

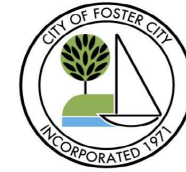
Wastewater Charges

The District has entered into a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of San Mateo where the District receives treatment of its wastewater at the San Mateo Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The District is responsible for its share of operating and maintenance costs that San Mateo (as the lead agency and the contracting party) incurs treating the District's wastewater, as well as approximately 24.12% of the WWTP improvement costs incurred as part of the Clean Water Program (CWP), a 10-year comprehensive capital improvement project initiated in 2014. The Cities of San Mateo and Foster City (District) are expanding the jointly owned WWTP at an estimated cost of \$638 million with Foster City/EMID retaining responsibility for \$154 million of the total. This is in addition to local capital projects for the District's wastewater collection system. The wastewater enterprise intends to fund collection system capital expenditures through annual transfers varying between \$1.9 million and \$2.25 million from the operating fund to the capital improvement fund.

Approved Rates	Current		Approved		
	FY 2020–2021	FY 2021–2022	FY2022–2023	FY 2023–2024	FY 2024–2025
% Rate Increase		14.25%	14.25%	10.00%	2.00%
Residential (flat monthly rate)					
Single Family	\$97.34	\$111.21	\$127.06	\$139.77	\$142.57
Increase (Decrease)		13.87	15.85	12.71	2.80
Townhouse/ Duplex (per living unit)					
	\$81.77	\$93.42	\$106.73	\$117.40	\$119.75
Increase (Decrease)		11.65	13.31	10.67	2.35
Apartment/ Condo (per living unit)					
	\$81.77	\$93.42	\$106.73	\$117.40	\$119.75
Increase (Decrease)		11.65	13.31	10.67	2.35
Commercial (rate per ccf of water use)					
<i>High Strength</i>	\$17.69	\$20.21	\$23.09	\$25.40	\$25.91
Increase (Decrease)		2.52	2.88	2.31	0.51
<i>Med/Domestic Strength</i>	\$6.22	\$7.11	\$8.12	\$8.93	\$9.11
Increase (Decrease)		0.89	1.01	0.81	0.18
<i>Low Strength</i>	\$4.09	\$4.67	\$5.34	\$5.87	\$5.99
Increase (Decrease)		0.58	0.67	0.53	0.12

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Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Water Rates



**Monday, June 7, 2021
6:30 P.M.**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic public health orders, which limit in-person public meetings, the public hearing will be held either in person at the City Council Chambers, 620 Foster City Boulevard, Foster City, CA 94404, or remotely by video conference. Please check the June 7, 2021 City Council agenda, which will be posted to foster-city.org within 72 hours of the meeting, for information on how to participate in the City Council meeting.

Public Hearing Notice

The Estero Municipal Improvement District (EMID) will hold a public hearing to establish new water rates for FY 2021-2022 with an increase of 4% for fixed water charges and 2.8% for variable water charges. As a water customer or owner of record for a property that receives water service, we are informing you that the District Board will hold a public hearing on **June 7, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.** to consider proposed changes to its current rates to take effect on July 1, 2021.

Why are new water rates being proposed?

The primary driver for the proposed rate increases is to smooth District rate adjustments due to projected increases in the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) wholesale water rate.

Why is there no public hearing on increased wastewater rates?

Public Hearings are required by law at the time that rates are adopted. In order to meet the costs associated with the District's share of expanding the Wastewater Treatment Plant jointly owned with the City of San Mateo, the District Board previously approved rate increases of 14.25% per year from FY 2020-2021 to FY 2022-2023, a 10% increase for FY 2023-2024, and a 2% increase for FY 2024-2025 to support debt-financing costs associated with the WWTP improvements. Since these rate adjustments are already approved, no additional adjustments are proposed at this time and, thus, there is no public hearing related to FY 2021-2022 Wastewater Rates.

Protest of Proposed Rates

Whether or not you are a water customer of the District, you may appear and be heard on this or any other matter relating to the proposed rates. Any record owner of a parcel upon which fees are proposed, or any tenant directly responsible for the payment of water service fees (i.e. a customer of record), may submit a written protest to the City Clerk / District Secretary at the return address in this notice. A written protest must include: (1) the address of the impacted property; (2) a statement that the protest is submitted in opposition to increases to the water rate; and (3) the name and signature of the person submitting the protest. If the District does not receive written protests against the proposed service charges by a majority of the affected property owners and customers of record by the end of the public hearing, the District will be authorized to approve the proposed rates. Per Proposition 218, only one protest per property owner will be counted.

