board. It is important to follow these instructions for your protest to be valid:

1. The protest must be in writing and received by the Board Clerk at or before the close of the public hearing on June 19, 2024. The protest must specifically identify what is being protested. Written protests may be mailed or personally delivered to the Board Clerk at Bodega Bay PUD – PO Box 70, 265 Doran Park Road, Bodega Bay, CA 94923.
2. All written protests must include the service street address or the Assessor’s Parcel Number (APN)
3. The protest must be signed by the person who is listed on the utility account and is 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. Requests for a disability-related modification or an accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing should be made to the District Clerk at the number below at least 72 hours prior to 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.

Pursuant to California Government Code 53759, there will be a 120 day statute of limitations for challenging any new, increased, or extended fees, including water and wastewater rates.

For more information, please contact the District at (707) 875-3332 or j.ames@bodegabaypud.com

How Can I Find Out More About the Proposed Changes?

You can view the 2024 Water and Wastewater Rate Study at bodegabaypud.com or find copies at the District office.