

**For Immediate Release**

**Bear Valley Springs Community Services District**

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**CSD Board of Directors Approves Water and Solid Waste Rate Changes; Sewer Rate Decision Pending Protest Count**

The CSD Board of Directors has approved rate adjustments for the district's Water and Solid Waste systems. The new rates will go into effect on April 1, 2026. A proposed change to Sewer rates remains on hold while protest votes are being counted and verified.

Both the sewer and solid waste funds have been operating at a deficit with insufficient funds for anticipated infrastructure improvements. The water system operating budget is within the funding availability, but anticipated infrastructure needs will exceed the available fund balance and revenue projections.

The new rates are based on an independent analysis conducted by LT Municipal Services. This analysis evaluated the cost of daily operations, ongoing maintenance, and planned capital improvements.

In January, the Board of Directors directed CSD staff to send notices to the community about the proposed changes in accordance with California's Proposition 218. This process opened a formal protest period, during which parcel owners could submit written objections. If protests were received from more than 50% of parcel owners, the proposed rate increases would not take effect.

At the March 27 meeting, a preliminary count showed 642 protests were submitted for the water fee change, and 627 for the solid waste change. A total of 1801 protests were needed to prevent the fees from taking effect.

Since only some parcels in Bear Valley Springs are connected to the sewer system, 256 protests from parcels on the sewer system are required to block the proposed sewer rate change. At the end of the March 27 meeting, the CSD was still counting and verifying sewer-related protests, so no action was taken.

The final protest count will be formally presented to the Board of Directors at the next meeting on April 9. Please note that the protest period has closed, and no additional submissions can be accepted.

	Current Solid Waste Rates	ADOPTED SOLID WASTE RATES				
		FY2025/26	FY2026/27	FY2027/28	FY2028/29	FY2029/30
<i>% Increase</i>		Varies	Varies	5%	5%	5%
Effective Date		Apr 1, 2026	Apr 1, 2027	Apr 1, 2028	Apr 1, 2029	Apr 1, 2030
<b>BASE FEE [1]</b>	\$31.00	\$31.00	\$31.44	\$33.01	\$34.66	\$36.39
<b>MANURE FEE (New) [2]</b>		\$10.55	\$11.08	\$11.63	\$12.21	\$12.82

1 - The proposed base fee shown above includes refuse, recyclables, and green waste disposal at BVCSD's waste transfer station.

2 - Beginning April 1, 2026, customers will not be permitted to dispose of horse manure at the solid waste transfer station unless they are enrolled in a new manure disposal program and pay the monthly manure fees shown above.

**The CSD will issue a future release with more information on manure disposal once registration stickers are available**

CURRENT WATER RATES		ADOPTED WATER RATES					
FY2025/26		Year	FY2025/26	FY2026/27	FY2027/28	FY2028/29	FY2029/30
		% Increase	Varies	13%	13%	13%	13%
		Effective Date	Apr 1, 2026	Apr 1, 2027	Apr 1, 2028	Apr 1, 2029	Apr 1, 2030
<b>BASE RATE</b>		<b>BASE RATE</b>					
		<u>Meter Size</u>					
All customers	\$84.74	Up to 1" [1]	\$97.18	\$109.81	\$124.09	\$140.22	\$158.45
		1.5"	\$191.38	\$216.26	\$244.37	\$276.14	\$312.04
		2" or Fire Protection Line	\$304.42	\$343.99	\$388.71	\$439.24	\$496.34
		3"	\$605.86	\$684.62	\$773.62	\$874.19	\$987.83
		4"	\$944.98	\$1,067.83	\$1,206.65	\$1,363.51	\$1,540.77
		6"	\$1,886.98	\$2,132.29	\$2,409.49	\$2,722.72	\$3,076.67
<b>CONSUMPTION CHARGE (\$/HCF)</b>		<b>CONSUMPTION CHARGE (\$/HCF)</b>					
Tier 1	\$3.78	All customers	\$5.11	\$5.77	\$6.52	\$7.37	\$8.33
Tier 2	\$5.33						
Non-Potable (Lakefill) [2]	\$4.61	Non-Potable (Lakefill) [2]	\$4.76	\$5.38	\$6.08	\$6.87	\$7.76
Effluent (Recycled Water) [2], [3]	\$4.16	Effluent (Recycled Water) [2], [3]	\$5.38	\$6.19	\$7.12	\$8.19	\$9.42

HCF – hundred cubic feet; 1 HCF = 748 gallons

1 - Includes all single family residential customers

2 - Non-Potable water and effluent customers will be billed by consumption only.

3 - Revenue from effluent sales will be collected by the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

	CURRENT SEWER RATES	PROPOSED SEWER RATES				
		FY2025/26	FY2026/27	FY2027/28	FY2028/29	FY2029/30
% Increase		Varies	15%	15%	15%	15%
Effective Date		Apr 1, 2026	Apr 1, 2027	Apr 1, 2028	Apr 1, 2029	Apr 1, 2030
<b>RESIDENTIAL (per dwelling unit)</b>						
Single Family	\$154.00	\$185.49	\$213.31	\$245.31	\$282.11	\$324.43
Multi-Family (condominiums and accessory dwelling units)	\$154.00	\$146.68	\$168.68	\$193.98	\$223.08	\$256.54
<b>COMMERCIAL BASE (up to 8 HCF)</b>						
Low Strength	n/a	\$179.11	\$205.98	\$236.88	\$272.41	\$313.27
Domestic/Medium Strength	n/a	\$185.49	\$213.31	\$245.31	\$282.11	\$324.43
High Strength	n/a	\$320.36	\$368.41	\$423.67	\$487.22	\$560.30
<b>COMMERCIAL FLOW (\$/HCF)</b>	<b>(All units)</b>	<b>(For flow over 8 HCF)</b>				
Low Strength	\$43.00	\$18.61	\$21.40	\$24.61	\$28.30	\$32.55
Domestic/Medium Strength	\$43.00	\$19.40	\$22.31	\$25.66	\$29.51	\$33.94
High Strength	\$43.00	\$36.27	\$41.71	\$47.97	\$55.17	\$63.45

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The amount of sewer flow for commercial customers is based on total metered water use less estimated irrigation use. Low strength – standalone restrooms, retail, offices

Domestic/medium strength – churches, schools, hospitals

High strength – bakeries, restaurants, and restaurants w/other mixed use development