

## How Can I Participate?

Any customer or property owner within the YLWD service area may (1) file a written protest to the proposed rate increases and/or (2) submit a written legal objection stating how the proposed rates do not comply with existing law.

### Written protests and legal objections should be:

- **Mailed to:** Yorba Linda Water District, P.O. Box 309, Yorba Linda, CA 92885-0309, Attention: Board Secretary
- **Or delivered in person at the YLWD Headquarters at:** 1717 E. Miraloma Ave., Placentia, CA 92870.

**Any protest or legal objection provided by telephone, e-mail, social media, or other electronic means will not be accepted as a valid written protest or objection.**

A valid protest and/or legal objection must include (a) your name, (b) the address or assessor's parcel number at which you receive service from YLWD, (c) a statement of protest and/or a statement that your letter constitutes a legal objection, (d) the rate and/or charge that you protest and/or object, and (e) your original signature. The written basis providing the evidentiary justification for the proposed rate increases can be found at [www.ylwd.com/ratestudy](http://www.ylwd.com/ratestudy).

### Protests:

Any customer or property owner may (i) mail a written protest that is delivered to the District by **April 9, 2026**, (ii) deliver a written protest in person to the Board Secretary prior to the conclusion of the April 9th public hearing, and/or (iii) deliver a written protest in person to the Board Secretary and provide an oral protest during public comments of the public hearing prior to the conclusion of the April 9th public hearing.

### Legal Objections:

To be considered sufficient, a written legal objection must include a description of the nature of the legal objection with sufficient specificity to allow YLWD to respond in writing and determine whether alterations to the proposed rates are needed. By way of example, an objection stating that the proposed rates are too high, or that they violate Proposition 218 without explaining the noncompliance with existing law, does not satisfy the exhaustion of remedies requirement defined in Government Code Section 53759.1.

**Written legal objections must be received by March 23, 2026.** Pursuant to Government Code Section 53759.1, failure to submit a sufficient legal objection by March 23 will bar your right to challenge the proposed rates through a legal action or proceeding.

### Statute of Limitations:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 53759, there is a 120-day statute of limitations for any legal action or proceeding challenging any new, increased, or extended water and sewer fee, rate, or charge.



## How can I Learn More?

Yorba Linda Water District welcomes your input as its Board of Directors considers the changes explained in this notice.



### Visit

The Proposed Water and Sewer Rate / Charge Schedule is available for review at our District headquarters located at 1717 E. Miraloma Ave. Placentia, CA 92870.



### Call

You may also obtain information by calling YLWD at 714-701-3000.



### Website

YLWD has information and resources available online. [www.ylwd.com/ratestudy](http://www.ylwd.com/ratestudy), including a **Bill Estimator Tool** and **Rate Study Report**.



### E-Mail

If you have any questions or comments, you can email us at [rates@ylwd.com](mailto:rates@ylwd.com).



### Social Media

YLWD will post information about the proposed rate schedule on its social media platforms. Make sure you follow us to stay up to date on the latest District news.



### Behind the Bill Tours

Join us for our **Behind the Bill Tours** and discover how your water rates support essential water and sewer infrastructure. Tour key YLWD facilities and see how your rates will fund critical projects over the next five years to keep water flowing for our community.



## Yorba Linda Water District

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## Yorba Linda Water District

## Notice of Public Hearing And Participation Instructions for Proposed Water and Sewer Rate Changes

### Date & Time:

April 9, 2026 at 4:30 P.M.

### Location:

**YLWD Headquarters:**  
1717 E. Miraloma Avenue,  
Placentia, CA 92870.

Information on how to attend virtually via Zoom will be available on the District's website at [www.ylwd.com](http://www.ylwd.com).

### Important Information About Your Rates

Yorba Linda Water District (YLWD) will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 4:30 P.M. to consider adopting a proposed water and sewer rate schedule. If approved by the Board of Directors, the first rate adjustment would take effect on July 1, 2026, and subsequent rate adjustments would be proposed for July 1 of each subsequent year through 2031.

All members of the public are encouraged to attend and participate in the public hearing on April 9, 2026. More information about the public hearing and the rate study process is available at [www.ylwd.com/ratestudy](http://www.ylwd.com/ratestudy).

