

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF LONG BEACH

Proposed Increase of Water Rates

Pursuant to state law, the Long Beach Utilities Department will hold a public hearing on Aug. 29, 2023, to consider public protest of proposed increases to the City's water rates, effective Oct. 1, 2023. A City of Long Beach water account owner may protest the proposed changes to the City's water rates via written or verbal protest, which must be received by the close of the public hearing.

WRITTEN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND SENT VIA MAIL OR EMAIL

Long Beach Board of Utilities Commissioners
Attn: Executive Assistant to the Board
1800 East Wardlow Road
Long Beach, CA 90807
Email: watercommission@lbwater.org

PUBLIC HEARING**TUESDAY, AUG. 29, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M.**

Long Beach Utilities Department
1800 East Wardlow Road
Long Beach, CA 90807

Why am I receiving this notice?

California Proposition 218 establishes a process by which cities can impose or increase certain types of rates or fees. Specific "property related fees," including water and sewer rates, are subject to a noticed public hearing and majority protest process. This notice is a part of that process. As the identified account owner subject to the proposed water rates, you are receiving this notice 45 days prior to the public hearing, scheduled for Aug. 29, 2023. As an account owner, you have a right to protest the proposed rate increases.

All owners of record and members of the public are invited to attend the public hearing, at which the Board of Utilities Commissioners will hear and consider all testimony and protests against the proposed rate increases. At the close of the public hearing, the Board may adopt the new rates if protests against the proposed increases are not presented by a majority of identified accounts upon which the rates are to be charged, or a "majority protest."

Proposed water rates

The Long Beach Board of Utilities Commissioners has approved a 9 percent increase to all water rates to be paid by all Long Beach Utilities Department water customers, subject to a public hearing and City Council approval. If approved, the increase to the water rates is effective on Oct. 1, 2023.

A detailed table of proposed rates for all customer classes is provided at the end of this notice.

As an example, the increase in rates will raise the average monthly water bill for a typical single-family household using 10 billing units by about \$5.13.

Impact On The Typical Monthly

	Current	Increase	Proposed
Water	\$57.01	\$5.13	\$62.14

Note: This table reflects the average monthly bill for a typical single-family household's service, assumed at 10 billing units. One billing unit is 748 gallons.

How is my water bill calculated?

Each customer's water bill is composed of two separate rate components: (i) a daily service charge based on the customer's meter size and number of days in the billing period, and (ii) a volumetric charge based on the volume of water consumed by the customer in the billing period.

Find the full table of proposed water rates below. For more information on calculating your bill and the proposed rates, visit lbwater.org/billing-rates.

Why are the water rates increasing?

Revenue generated from customer water bills is used to pay for the ongoing operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of Long Beach's water system. At four public budget and rates workshops in May and June, the Board identified and prioritized investments in local groundwater sources, including new groundwater wells, as well as updates to pipelines and storage tanks. Combined with remarkable conservation efforts by our customers, investments today in our water system will ensure a sustainable supply of drinking water for the community and long-term savings for customers by reducing our dependence on more expensive and less reliable imported water.

To view presentations and audio files from the public budget workshops held on May 17, May 25, June 8 and June 22, visit lbwater.org/budget.

The Long Beach Utilities Department continues to significantly reduce costs wherever possible to mitigate the increase in water rates. The Department did not increase water rates in 2023, conversely reducing rates by 2.5 percent. Long Beach Utilities understands that many residents and businesses may still be impacted by recent economic challenges. The proposed rates represent the lowest possible increase that still allows the Department to sufficiently invest in our infrastructure to continue to provide the community with safe, reliable drinking water.

Long Beach's water rates remain lower than most other large California cities, including Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose and Oakland.

The "majority protest" process

All protests must be in writing or made verbally during the hearing to count toward a majority protest. You may submit a written protest by standard mail, email, or in person at the public hearing. Mailed or emailed protests must be received by the Executive Assistant to the Long Beach Board of Utilities Commissioners (not postmarked) by the close of the public hearing on Aug. 29, 2023. If you have not prepared a written protest in advance but wish to submit one during the public hearing, protests may be made verbally in person.

You must sign the written protest or verbalize it in-person and include your name and street address. If any owner of an identified account files a protest, that account shall be deemed to be protesting the proposed rate increase. Only one protest will be counted per identified account toward a majority protest.

The Executive Assistant will tabulate protests immediately following the close of the public hearing and report the results directly to the Long Beach Board of Utilities Commissioners. The Board may adopt the new rates if protests against the proposed increases are not presented by a majority of identified accounts upon which the proposed rates are to be charged.

