

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF LONG BEACH

Proposed Increases of Water and Sewer Rates

Pursuant to State law, the Long Beach Water Department will hold a public hearing on August 26, 2021 to consider public protest of proposed increases to the City's water and sewer rates, effective October 1, 2021. A City of Long Beach water and/or sewer account owner may protest the proposed changes to the City's water and/or sewers rates via written or verbal protest that must be received by the close of the public hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THURSDAY
AUGUST 26, 2021 AT 7:00PM**

Long Beach Groundwater Treatment Plant
2950 Redondo Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90806

**WRITTEN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED
BY PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND SENT
VIA MAIL OR EMAIL**

Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners
Attn: Executive Assistant to the Board
1800 East Wardlow Road, Long Beach, CA 90807
E-mail address: watercommission@lbwater.org

Why Am I Receiving This Notice?

State law (Proposition 218) establishes a process to impose or increase certain types of City rates/fees. In particular, certain "property related fees" (including water and sewer rates) are subject to a noticed public hearing/majority protest process. This notice is a part of that process. You have received this notice 45 days prior to the August 26, 2021 public hearing as the identified account owner subject to the proposed water and sewer rates. As an account owner, you have a right to protest the proposed rate increases.

All owners of record and members of the public are invited to attend the public hearing. The Board of Water Commissioners will hear and consider all testimony as well as all protests against the proposed rate increases. At the close of the public hearing, the new rates shall become effective if protests against the proposed increases are not presented by a majority of identified accounts upon which the rates are to be charged (a "majority protest").

Proposed Water and Sewer Rates:

The Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners has approved an 8 percent increase in all water rates and a 10 percent increase in all sewer rates to be paid by all Long Beach Water Department water and sewer customers, subject to a public hearing and City Council approval. If approved, the increases to the water and sewer rates are effective October 1, 2021.

As an example, the increase in rates will raise the average monthly combined water and sewer bill for a typical single family household by \$5.39 (assuming a calculation of 10 billing units on both water and sewer).

Impact on the Typical Single Family Household Monthly Bill:

	Current	Increase	Proposed
Water	\$54.15	\$4.34	\$58.49
Sewer	\$10.32	\$1.05	\$11.37
Total Monthly	\$64.47	\$5.39	\$69.86

Note:

This table reflects the average monthly bill for a typical single family household's service, assumed at 10 billing units. One "billing unit" equals 748 gallons.

How is My Water and Sewer Bill Calculated?

Each customer's water bill is composed of two separate rate components: (i) a daily service charge based on the customer's meter size and number of days in the billing period, and (ii) a volumetric charge based on the volume of water actually consumed by the customer.

The sewer bill is also composed of (i) a daily service charge based on the customer's meter size and number of days in the billing period, and (ii) a volumetric charge based on the volume of water actually consumed by the customer, capped at the customer's average winter water usage.

The full table of water and sewer rates can be viewed in this notice below. More information on calculating your bill and the proposed rates for these components can be found at www.lbwater.org/billing-rates.

Why Are The Water And Sewer Rates Increasing?

Revenue generated from customer water and sewer bills is used to pay for the ongoing operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of the existing water and sewer systems. LBWD's public Budget and Rates workshops in May and June 2021 identified prioritization of investments in groundwater sources with new and refurbished wells and replacing aging infrastructure that includes more than 1,800 miles of pipeline and storage tanks, so as to reduce our reliance on more expensive, imported water sources. Investments today in our water system increases long-term access to our most affordable water supply source. Continued investment to rehabilitate, repair, and replace critical sewer infrastructure is necessary to protect public health and the environmental health of our community.

The Long Beach Water Department understands that COVID-19 has hit our community members in unprecedented ways. The Long Beach Water Department continues to significantly reduce costs to mitigate the increase in water rates. Between Fiscal Years 2018-19 and 2020-21, the Department did not increase sewer rates. The Long Beach Water Department understands residents and businesses may still be impacted by the pandemic, and therefore, are proposing the lowest possible increase that still allows the Department to make investments in aging infrastructure to continue to keep your water supply safe and reliable and provide reliable sewer service to the community.