## Why a New Rate Schedule?

YLWD is a public agency whose rate setting is regulated by state law. The District may only charge its customers for the cost associated with providing water and sewer services. It cannot charge rates that result in a profit. YLWD considers several factors when setting water and sewer rates, including:

- Maintenance of the **\$1.34 billion** infrastructure that includes over 56,000 assets (water and sewer mainlines, storage reservoirs, treatment facilities, groundwater wells, pump stations, etc.).
- Fair treatment for all customers with rates reflective of the true cost of service; and
- Protecting the District's financial stability while preserving a high level of service.

## Why Water and Sewer Rates Matter

Water rates are more than just numbers on a bill—they are essential to ensuring the safe and reliable delivery of water and wastewater services. These rates allow Yorba Linda Water District (YLWD) to maintain and improve critical infrastructure, plan responsibly for future community needs, and respond quickly and effectively during emergencies.

To ensure rates remain fair, transparent, and aligned with those costs, YLWD conducts a comprehensive rate study by an independent consultant every five years. To review the independent rate study, visit [www.ylwd.org/ratestudy](http://www.ylwd.org/ratestudy).

## Building on Past Achievements

The District's most recent rate study was completed in 2021 and helped support significant progress, including major accomplishments like:

- Partnering with Orange County Water District (OCWD) to build and operate the largest Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) water treatment plant of its kind in the nation
- Fire-hardening our water infrastructure
- Investing in Heli-Hydrants
- Strengthening our financial reserves
- Receiving AAA status by Fitch Ratings
- Investing in critical Capital Improvement Projects



### A Beacon of Financial Excellence

The District has maintained its AAA rating by Fitch Ratings—recognized as the pinnacle of credit ratings—and represents the highest degree of financial strength and stability. This esteemed rating is a testament to the District's dedication to financial responsibility and transparency.

## Building for the Future

While many goals from the 2021 study have been achieved, new challenges, aging infrastructure, and rising costs make it necessary to take another thoughtful look ahead. Upcoming projects in the capital improvement plan include:

- Adding a new well & rehabilitating existing wells
- Replacing or rehabilitating over 10,000 feet of aging waterlines
- Replacing or rehabilitating over 15,000 feet of aging sewer mainlines
- Upgrading booster pump stations (Santiago, Lakeview, Yorba Linda)
- Rehabilitating the Fairmont Reservoir
- Replacing vehicles and meters

Projects such as these are necessary to continue providing our customers with reliable, high-quality drinking water and sewer services.

Customers may learn more about these projects by visiting [www.ylwd.com/projects](http://www.ylwd.com/projects) or attending a Behind the Bill Tour. Register for a tour at [www.ylwd.com/ratestudy](http://www.ylwd.com/ratestudy).

## Costs Associated with Providing Water and Sewer Service:

YLWD strives to provide efficient and cost-effective water and sewer services while aligning its rates with the cost of delivering those services. Some of those costs include:

1. **ENERGY** – Statewide, about 12% of California's total energy consumption goes toward water-related uses. The amount of power needed to move, treat, and purify drinking water before it gets to your tap is a significant percentage of the cost of service.
2. **GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION** – Approximately 85% of YLWD's water supply comes from local groundwater in the Orange County Groundwater Basin, managed by the Orange County Water District (OCWD). Groundwater is pumped through YLWD wells and treated at the J. Wayne Miller, Ph.D. Water Treatment Plant before being delivered to our customers. YLWD maximizes this allocation because groundwater is more cost-effective than imported water.
3. **PURCHASING IMPORTED WATER** – Approximately 15% of YLWD's water supply is imported from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Imported water costs approximately 115% more than local groundwater.
4. **SEWER COLLECTION** – Wastewater must be safely transported to the Orange County Sanitation District for collection, treatment, and disposal. YLWD maintains its sewer pipelines to prevent spills and overflows, which can cause environmental damage and result in significant regulatory penalties.
5. **CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS** – YLWD water and wastewater systems are aging and many of the 56,000 assets need repair or replacement. The District carefully balances the effort to minimize the cost of delivering high-quality, reliable water and sewer service with the critical need to reinvest in infrastructure.
6. **INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE** – Regular maintenance and upkeep of the District's water and wastewater system is required to maximize its lifespan and reduces the likelihood of costly emergency repairs.
7. **LABOR AND PERSONNEL** – YLWD is supported by a dedicated team of water professionals who operate, maintain, and monitor the water and sewer systems 24 hours a day to ensure safe, reliable service for homes and businesses throughout our service area.