If you do not want to protest the proposed rates, you do not need to take any action.

If you want to protest the proposed rates, you must provide a protest as outlined above.

Aviso importante para el público

La presente es un aviso importante acerca de las tarifas de su servicio de agua. La Junta de la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Long Beach aprobó un incremento del 9 por ciento en los precios del agua para todos los consumidores de agua del Departamento de Servicios Públicos de Long Beach, sujeto a aprobación en audiencia pública y aprobación de ayuntamiento, y con efecto a partir del 1º de octubre de 2023. Todo titular de cuenta de agua en la Ciudad de Long Beach puede manifestar su oposición a los propuestos cambios al precio del agua de la ciudad por medio de carta, correo electrónico, o verbalmente, a ser recibida a más tardar al cierre de la audiencia pública. Este aviso incluye una tabla detallando las propuestas tarifas e información de éstas.

La audiencia pública se llevará a cabo el 29 de agosto de 2023 en el Departamento de Servicios Públicos de Long Beach, 1800 East Wardlow Road, Long Beach, CA 90807. Para leer una copia traducida de este aviso en español, le pedimos que visite lbwater.org/customer-services/rates-fees/proposition-218/ o llame al (562) 570-2300.

សេចក្តីជូនដំណឹងជាសាធារណៈដ៏មានសារសំខាន់

នេះជាសេចក្តីជូនដំណឹងដ៏មានសារសំខាន់ ពាក់ព័ន្ធនឹងអត្រាថ្លៃទឹករបស់បងប្អូន នៅទីក្រុងឡងប៊ិច ក្រុមប្រឹក្សានៃគណៈកម្មការធនធានទឹក ក្រុងឡងប៊ិច បានឯកភាពគ្នាតម្លៃថ្លៃទឹក ៩ ភាគរយ សម្រាប់អតិថិជនទាំងអស់ ដែលប្រើប្រាស់ទឹករបស់នាយកដ្ឋានធនធានទឹកក្រុងឡងប៊ិច។ ការតម្លៃថ្លៃនេះ នឹងត្រូវលើកយកមកពិភាក្សាក្នុងសវនាការសាធារណៈមួយ និងទាល់តែក្រុមប្រឹក្សាក្រុងឡងប៊ិចឯកភាពសិនដើរ ទើបចូលជាធរមាននៅថ្ងៃទី ០១ ខែ តុលា ឆ្នាំ ២០២៣។ ម្ចាស់គណនីទឹករបស់សាលាក្រុងឡងប៊ិច អាចតវ៉ាទៅនឹងសំណើតម្លៃថ្លៃទឹកនេះ ដោយធ្វើសុំប្តូរតាមប្រសិនបើ តាមអម្ចាស់ ឬមកជួបផ្ទាល់ ដែលការតវ៉ានេះត្រូវធ្វើចេញឲ្យដល់ដៃ ត្រឹមចប់ម៉ោងសវនាការសាធារណៈនោះ។ ម្ចាស់គណនីទឹករបស់សាលាក្រុងឡងប៊ិច អាចតវ៉ាទៅនឹងសំណើតម្លៃថ្លៃទឹកនេះ ដោយធ្វើសុំប្តូរតាមប្រសិនបើ តាមអម្ចាស់ ឬមកជួបផ្ទាល់ ដែលការតវ៉ានេះត្រូវធ្វើចេញឲ្យដល់ដៃ ត្រឹមចប់ម៉ោងសវនាការសាធារណៈនោះ។ តារាងរៀបរាប់តម្លៃម្ចាស់ដែលបានស្នើតម្លៃ និងព័ត៌មានអំពីអត្រាថ្លៃនោះ នឹងត្រូវផ្តល់ជូនតាមរយៈសេចក្តីជូនដំណឹងនេះ។

សវនាការសាធារណៈនោះ នឹងត្រូវប្រព្រឹត្តទៅនៅថ្ងៃទី ២៩ ខែ សីហា ឆ្នាំ ២០២៣ នៅនាយកដ្ឋានធនធានទឹកក្រុងឡងប៊ិច នៅអគារលេខ 1800 East Wardlow Road, Long Beach, CA 90807។ ដើម្បីអានឯកសារបកប្រែនៃសេចក្តីជូនដំណឹងនេះ ជាភាសាខ្មែរ សូមចូលមើល www.lbwater.org/customer-services/rates-fees/proposition-218/ ឬទូរស័ព្ទទៅលេខ (562) 570-2300 ដើម្បីឲ្យគេផ្ញើវាទៅជូនបងប្អូន។

