



San Diego Public Utilities

The City's Public Utilities Department is one of the nation's largest water and wastewater utilities, serving more than 2.2 million people in San Diego County. Our complex water storage, treatment and delivery system is balanced by a regional wastewater operation which together protect the health of the public and the environment.

Water System



3,400 miles of pipelines



49 pump stations



9 reservoirs



3 water treatment plants



25,000 fire hydrants



Water Sources

San Diego relies almost entirely on imported water. Our wholesaler, San Diego County Water Authority, receives water from Northern California and the Colorado River via Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.



The City is seeking to develop alternative local supplies through the study of potential water capture opportunities, including groundwater development and expansion of recycled water use. The City is also continuing its comprehensive water conservation program.

Water & Wastewater Rates

The rates you pay for water and wastewater service go entirely toward direct costs, including purchasing water, operations and maintenance, capital projects, water treatment and testing, customer service, billing and administrative costs, information technology and debt repayment. **As a public agency, San Diego Public Utilities cannot profit from the service it provides and all operations must be covered by rates.**

Wastewater System



3,000 miles of sewer mains



82 pump stations



1 wastewater treatment plant



180 million gallons of wastewater treated daily



2 reclamation plants producing recycled water

The wastewater system includes the planned Pure Water facility, which will use proven water purification technology to clean recycled water to produce safe, high-quality drinking water.

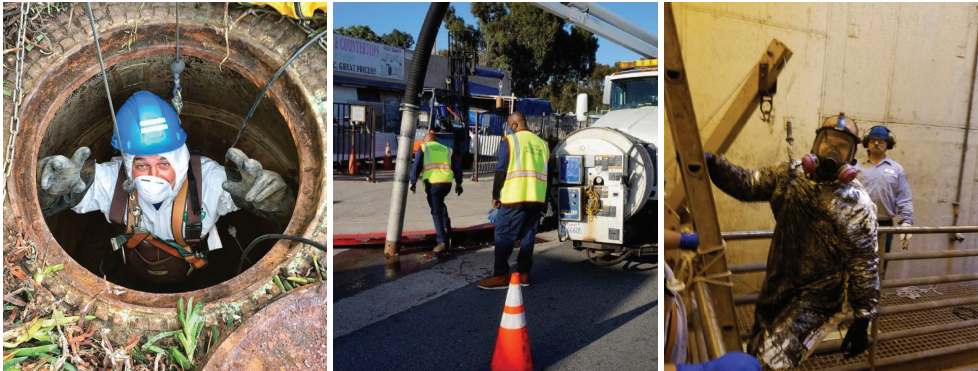
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Wastewater Rate Adjustment

A cost of service study found that if the City's rates remain unchanged, there would not be enough revenue to provide necessary wastewater and recycled water services between 2022 and 2025.



Rate adjustments would allow us to continue providing safe, reliable wastewater collection and treatment for our customers by replacing aging sewer mains and funding future investments like the Pure Water facility.

The proposed rates would close a projected **\$14 million gap** between the sewer system's anticipated revenues and costs next year. It would be the first wastewater rate increase in 10 years.

To see how the proposed rates might impact you, check out our bill estimator at www.sandiego.gov/rate-increases.



Water Pass-Through Charge

The City purchases its water from the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA), which typically increases water rates annually based on expenses for infrastructure, operations, maintenance and other costs required to obtain water on behalf of member agencies.

SDCWA incorporates all its costs into its water charges which are passed through to member agencies, like the City of San Diego.

The City is proposing to pass through on a rate adjustment from SDCWA for the first time in two years.

What to expect

- The water pass-through adjustment would be a maximum of 3%.
- A four-year consecutive wastewater rate increase is proposed starting with 5% in 2022, up to 4% in 2023 and 2024, and up to 3% in 2025.
- The City Council will vote on the proposed rates on **Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2021**.
- If approved, the new rates would take effect **Jan. 1, 2022**.



Questions?

For more information or to see how these rate changes may impact you and to learn more about how to weigh in on these proposals, please visit www.sandiego.gov/rate-increases.

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