Proposed Water Rate Changes

The District prepares a 10-year projection of water rates, and considers the maintenance, operational and capital costs associated with its operation. The water rates proposed herein are based upon those cost projections, and may be viewed on the following web-site:

<https://www.fostercity.org/publicworks/page/water-and-wastewater-rates>

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), the sole source of water supply for the District, released updated projections for their wholesale rate for the next year (FY 2021-2022). SFPUC is projecting the current rate of \$4.10 in FY 2020-2021 per hundred cubic feet (ccf) will remain the same in FY 2021-2022. The SFPUC also collects the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) Bond Surcharge to pay debt service for major regional water system improvements, which began in 2002. The proposed water rate incorporates the BAWSCA Bond Surcharge estimated at \$0.37 cents per "ccf" (a ccf = 748 gallons of water). The SFPUC rates and BAWSCA surcharge combined are projected to total \$4.47/ccf (\$4.10 SFPUC + \$0.37 BAWSCA) for FY2021-2022. The SFPUC rate is projected to increase by about 33% from FY2022-2023 to FY2025-2026.

Fixed Meter Charges

Due to the increase in the cost to ensure the safe delivery of water through the system, the fixed meter charge is proposed to be increased by 4.0% for 5/8" and 3/4" meters on July 1, 2021. The meter ratios are based on meter size in compliance with the American Water Works Association.

Monthly Charge	Current	Proposed FY 2021-2022
Domestic and/or Irrigation Customers		
5/8" and 3/4"	\$23.85	\$24.80
1"	39.75	41.33
1.5"	95.40	99.20
2"	127.20	132.27
3"	278.25	289.33
4"	500.85	520.80
6"	1,113.00	1,157.33
8" or greater	1,908.00	1,984.00
Private Fire Service Protection Meter		
5/8" and 3/4"	\$33.39	34.72
1"	33.39	34.72
1.5"	33.39	34.72
2"	44.60	46.38
3"	97.31	101.18
4"	175.30	182.28
6"	389.47	404.98
8" or greater	667.80	694.40

Single-Family Residences

Single-family residences with responsibility for indoor (domestic) and outdoor (irrigation) water uses are placed in a tiered rate structure whereby the cost of water increases based on the amount of water used in a **bi-monthly** billing cycle as follows:

Tier (#ccf)	Current	Proposed FY 2021-2022
Tier 1—0 to 20	\$5.76	\$5.92
Tier 2—Over 20	6.41	6.55

Multi-Family Residences (per living unit)

Multi-family residences with responsibility for indoor water uses are placed in a tiered rate structure whereby the cost of water increases based on the amount of water used in a **bi-monthly** billing cycle as follows:

Tier (#ccf)	Current	Proposed FY 2021-2022
Tier 1—0 to 10	\$5.76	\$5.92
Tier 2—Over 10	6.46	6.57

Irrigation Customers

Irrigation customers with *separate irrigation water meters* are provided an individually-prepared water budget based on the square footage of landscaping being watered. Usage will be charged at \$5.92/ccf. Usage over the water budget allotment will be charged \$6.51/ccf for every unit of water over the allotment. Customized reports through the year will let customers know how they are doing in water use.

Water Budget Consumption	Current	Proposed FY 2021-2022
<= 100%	\$5.76	\$5.92
> 100%	6.39	6.51

Commercial Customers and Fire Line

Commercial customers will be charged for water consumption at a rate of \$6.04/ccf.

Consumption	Current	Proposed FY 2021-2022
All Usage	\$5.88	\$6.04

Water Rebates

Thank you to all the water customers who have taken remarkable steps to reduce water consumption over the years. For more information on available water rebate programs, visit the website: <https://www.fostercity.org/publicworks/page/water-conservation-rebate-programs>

The District may be able to offer Rate Assistance to qualifying customers. To learn more or to apply, go to www.fostercity.org/wwrap.

If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact Dante Hall, Assistant City Manager/Acting Director of Public Works and Parks and Recreation, at (650) 286-3270 or dhall@fostercity.org.