



PROPOSITION 218 NOTICE

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED SEWER RATE ADJUSTMENTS
CAMARILLO UTILITY ENTERPRISE (CAMARILLO AIRPORT)

HEARING DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, June 23, 2026, 10:30 A.M.
LOCATION: Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, Ventura County
Government Center, 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009-1920

WHY ARE YOU RECEIVING THIS NOTICE?

The Ventura County Board of Supervisors will be conducting a Public Hearing on a proposed schedule of sewer rates for Camarillo Utility Enterprise (CUE). The County of Ventura Water and Sanitation Department (Department) has been proudly providing administration, operations, and maintenance sewer services to the Department of Airports, its tenants, and other property owners located at Camarillo Airport. Sewage from the CUE Collection System is pumped to the Camarillo Sanitation District for wastewater treatment and disposal.

Camarillo Airport's water and sewer systems were transferred to the County of Ventura after Oxnard Air Force Base closed in 1976. Since January 1, 1996, the Department took over operation and maintenance of the sewer collection systems. Today, CUE operates as a sewer utility that serves airport facilities, tenants, and property owners at Camarillo Airport. The airport is located just southwest of Camarillo and covers 765 acres. CUE serves 57 sewer customers and handles approximately 36,000 gallons of wastewater each day.

WHY ARE RATE ADJUSTMENTS REQUIRED?

Annually, as part of the budget process, the sewer rate is reviewed to determine if adjustments are needed to accommodate projected expenses. This year, the Department completed a comprehensive rate study to identify the most equitable method for proportionally allocating the projected costs of wastewater services among all customers.

For this fiscal year, rates are based on the actual cost of providing service, as determined by an independent financial consulting firm, and will be effective July 1, 2026. The primary reason for the sewer rate adjustments is to build up a fund balance to modernize the Freedom Park Lift Station (built in 1976) to ensure uninterrupted sewer service to CUE and keep up with inflation:

- To meet the increasing costs related to fuel, labor, materials, and electrical power.
- To pay the increasing costs of wastewater treatment by the Camarillo Sanitation District.
- To replace aging infrastructure by planning, designing, and constructing a more efficient, reliable, and sustainable wastewater collection and conveyance system.
- To build a fund balance that covers the cost of repairs due to natural disasters, match grant funding opportunities, and build a fund balance to modernize the Freedom Park Lift Station.
- To offset increasing costs to comply with Evolving Regulatory and Lab Requirements.

WHAT ARE THE CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATES?

	CURRENT RATES	PROPOSED RATES	PROPOSED RATES	PROPOSED RATES
	2026	2027	2028	2029
Effective Dates	7/1/2025	7/1/2026	7/1/2027	7/1/2028
Monthly Fixed Charge	\$43.04	\$49.93	\$57.92	\$67.19
Rate Per HCF*	\$22.22	\$25.78	\$29.90	\$34.69

* HCF is equal to approximately 748 gallons of water. Charges are based on water use in the four highest precipitation months of the year

HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE?

If you wish to oppose the proposed sewer rate increase, you must submit a written protest by mail before the public hearing at the following address: Attn: CUE Sewer Rate Protest, P.O. Box 250, Moorpark, CA, 93020-0250. Protests must contain the following information: (1) The property's Assessor's Parcel Number and address; (2) Whether you are the owner of record of the property or a leaseholder (if you were not the owner of the property as of Ventura County's last tax roll on July 1, 2025, please include confirmation that you presently own the property); (3) A statement that you are protesting the sewer rate increase; and (4) Your name (printed), date, and original signature.

The Department will not count written protests received after the conclusion of the public hearing. Any verbal protests unaccompanied by a written protest or facsimile (fax) protest will not be counted. If you choose to submit your protest by regular mail, please allow sufficient time for the mail to be delivered to the Department before the public hearing; the Department is not responsible for U.S. Postal Service delays. Only one protest per property will be counted. If you own multiple properties affected by the proposed increases, you should submit separate protests for each affected parcel, as the protest threshold is based on a majority of the total number of parcels. Once tallied, protests are disclosable public records.

Per section 53759 of the Government Code, effective January 1, 2022, there is a 120-day statute of limitations for challenging any new, increased, or extended fee or charge from the effective date or the date of the final passage, adoption, or approval of the ordinance, resolution, or motion, whichever is later.