YLWD  
Water Professional



## How Your *Water Bill* is Calculated

YLWD is proposing a new water rate schedule because of the increasing costs of purchasing and delivering safe and reliable water as well as the increasing costs of operating, maintaining, repairing and replacing the District's water system.

### Three components make up the YLWD water rate:

#### 1. Commodity Rate:

The price per unit of water based on amount of water used.

5-YEAR SCHEDULE Proposed Adjustments Effective:	FY26 Current	FY27 7/1/2026	FY28 7/1/2027	FY29 7/1/2028	FY30 7/1/2029	FY31 7/1/2030
Monthly Commodity Rate per Unit of Water - 1 CCF (collected on monthly billing statement)						
	\$4.11	\$4.24	\$4.56	\$4.91	\$5.28	\$5.68

#### 2. Fixed Monthly Base (Meter) Charge:

YLWD has fixed costs for the operations, maintenance, repair, and rehabilitation of the water system irrespective of how much water is used by the customer.

5-YEAR SCHEDULE Proposed Adjustments Effective:	FY26 Current	FY27 7/1/2026	FY28 7/1/2027	FY29 7/1/2028	FY30 7/1/2029	FY31 7/1/2030
Monthly Service Charge by Meter Size (collected on monthly billing statement)						
5/8"	\$39.05	\$41.93	\$45.08	\$48.47	\$52.11	\$56.02
3/4"	\$39.05	\$41.93	\$45.08	\$48.47	\$52.11	\$56.02
1"	\$60.61	\$65.16	\$70.05	\$75.31	\$80.96	\$87.04
1-1/12"	\$115.49	\$123.23	\$132.48	\$142.42	\$153.11	\$164.60
2"	\$180.99	\$192.91	\$207.38	\$222.94	\$239.67	\$257.65
3"	\$388.47	\$413.58	\$444.60	\$477.95	\$513.80	\$552.34
4"	\$694.19	\$738.77	\$794.18	\$853.75	\$917.79	\$986.63
6"	\$1,753.35	\$1,865.31	\$2,005.21	\$2,155.61	\$2,317.29	\$2,491.09

#### 3. Fixed Annual Capital Finance Charge

These fixed charges help fund major infrastructure projects to build, maintain, and upgrade the District's water facilities. They cover annual principal and interest payments on existing loans or bonds and partially fund ongoing capital improvement projects. The charge varies based on the customer's meter-size connection and is collected on the property owner's annual property tax bill.

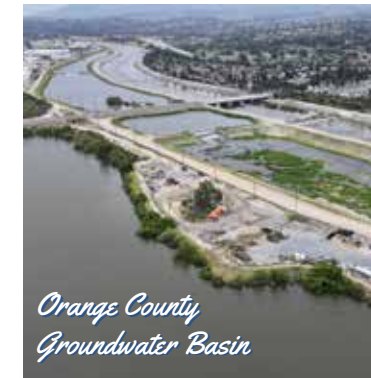
5-YEAR SCHEDULE Proposed Adjustments Effective:	FY26 Current	FY27 7/1/2026	FY28 7/1/2027	FY29 7/1/2028	FY30 7/1/2029	FY31 7/1/2030
Annual Capital Finance Charge by Meter Size (collected on annual property tax bill)						
5/8"	\$96.36	\$133.12	\$143.11	\$153.85	\$165.39	\$177.80
3/4"	\$96.36	\$133.12	\$143.11	\$153.85	\$165.39	\$177.80
1"	\$160.56	\$221.85	\$238.49	\$256.38	\$275.61	\$296.29
1-1/12"	\$320.64	\$443.70	\$476.98	\$512.76	\$551.22	\$592.57
2"	\$512.52	\$709.92	\$763.17	\$820.41	\$881.95	\$948.10
3"	\$1,120.68	\$1,552.94	\$1,669.42	\$1,794.63	\$1,929.23	\$2,073.93
4"	\$2,016.48	\$2,795.28	\$3,004.93	\$3,230.30	\$3,472.58	\$3,733.03
6"	\$5,121.00	\$7,099.11	\$7,631.55	\$8,203.92	\$8,819.22	\$9,480.67



