



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WRITTEN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE PUBLIC HEARING

Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners
ATTN: EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE BOARD
1800 East Wardlow Road
Long Beach, CA 90807

PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2017, 7:00PM

Long Beach Groundwater Treatment Plant Assembly Room
2950 Redondo Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90807

The Long Beach Water Department will hold a public hearing on September 7, 2017 to consider any public protest of proposed changes to the City's water and sewer rates for Fiscal Year 2018, which begins October 1, 2017.

For Fiscal Year 2018 (October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018) there is a proposed 4.0 percent increase in water rates and a 2.0 percent increase in sewer rates.

The Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners approved an increase in water and sewer rates paid by all Long Beach Water Department (LBWD) customers, subject to the above public hearing. The increase in rates will raise the average monthly combined water and sewer bill for a typical single family household by \$1.94 (assuming 10 billing units on both water and sewer). These proposed new rates go into effect on October 1, 2017.

Proposed Water and Sewer Monthly Charges
(Typical Single Family Household)

	Current	Increase	Proposed
	FY17	FY18	FY18
Water	\$42.74	\$1.71	\$44.45
Sewer	\$11.28	\$0.23	\$11.51
Total Monthly	\$54.02	\$1.94	\$55.96

Note:
Table reflects \$1.94 increase for typical household monthly water consumption of 10 billing units.
One billing unit = 748 gallons.

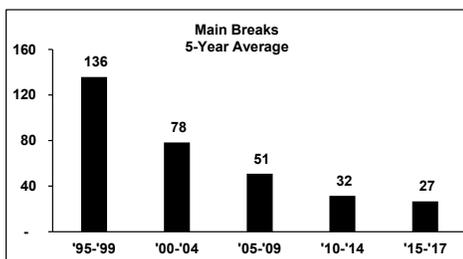
Why are water rates increasing?

Costs of providing water continues to increase

SINCE 2010, THE RATES LBWD HAS TO PAY TO PROVIDE WATER HAVE INCREASED BY 52 PERCENT.

Buying, pumping, and treating water makes up 35 percent of LBWD's annual Water Fund budget. With ongoing increases in imported water and groundwater supply costs, LBWD's costs to provide high-quality water are still more than the revenue LBWD receives from water rates. About 35 percent of the city's drinking water comes from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD). LBWD pays MWD's established water rates for every unit of imported water purchased. The rest of the city's drinking water is groundwater pumped by LBWD. The Water Replenishment District (WRD) collects a charge for every unit of groundwater LBWD pumps.

Responsible investments in water infrastructure maintenance



In order to continue to ensure reliable, clean water delivery to you and your family or business, the infrastructure we all rely on for safe drinking water is being systematically improved. Like many older water systems throughout the nation, LBWD has an aging infrastructure. Responsible management of our water distribution system requires proactive repair and replacement on a planned schedule. Compared to the industry standard of approximately 100 main breaks annually for utilities of our size, LBWD only experiences about 30 main breaks per year.

Why are sewer rates increasing?

Updated regulations have increased LBWD's maintenance and investment in the sewer system

New annual funding levels for needed sewer infrastructure

THIS INFRASTRUCTURE IS INTEGRAL TO PROTECTING BOTH OUR PUBLIC HEALTH AND OUR COMMUNITY'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH.

Much like on the drinking water system side, LBWD has an aging system on the sewer side. To protect public health and the reliability of the system, and starting with the areas of most serious need, we proactively plan rehabilitation, repairs and replacement of segments of the system we've identified as compromised based on closed circuit television (CCTV) inspections of the sewer system. New laws and rules have increased the frequency of required routine system maintenance and improvements in sewer infrastructure. This infrastructure is integral to protecting our public health, our community's environmental health, and our City's exceptional quality of life.

In the last decade, LBWD used short-term debt to fund the increased capital sewer spending due to the new rules that sped up the maintenance and improvements schedule. LBWD has converted this short-term debt into long-term debt and uses annual revenue to pay for sewer system maintenance and projects without additional debt financing. Several years of phased, modest rate changes allow LBWD to begin to pay down the long-term debt and at the same time maintain the increased level of investments to protect the integrity of the sewer system.

Customer benefits

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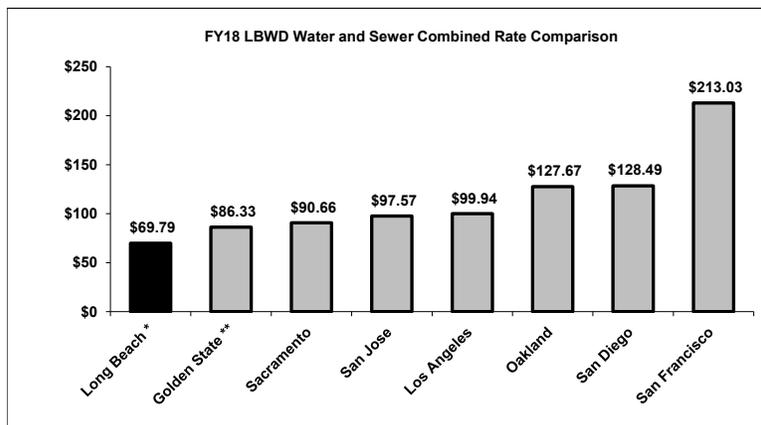
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OUR CUSTOMERS ENJOY LOW RATES FOR THE EXCEPTIONAL WATER AND SEWER SERVICES THEY RECEIVE.

At LBWD, we take our responsibility for the community's health and well-being and quality of life very seriously. Our goal is to provide our customers with exceptional and reliable water and sewer services. We strive in all ways to provide exceptional customer service and good value for our customers, including practicing financial restraint and prudent financial management.

LBWD customers also enjoy a consistently excellent quality of water, which meets and exceeds all drinking water standards for clean, safe water. Annual water quality reports are posted on the website at lbwater.org/annual-water-quality-report and are readily accessible to the public.

We also provide a wide array of innovative customer support programs and initiatives, including rebates and incentives for both indoor and outdoor water use efficiency.



* Includes \$13.83 Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts Charge

** Combined Golden State Water and LB Sewer Rates