

CLEARLAKE OAKS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: April 16, 2026

Time: 11:00 A.M.

*Clearlake Oaks County Water District - Administration Building
12952 E. Highway 20, Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423*

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Stanley Archacki, President | <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. William McHugh, Director |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Michael Herman, Vice President | <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. A. Whittier, Director |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. James Burton, Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Dianna Mann – General Manager |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Olivia Mann – Board Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Bailey Anderson – Office Manager |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Francisco Castro – Chief Wastewater | <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Kurt Jensen – Chief Water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Jeremy Backus – Chief Distribution | |

B. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

The public may comment on items not on the agenda within the Board’s jurisdiction. Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes each.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and consideration of Proposition 218 Public Hearing Notice

Action Taken: _____

ADJOURNMENT

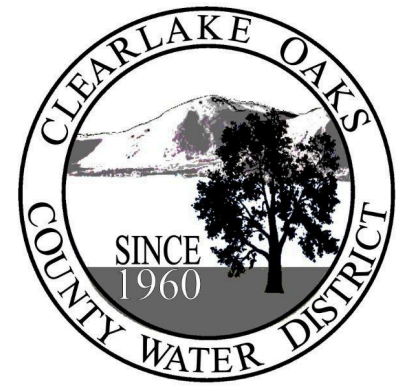
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Where appropriate or deemed necessary, the Board may take action on any item listed on the agenda, including items listed as information items. Public documents relating to any open session item listed on this agenda that are distributed to all or a majority of the members of the Board of Directors less than 72 hours before the meeting are available for public inspection in the customer service area of the District’s Administrative Office at the above address.

The public may address the Board concerning an agenda item during the Board’s consideration of that agenda item. The President will call for comments at the appropriate time. Comments of individual speakers are limited to three minutes per agenda item.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you have a disability, and you need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, then please contact Clearlake Oaks County Water District Secretary to the Board at 707-998-3322. Requests must be made as early as possible, and at least one full business day before the start of the meeting.

RATE CHANGE NOTIFICATION



ABOUT US

Clearlake Oaks County Water District is committed to providing safe, clean, and reliable water to the residents we serve. Our mission is to protect public health while responsibly managing and maintaining our water and wastewater systems for both current and future generations.

The District operates under the authority of the County Water District Act (California Water Code Section 30000, et seq.) and maintains approximately 38 miles of water pipeline and 21 miles of sewer pipeline. We proudly serve more than 2,100 water customers and 1,900 sewer customers throughout the Clearlake Oaks and Paradise Cove community.



WHY ARE RATES CHANGING?

Since the completion of the District's 2020 rate study, the cost of providing water and wastewater services has increased significantly. During that study, rates were only increased by 2.5%, which has contributed to the District falling short of keeping pace with rising costs in subsequent years. At the time, certain expenses were not anticipated at today's levels, particularly due to inflation, evolving regulations, and increasing service demands.

The District is now facing higher costs related to ongoing state mandates, including cybersecurity requirements and the implementation of a Cross-Connection Control Program. In addition, increasingly stringent water quality standards at the state and federal level require more testing, monitoring, and treatment to ensure safe drinking water. Expenses for insurance, electricity, and treatment chemicals have also continued to rise. At the same time, the District must continue investing in repairing, replacing, and upgrading aging water and wastewater infrastructure to maintain reliable service.

Under Proposition 218, the District may only charge rates that recover the reasonable cost of providing service and cannot charge more than that amount. The proposed rate adjustments are based on a cost of service analysis and are designed to ensure that each customer pays their fair share of the actual cost to deliver water and wastewater services.

In simple terms, as the cost to operate, maintain, and meet higher water quality standards increases, rates must be adjusted to keep the system running safely, comply with regulations, and continue providing reliable service to the community.

You are a resident, business owner, or property owner who receives water or wastewater services from the Clearlake Oaks County Water District (District). The rates for these services may change based on the findings of the District's most recent cost of service study conducted in accordance with Proposition 218.

WHY AM I RECEIVING THIS NOTICE?



Planned Improvements

The proposed rate adjustments will help fund important upgrades needed to keep our water and wastewater systems safe, reliable, and up to current standards. Planned improvements include a new High Valley storage tank and booster pump, upgrades to the Shady Lane booster pump, and repairs to several existing storage tanks. The District will also be upgrading SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) systems across the water, wastewater, and distribution systems to improve monitoring, efficiency, and response times.

Additional work includes replacing aging pipelines along Highway 20, improving lift stations and sewer lines, replacing sludge drying beds, and making electrical upgrades at the wastewater treatment plant, including new effluent pumps.

These projects address aging infrastructure, enhance system monitoring and reliability, and ensure the District continues to meet state and federal requirements. Investing in these improvements now helps prevent more costly repairs in the future and supports dependable service for our community.