## Pass-Through Water Rates

The District purchases water from wholesale provider, Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC), and power from energy provider, Southern California Edison. The District also pays OCWD fees and charges to pump groundwater. These providers may increase the rates they charge the District over time. When developing its financial plan, the District projected that wholesale water, power, and pumping costs would increase annually. To ensure there are sufficient funds to continue providing reliable water service, the District is proposing to pass through these costs when increases occur beyond what was originally projected.

If approved, the Board of Directors may implement a pass-through adjustment to reflect increased costs above projections during the five-year rate period beginning July 1, 2026, and through June 30, 2031. If this occurs, the rate adjustment will not require a public hearing but the District will provide its customers with at least 30 days notice of the adjustment. Provided, however, that (1) any increase in the commodity rates described above as a result of any pass-through adjustment shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the commodity rate per year and (2) in no event shall such rates be increased more than the cost of providing water service.



## Private Fire Protection Charges

Certain YLWD connections require a fixed monthly Fire Protection Charge that was a condition of extending or initiating water service. YLWD established charges for the monthly Fire Protection Charge based on the fire line diameter and the charges are calculated to recover the cost of providing water to such properties for private fire protection.

5-YEAR SCHEDULE Proposed Adjustments Effective:	FY26 Current	FY27 7/1/2026	FY28 7/1/2027	FY29 7/1/2028	FY30 7/1/2029	FY31 7/1/2030
Monthly Fire Protection Service Charge by Fire Line Diameter (collected on monthly billing statement)						
4"	\$11.11	\$16.58	\$17.83	\$19.17	\$20.61	\$22.16
6"	\$29.06	\$34.67	\$37.28	\$40.08	\$43.09	\$46.33
8"	\$60.06	\$65.87	\$70.82	\$76.14	\$81.86	\$88.00
10"	\$106.69	\$112.80	\$121.26	\$130.36	\$140.14	\$150.66

## How Your *Sewer Bill* is Calculated

### Sewer Rates

Residential customers pay a fixed flat charge for sewer service. Commercial customers pay both a flat rate as well as a variable volumetric charge based on the estimated amount of water returned to the sewer. There is no sewer rate charge for landscaping customers because sewer runoff is captured by the storm drain system. The sewer maintenance charge covers the operation and maintenance cost of the sewer system, which includes the repair, rehabilitation, and eventual replacement of the sewer pipes and equipment. The sewer commercial usage rate has been updated to be charged for usage above 6 centum cubic feet (CCF), instead of 7 CCF, due to new water consumption trends and standards for indoor water usage. 1 CCF = 100 cubic feet, or 748 gallons.

5-YEAR SCHEDULE Proposed Adjustments Effective:	FY26 Current	FY27 7/1/2026	FY28 7/1/2027	FY29 7/1/2028	FY30 7/1/2029	FY31 7/1/2030
Monthly Sewer Service Charge (collected on monthly billing statement or an annual property tax roll for certain sewer connections)						
Single Family	\$15.05	\$15.56	\$17.04	\$18.66	\$20.44	\$22.39
Multi-Family	\$14.48	\$14.15	\$15.50	\$16.98	\$18.60	\$20.37
Commercial	\$15.05	\$15.56	\$17.04	\$18.66	\$20.44	\$22.39
Sewer Usage Rates (for commercial class connections only)						
Tier 1 (0-6 CCF per month)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tier 2 (7+ CCF per month)	\$0.61	\$1.33	\$1.46	\$1.60	\$1.76	\$1.93



