



SUMMARY EXPLANATION OF SEWER RELATED CHARGES ON YOUR TAX BILL

Questions may be submitted online via a webform on the Public Works website,
 Or you may call (805) 788-6088 and leave a voice message.

The Department of Public Works provides sewer services to the prohibition zone in the Community of Los Osos. Fiscal Year 2017-18 will be the first full year where all sewer charges are placed on the property tax bills. Below is a summary of these charges. For more detailed information, please see our website at "tinyurl.com/y9jsvmhh" or:

<http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Current-Projects/Los-Osos-Wastewater-Project.aspx>

How Charges Appear on the Tax Bill	Explanation
SLO CO SWR-USDA/SRF	These charges are to repay the bonds issued for the costs of construction to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the State Revolving Fund (SRF). The charge from the SRF is new for FY 2017-18. Last year's bill contained only the USDA portion. These costs are now combined in this one line-item. See below for more details.
SLO CO SWR RATE/CHGS	These are "rates and charges" for current operations of the sewer for FY 2017-18. This was first billed last year (FY 2016-17) by Public Works as the sewer came online. This ongoing cost will now be included on your annual property tax bill. For more information, please see the back of this insert, or "Understanding Your Sewer Bill" on our web site above.
SLO CO DELQ SWR CHGS	<i>This line item only appears if the bill for "rates and charges" for FY 2016-17 was unpaid.</i> These charges were billed last year by Public Works directly and were not on the property tax bill. By direction and authority of the Board of Supervisors, these charges were added to this year's property tax bills.
LOCSO WASTE TREATMENT	These charges are to repay debt from the original Los Osos Community Services District. Contact them directly at 805-528-9370 for more information.

FURTHER EXPLANATION: "SLO CO SWR-USDA/SRF" (CONSTRUCTION COSTS)

In 2008 properties within the prohibition zone were assessed on the special benefit the property would receive from the construction of the project. Two loans were procured to pay for the total assessment debt, a Federal USDA loan and a State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan. The two loans, and the related assessments are summarized below:

Source of Funds (Assessment Backed)	Amount	Rate	Duration	Year Assessment Ends	Single Family Dwelling	Multi-Family Dwelling	Mobile home Dwelling
USDA Loan	\$ 83,129,000	2.75%	40 years	2053	\$ 714	\$ 485	\$ 390
SRF Loan	\$ 33,619,099	2.00%	30 years	2048	\$ 370	\$ 253	\$ 201
Total Assessment	\$116,748,099				\$ 1,084	\$ 738	\$ 591

Note: Non-Residential Parcels Assessment Varied Based on Square footage.

These charges were approved by the Board of Supervisors on February 26, 2008 (Item E-1)

FURTHER EXPLANATION: “SLO CO SWR RATE/CHGS” (OPERATING COSTS)

The Department of Public Works provides sewer services to the Community of Los Osos. Fiscal Year 2017-18 will be the first full year that these sewer service charges are assessed in Los Osos. This charge on your property tax bill is for your annual sewer service provided from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, and will be an ongoing annual charge. This is separate from the assessment for construction of the facilities.

SERVICE CHARGES CATEGORIES EXPLAINED:

The sewer service charge has two components (Minimum Charge and Volume Charge) which are described below.

“Minimum Charge”: The Minimum Charge is a flat rate charge set for each type of property – single family, multi-family, mobile home, or non-residential and billed per month. The established monthly rates are in the exhibit below:

Type of Dwelling	Monthly Rate for FY 2017-18
Single Family	\$44.06
Multi Family	\$34.17
Non- Residential	\$54.01
Mobile Homes	\$24.29
Bayridge Estates	\$48.85

“Volume Charge”: The Volume Charge is a variable that estimates your indoor water use, which approximates your wastewater flows into the Sewer Plant. The rate for the Volume Charge is about 1¢ per gallon, or \$7.54 per CCF (A CCF is a Centum Cubic Foot, which is 748 gallons). This charge is calculated based on your January and February 2017 water usage data that Public Works received from your water company. Future volume charges will be recalculated each year based on the most current January and February data. If you are not connected to the sewer as of the time you received your property tax bill, the Minimum Charge is still due, and no Volume Charge is assessed.

BILLING EXAMPLE (SINGLE FAMILY HOME CONNECTED TO SEWER AS OF JULY 1, 2017):

SINGLE FAMILY HOME EXAMPLE						
	Rate	x	Months	x	CCFs per Month	= Total
Minimum Charge	\$ 44.06		12			\$ 528.72
Volume Charge	\$ 7.54		12		2	\$ 180.96
Total Bill						\$ 709.68

AUTHORITY TO BILL:

The annual service charges are established pursuant to the rates set forth in the voter approved County Ordinance No. 3209. The collection procedure of placing sewer service charges on the property tax bills is authorized per Section 5473 of the Health and Safety Code and Section 7 of the County Ordinance No. 3209.

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