PROPOSED RATES

Effective July 1, 2026 through July 1, 2030

PROPOSED WATER FUND RATES

Meter Size	Current Rates	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
5/8"	\$35.20	\$50.39	\$53.13	\$55.50	\$57.98	\$60.57
1	\$110.20	\$125.97	\$132.83	\$138.76	\$144.95	\$151.42
1.5	\$220.29	\$251.95	\$265.67	\$277.52	\$289.90	\$302.83
2	\$352.35	\$403.12	\$425.07	\$444.03	\$463.84	\$484.53
3	\$660.68	\$806.23	\$850.14	\$888.06	\$927.68	\$969.06
4	\$1,101.16	\$1,259.74	\$1,328.34	\$1,387.60	\$1,449.49	\$1,514.16
Rate per HCF	\$2.28	\$2.15	\$2.27	\$2.36	\$2.47	\$2.58

PROPOSED CRP-WATER FUND RATES

Meter Size	Current Rates	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
5/8"	\$17.46	\$18.61	\$19.54	\$20.52	\$21.54	\$22.62
1	\$38.36	\$46.53	\$48.86	\$51.30	\$53.87	\$56.56
1.5	\$72.65	\$93.05	\$97.70	\$102.59	\$107.72	\$113.11
2	\$115.51	\$148.88	\$156.33	\$164.15	\$172.36	\$180.98
3	\$214.42	\$297.75	\$312.64	\$328.28	\$344.71	\$361.95
4	\$355.88	\$465.23	\$488.50	\$512.94	\$538.60	\$565.54

Accomplishments since the previous rate study

The old redwood Cerrito Tank was replaced with a new 100,000-gallon bolted tank, helping improve water storage and reliability for the surrounding area.



Our new drive-by meters make meter reading faster, more accurate, and more efficient. They provide detailed hourly water use data and have helped reduce water loss—while cutting meter reading time from six staff over two days to just two staff in about four hours.



A new 205,000-gallon bolted steel tank was constructed on Harvey Boulevard, adding critical storage capacity and strengthening water system performance for the West End.



PROPOSED RATES

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PROPOSED SEWER FUND RATES/ EDU

	Current	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Rate per EDU	\$74.47	\$93.09	\$110.18	\$115.17	\$119.71	\$124.44

PROPOSED CRP-SEWER FUND RATES/ CUSTOMER UNIT

Customer Type	Unit	Current	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
School	Per Student	\$2.17	\$2.79	\$3.23	\$3.38	\$3.51	\$3.65
RV/Campsite	Per Space	\$22.11	\$27.27	\$32.62	\$34.10	\$35.43	\$36.83
Hotel/Motel	Per Building	\$34.04	\$42.77	\$50.41	\$52.70	\$54.78	\$56.95
Laundromat	Per Machine	\$45.56	\$57.72	\$67.59	\$70.66	\$73.46	\$76.39
Church	Per Building	\$68.75	\$87.84	\$102.17	\$106.83	\$111.07	\$115.50
Service/Gas Station	Per Restroom	\$45.56	\$57.72	\$67.59	\$70.66	\$73.46	\$76.39
Beauty/Barber Shop	Per Building	\$89.00	\$117.44	\$133.16	\$139.28	\$144.87	\$150.72
Restaurant	Per Building	\$102.05	\$131.08	\$151.83	\$158.75	\$165.07	\$171.67
Restaurant w/Bar 1	Per Building	\$170.90	\$220.49	\$254.50	\$266.12	\$276.72	\$287.80
Restaurant w/Bar 2	Per Building	\$170.90	\$220.49	\$254.50	\$266.12	\$276.72	\$287.80
Bar	Per Building	\$98.89	\$126.99	\$147.12	\$153.83	\$159.95	\$166.34
Service Club	Per Building	\$68.78	\$87.88	\$102.22	\$106.87	\$111.12	\$115.55
Service Club w/Kitchen/Food Service 1	Per Building	\$94.91	\$122.19	\$141.27	\$147.72	\$153.60	\$159.75
Service Club w/Kitchen/Food Service 2	Per Building	\$94.91	\$122.19	\$141.27	\$147.72	\$153.60	\$159.75
Commercial Office Space	Per Building	\$68.78	\$87.88	\$102.22	\$106.87	\$111.12	\$115.55
Community Beach	Per Restroom	\$68.78	\$87.88	\$102.22	\$106.87	\$111.12	\$115.55

PUBLIC HEARING & PROTEST INFORMATION

Deadline to Submit Protest: June 18, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

Protest Public Hearing and Rate Adoption: June 18, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

Any recorded owner of a parcel upon which water or wastewater service rates are proposed for imposition, or any tenant directly responsible for payment of those rates (i.e., a customer of record), may submit a written protest to the proposed rate increases. Only one protest will be counted per identified parcel.

Every written protest must include ALL of the following information:

1. A statement indicating opposition to the proposed rate increases for water or wastewater services
2. Name of the recorded owner or customer of record submitting the protest
3. Assessor's parcel number or service address
4. Original signature of the recorded owner or customer of record submitting the protest

Written protests may be submitted ONLY by:

- Mail to the District:
- Hand delivery to the District

**Clearlake Oaks County Water District
Attn: Secretary to the Board of Directors
12952 E. Highway 20 / P.O. Box 709
Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423**

All written protests must be received prior to the start of the protest public hearing.

The Board of Directors will consider all timely submitted written protests and hear public comments at the public hearing. Oral comments alone do not qualify as formal protests unless accompanied by a written protest. Protests submitted via email or other electronic means will not be accepted.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, protests will be counted and validated. Members of the public may observe the tabulation of protests. All protests must be submitted prior to the start of the public hearing. If a majority protest exists, the proposed rate increases shall not be imposed. If a majority protest does not exist, the Board may adopt the proposed rate increases, which will take effect on a specified date.

Accomplishments since the previous rate study

The purchase of a new crane truck supports the removal and installation of lift station and booster pumps, improving overall maintenance capabilities. A new water truck was also added to reclaim flushed water, which is now reused in holding tanks for fire suppression, road watering, and system repairs. Additionally, the acquisition of an additional Vac-Con truck allows water and sewer repairs to be performed simultaneously, increasing operational efficiency and reducing response times.

We installed a new, upgraded pump at Lift Station 9, located near Anchor Village and Keys Boulevard, helping ensure consistent wastewater service and better handling of system demands in the area.