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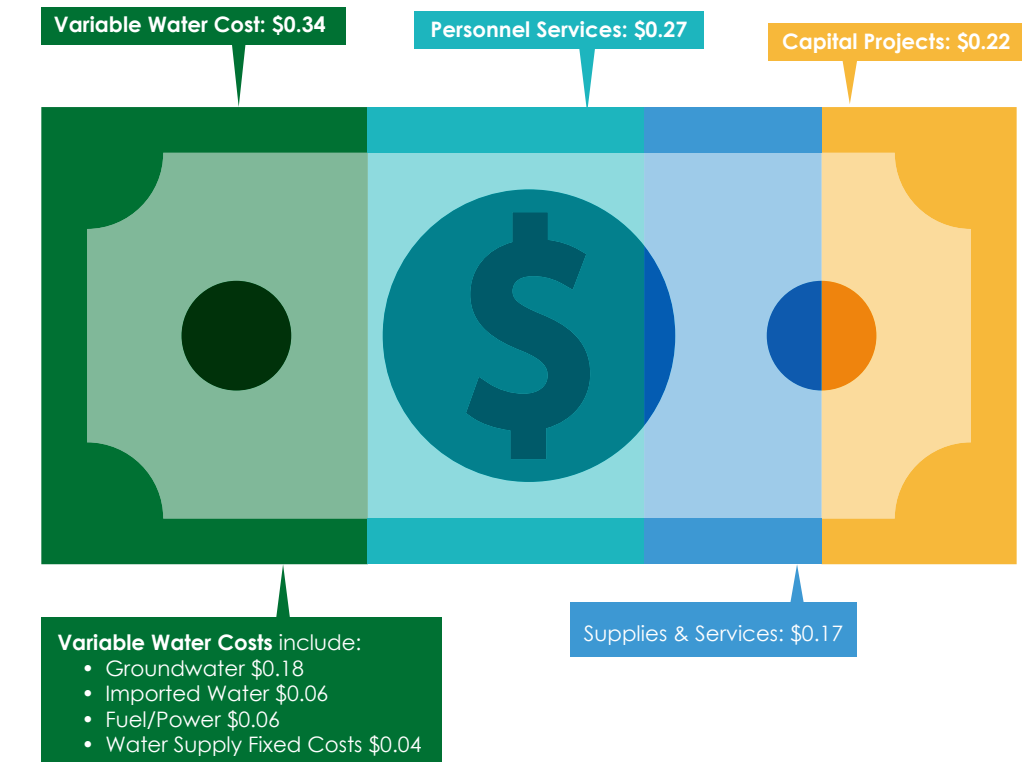
**Yorba Linda Water District** is a public agency that provides water and sewer services to the residents of Yorba Linda and portions of Placentia, Brea, Anaheim, and unincorporated areas of Orange County.

**Yorba Linda Water District** is totally independent of all city and county governments. None of the revenue obtained by Yorba Linda Water District is used to subsidize non-water related activities or the activities of any other agency.

## How is My Money Spent?

YLWD is a fiscally conservative steward of its customers ratepayer dollars. The District believes its customers should not only understand how their money is already being invested but also why the proposed rate increases may be necessary and what the new revenue will fund moving forward. Each dollar generated by the proposed rate increase would address rising costs of providing you with safe, clean, reliable water and sewer services.

Based on 2027 Projected Spending



## How Will This Impact Me?

For a specific impact analysis based on your parcel and meter size, please use our [Bill Estimator Tool](http://www.ylwd.com/ratestudy) on our website at [www.ylwd.com/ratestudy](http://www.ylwd.com/ratestudy).



## Behind the Bill Tours: See Where Your Rates Go

YLWD invites customers to attend a Behind the Bill Tour—an informative, behind-the-scenes experience designed to help you better understand your water and sewer rates and see how your investment is put to work.

Each tour begins with a brief presentation on the recent rate study, key district accomplishments, and planned capital improvement projects over the next five years. These investments are critical to maintaining reliable water and wastewater services for homes and businesses throughout our community. Participants will then visit several essential YLWD facilities to see firsthand how rate dollars support infrastructure, operations, and long-term reliability.

### Tour Dates:

- Tuesday, March 3, 2026 - 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, March 10, 2026 - 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 24, 2026 - 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Participation is limited to YLWD customers. Space is limited and advance registration is required. Learn more and register at [www.ylwd.com/ratestudy](http://www.ylwd.com/ratestudy).