Mahalagang Paunawa sa Publiko

Ito ay isang mahalagang paunawa tungkol sa mga singil ng iyong tubig sa Long Beach. Inaprubahan ng Long Beach Board of Utilities Commissioners ang 9 na porsyento na pagtaas sa lahat ng mga singil ng tubig na babayaran ng lahat ng mga kustomer ng tubig ng Long Beach Utilities Department, na napapailalim sa isang pampublikong pagdinig at pag-apruba ng Konseho ng Lungsod, na maging epektibo sa Oktubre 1, 2023. Ang may-ari ng account ng tubig sa Long Beach ay maaaring magprotesta sa mga iminungkahing pagbabago sa mga singil ng tubig ng Lungsod sa pamamagitan ng karaniwang koreo, e-mail, o berbal sa pamamagitan na dapat matanggap sa pagtatapos ng pampublikong pagdinig. Ang isang detalyadong talahanayan ng mga iminungkahing mga singil at impormasyon tungkol sa mga singil ay nakasaad sa punawang ito.

Ang Pampublikong Pagdinig ay gaganapin sa Agosto 29, 2023 sa 7 p.m. sa Long Beach Utilities Department 1800 East Wardlow Road, Long Beach, CA 90807.

Para makabasa ng isang isinalin na kopya ng Paunawang ito sa Tagalog mangyaring bisitahin ang lbwater.org/customer-services/rates-fees/proposition-218/ o tumawag sa (562) 570-2300.

FY 24 Water and Sewer Rates

Effective Oct 1, 2023

Potable **VOLUMETRIC:**

Volumetric Rate by Customer Type:

For single family, multi family, and duplex customers
granted an exemption from the City's Utility Users Tax

<u>Tier</u>	<u>Billing Units</u>	<u>June 1, 2022</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2023</u>
IA	First 6	0.000	0.000
II	Next 7	4.908	5.350
III	Over 13	7.162	7.807

For single family, multi family, and duplex customers not
granted an exemption from the City's Utility Users Tax

<u>Tier</u>	<u>Billing Units</u>	<u>June 1, 2022</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2023</u>
IB	First 6	2.564	2.795
II	Next 7	4.908	5.350
III	Over 13	7.162	7.807

For Commercial, Industrial, Irrigation & the City

<u>June 1, 2022</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2023</u>
3.814	4.157

Potable **SERVICE CHARGE:**

<u>Size of Service</u>	<u>June 1, 2022</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2023</u>
5/8 or 3/4 inch	0.733	0.799
1 inch	1.087	1.185
1-1/2inch	1.972	2.149
2 inch	3.034	3.307
3 inch	6.394	6.969
4 inch	10.812	11.785
6 inch	24.077	26.244
8 inch	49.717	54.192
10 inch	74.474	81.177
12 inch	93.926	102.379
16 inch	138.133	150.565

Unmetered Water:

<u>Size</u>	<u>June 1, 2022</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2023</u>
5/8 or 3/4 inch	3.184	3.471
1 inch	5.387	5.872
1-1/2inch	13.270	14.464
2 inch	20.876	22.755

Fireline Charges

<u>Size</u>	<u>June 1, 2022</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2023</u>
2 inch	0.434	0.473
3 inch	0.872	0.950
4 inch	1.631	1.778
6 inch	4.346	4.737
8 inch	9.031	9.844
10 inch	16.079	17.526
12 inch	25.846	28.172
16 inch	54.849	59.785

Reclaimed **VOLUMETRIC:**

	<u>June 1, 2022</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2023</u>
Peaking	2.479	2.702
Non-peaking	2.105	2.294
Interruptible	2.105	2.294

Reclaimed **SERVICE CHARGE:**

Same as Potable Water
Daily Service Charges

Sewer **VOLUMETRIC:**

	<u>June 1, 2022</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2023</u>
Per 100 Cu. ft.	0.393	0.393

Sewer **SERVICE CHARGE:**

<u>Size of Service</u>	<u>June 1, 2022</u>	<u>Oct 1, 2023</u>
5/8 or 3/4 inch	0.248	0.248
1 inch	0.366	0.366
1-1/2inch	0.961	0.961
2 inch	1.658	1.658
3 inch	3.862	3.862
4 inch	5.587	5.587
6 inch	15.565	15.565
8 inch	16.499	16.499
10 inch	25.540	25.540
12 inch	32.212	32.212
16 inch	47.376	47.376