With an average water and sewer bill of just under \$70 per month, Long Beach's water and sewer rates remain lower than most other large California cities, including Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, and Oakland.

The Board held a total of three public workshops on May 13, May 20 and June 10 to discuss setting the budget and rates for Fiscal Year 2022 and adopted on June 24. The presentations and audio files from the workshops can be found at www.lbwater.org/budget-documents.

The "Majority Protest" Process:

All protests must be in writing or made verbally during the hearing to count toward a majority protest. You may submit a written protest by standard mail, e-mail, or verbally at the hearing. Mailed or e-mailed protests must be actually received by the Executive Assistant to the Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners (not postmarked) by the close of the public hearing on August 26, 2021.

You must sign the written protest or verbalize in-person and include your name and street address. If any owner of an identified account files a protest, that account shall be deemed to be protesting the proposed rate increase. Only one protest will be counted per identified account toward a majority protest. The Executive Assistant will tabulate protests immediately following the close of the Public Hearing and will report the results directly to the Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners. The Board may adopt the new rates if protests against the proposed increases are not presented by a majority of identified accounts upon which the proposed rates are to be charged.

If you do not want to protest the proposed rates, you do not need to take any action.

If you want to protest the proposed rates, you must provide a protest as outlined above.

Mahalagang Paunawa sa Publiko Tungkol sa mga Singil sa Iyong Tubig at Sewer (Alkantarilya)

Ito ay isang mahalagang abiso patungkol sa mga singil (rate) sa iyong tubig at sewer (alkantarilya) sa Long Beach. Inaprubahan ng Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners ang 8 porsyento na pagtaas sa lahat ng mga singil sa tubig at 10 porsyento na pagtaas sa lahat ng mga singil sa sewer na babayaran ng lahat ng mga customer ng tubig at sewer ng Long Beach Water Department, na napapailalim sa isang pampublikong pagdinig at pag-apruba ng Konseho ng Lungsod, na magiging epektibo sa Oktubre 1, 2021. Ang isang may-ari ng Long Beach water at sewer account ay maaaring magprotesta sa ipinanukalang mga pagbabago sa mga singil sa tubig at sewer ng Lungsod sa pamamagitan ng standard na koreo o e-mail na dapat matanggap sa pagtatapos ng pampublikong pagdinig, o sa pagsasalita sa pampublikong pagdinig. Ang isang detalyadong talahanayan ng ipinanukalang mga singil at impormasyon tungkol sa mga singil ay nakalagay sa Paunawang ito.

Ang Pampublikong Pagdinig ay gaganapin sa Agosto 26, 2021 sa 7 p.m. sa Long Beach Groundwater Treatment Plant sa 2950 Redondo Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90806.

Upang mabasa ang isang isinalin na kopya ng Paunawang ito sa Espanyol, Khmer o Tagalog mangyaring bisitahin ang www.lbwater.org/customer-services/rates-fees/proposition-218/ o tumawag sa 562.570.2300 upang maipadala sa iyo.

Aviso importante sobre sus tarifas de agua y alcantarillado

Este es un aviso importante sobre sus tarifas de agua y alcantarillado en Long Beach. La Comisión del Departamento de Agua de Long Beach aprobó un incremento del 8 por ciento a todas las tarifas de agua y un incremento del 10 por ciento en todas las tarifas de alcantarillado, pagado por todos los clientes de agua y alcantarillado del Departamento de Agua de Long Beach, sujeto a una audiencia pública y aprobación del Consejo Municipal, efectivo el 1° de octubre, 2021. Los propietarios de cuenta con servicios de agua y alcantarillado de Long Beach pueden presentar su protesta ante los cambios por correspondencia o correo electrónico que tendrá que haber sido recibida al culminar la audiencia pública o verbalmente en persona en la audiencia pública. Incluido en el presente aviso se encuentra la tabla de propuesta de tarifas e información acerca de las tarifas.

La audiencia pública se celebrará el 26 de agosto de 2021 a las 7 P.M. en la Planta de Tratamiento de Agua Subterránea de Long Beach ubicada en el 2950 Redondo Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90806.

