

# Stege Sanitary District

## Notice of Public Hearing: Proposed Increase in Service Rates

Thursday, June 27, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Stege Sanitary District Office, 7500 Schmidt Lane, El Cerrito

The Stege Sanitary District Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing to consider comments on and objections to a proposed five-year service rate increase.

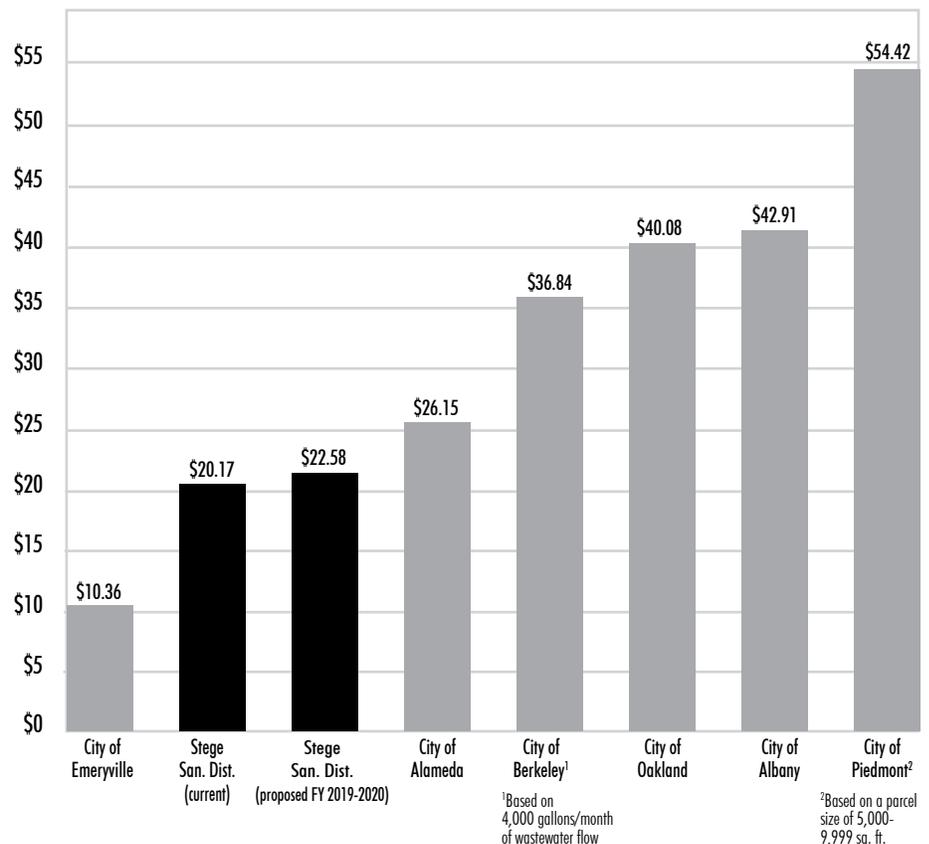
*Under Proposition 218, as approved by California voters on November 1996, objections to the proposed rate increase must be received in writing by the end of the hearing, must identify the owner(s) of the property or properties for which the objection is entered, the property address, and must be signed by the property owner(s). Written objections or protests may be handed in at the hearing, sent by U.S. mail or other delivery service to Stege Sanitary District, 7500 Schmidt Lane, El Cerrito, CA 94530, or faxed to (510) 524-4697. If the owners of a majority of the properties in the District object in writing to the proposed rate increase by the end of the hearing, the District cannot approve the change.*

### Proposed Rate Increase

The Stege Sanitary District Board of Directors is considering raising service rates over the next five years to meet necessary operating and capital improvement expenses while maintaining sufficient emergency reserve funds. The new rates would take effect on July 1, 2019.

Stege Sanitary District is committed to protecting the environment and public health of our community. District rates provide funds to pay for the administration, operation, and maintenance of the District's wastewater collection system, for capital improvements required to maintain adequate levels of customer service, for unforeseen emergencies, for lawful obligations and expenses, and to comply with applicable laws and regulations imposed by state and federal regulatory agencies.

### Monthly Single Family Residential Service Rate Comparison



## Why a Rate Increase Is Necessary

The District requires revenues sufficient to fund current and future costs of operating, maintaining and administering the existing sewer facilities, fund current and future debt payments, and fund capital improvements and infrastructure replacement programs. These revenues allow the District to protect public health and safely and reliably collect, convey, and treat wastewater. By State law, the District may not collect more revenue

than is necessary to recover the total costs of providing services. The proposed rates were developed through a comprehensive Sewer Rate Study designed to meet all legal requirements and fairly and equitably recover the required revenue. The Sewer Rate Study was prepared by Lechowicz and Tseng and is available for public review at Stege Sanitary District Office, 7500 Schmidt Lane, El Cerrito or [www.stegesan.org](http://www.stegesan.org).

### Single-Family Residential Rates

Since the difference in usage between single family residences have an insignificant effect on the cost of providing service to the users, a flat rate system is utilized. The proposed increase would change the current rate of \$20.17 per month per single-family residence to the following:

Proposed Single-Family Residence Monthly Rates				
2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
\$22.58	\$25.33	\$28.42	\$31.92	\$35.75

### Multi-Family Residential Rates

Individual multi-family units typically utilize up to one-third less sewer service. Therefore, multi-family buildings are charged a lower rate. The proposed multi-family rate would change the present \$20.17 per month to the following:

Proposed Multi-Family Residence Monthly Rates				
2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
\$21.00	\$21.92	\$22.83	\$23.75	\$24.75

### Commercial Rates

Commercial, industrial, and institutional rates are based on water use. The proposed commercial rate would change the present \$4.97 per 1,000 gallons of water used to the following:

Proposed Commercial Rates per 1,000 gal Water Used				
2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
\$5.59	\$6.30	\$7.10	\$8.01	\$9.02

If you have questions or comments about the proposed service rate increase, you may:

- Attend the Public Hearing on Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
- Call the District office at (510) 524-4668
- Email the District at [staff@stegesan.org](mailto:staff@stegesan.org)
- Write a letter to 7500 Schmidt Lane, El Cerrito, CA 94530