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New Sewer Rates Approved

Following months of detailed financial and engineering studies, and distribution of a notice to all property owners in the District, Sausalito-Marín City Sanitary District's Board of Directors approved a new five-year sewer rate plan on July 8, 2019.

The bill for most customers will appear on the annual property tax notice due in December 2019. It is not a tax; the charge is placed on the property tax bill because that costs less than mailing and collecting individual bills.

The rate changes meet several goals according to District General Manager, Jeffrey Kingston, "most importantly, to ensure the District has the resources needed to protect public health and the Bay environment by maintaining top quality sewer service. The rate revenue will help us pay for the \$54 million in upgrades to the treatment plant and the conveyance system; and keep pace with the rising costs of supplies, power, chemicals, and all our other costs."

All property owners in the District received a detailed notice explaining the rates for each class of customers in different parts of the service area. In unincorporated areas like Marin City and floating homes, the District provides all sewer related services. Within the City of Sausalito, the District provides sewer conveyance and treatment only and the City of Sausalito provides the sewer collection service.

As part of its rate update, the District reviewed the amount of wastewater flow from different customer classes (single-family, multi-family, and floating home). The rate structure was changed to reflect changed differences in flow in recent years. The result is that charges will more accurately reflect changed use of the wastewater system, and customer classes that generate less wastewater will have a smaller increase.

For information about rates or your sewer services, please contact the District at (415) 332-0244, at cathy@smcsd.net, or visit our website at www.smcsd.net.

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