Para leer copia traducida de este aviso al inglés, camboyano o tagalo, favor de visitar: www.lbwater.org/customer-services/rates-fees/proposition-218/ o llamando al 562.570.2300 para enviarle una copia.

សេចក្តីជូនដំណឹងសាធារណៈខោន៍ ទាក់ទងអគ្គាទឹក និងលូ ទឹកអុយ របស់អេនក

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វេនាការសាធារណៈ នងសុវី ើសង្ខេបសំណើថ្ងៃទី ២៦ ដលើហា ឆ្នាំ ២០២១ សវលាសម្ភា ង ៧ លា ច សំណើសង្ខេបត្រូវត្រូវត្រូវ ពិតត កុមមទឹកសត្រកាមដីឡងប៊ិច ដល់លើតសំណើអាយ េន 2950 Redondo Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90806.

សដើមបអានចាប់ចម្លងននសេចក្តីជូនដំណឹងដល់បានបក្សសន្ថវៈ ជាភាសាសអពញ, ភាសាសអពញ ឬភាសា ហាឡុក មេចូលសមលសគហទំព័រ ើ www.lbwater.org/customer-services/rates-fees/proposition-218/ ឬ ទូរព័ត៌សំលេ 562.570.2300 សដើមបសអាយសត្រ សុញ្ញីសកុសារសំណើអនក។

FY 22 Water and Sewer Rates

Effective Oct 1, 2021

Potable

VOLUMETRIC:

Volumetric Rate by Customer Type:

For single family, multi family, and duplex customers granted an exemption from the City's Utility Users tax

<u>Tier</u>	<u>Billing Units</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2020</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2021</u>
IA	First 6	0.000	0.000
II	Next 7	4.663	5.036
III	Over 13	6.805	7.349

For single family, multi family, and duplex customers not granted an exemption from the City's Utility Users tax

<u>Tier</u>	<u>Billing Units</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2020</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2021</u>
IB	First 6	2.436	2.631
II	Next 7	4.663	5.036
III	Over 13	6.805	7.349

For Commercial, Industrial, Irrigation & the City

<u>Oct 1, 2020</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2021</u>
3.623	3.913

Potable

SERVICE CHARGE:

<u>Size of Service</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2020</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2021</u>
5/8 or 3/4 inch	0.696	0.752
1 inch	1.032	1.115
1-1/2inch	1.873	2.023
2 inch	2.882	3.113
3 inch	6.075	6.561
4 inch	10.272	11.094
6 inch	22.874	24.704
8 inch	47.234	51.013
10 inch	70.755	76.415
12 inch	89.234	96.373
16 inch	131.233	141.732

Unmetered Water:

<u>Size</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2020</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2021</u>
5/8 or 3/4 inch	3.025	3.267
1 inch	5.118	5.527
1-1/2inch	12.607	13.616
2 inch	19.833	21.420

Fireline Charges

<u>Size</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2020</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2021</u>
2 inch	0.412	0.445
3 inch	0.829	0.895
4 inch	1.550	1.674
6 inch	4.129	4.459
8 inch	8.580	9.266
10 inch	15.276	16.498
12 inch	24.555	26.519
16 inch	52.109	56.278

Reclaimed

VOLUMETRIC:

	<u>Oct 1, 2020</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2021</u>
Peaking	2.356	2.544
Non-peaking	2.000	2.160
Interruptible	2.000	2.160

Reclaimed

SERVICE CHARGE:

Same as Potable Water
Daily Service Charges

Sewer

VOLUMETRIC:

	<u>Oct 1, 2020</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2021</u>
Per 100 Cu. ft.	0.357	0.393

Sewer

SERVICE CHARGE:

<u>Size of Service</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2020</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2021</u>
5/8 or 3/4 inch	0.225	0.248
1 inch	0.333	0.366
1-1/2inch	0.874	0.961
2 inch	1.507	1.658
3 inch	3.511	3.862
4 inch	5.079	5.587
6 inch	14.150	15.565
8 inch	14.999	16.499
10 inch	23.218	25.540
12 inch	29.284	32.212
16 inch	43.069	47.376