



NOTICE

Establishing Proposed Service Charge & Public Hearing

August 14, 2024

Dear Property Owner:

You are receiving this Notice because you own property within Lockeford Maintenance District (District), which is a special district administered by San Joaquin County (County). The District provides storm drainage services to the properties within the District’s boundaries. The Department of Public Works is advising you of a proposed rate structure for this service and the Public Hearing regarding its establishment.

The District was formed in 1965 and did not include a storm drainage service charge. The primary funding source for drainage services comes from interest income; and yet costs associated with managing the storm drainage system exceed the interest income earned. A proposed rate structure is required to properly align the District’s revenues with the cost of providing service and contribution to capital replacement revenues. The contribution towards capital replacement is phased in over five years to provide property owners with a gradual increase in the rate.

The proposed rate structure is for five years. District fees are a flat rate charge based on the Single-Family Equivalent (SFE) unit. This is the level of service received by the average single-family residence. The proposed charges, if approved, will be effective fiscal year 2024-2025 through fiscal year 2028-2029. The charges will continue after this time period at the fiscal year 2028-2029 rate, and any additional increases would require another notice of proposed increase and Public Hearing. The service charges are annual and will continue indefinitely for the purpose of covering all the necessary expenses to operate, maintain, and replace the District's public utilities for services.

The table below shows the current and proposed charges per SFE per fiscal year:

Service	Current Rate (2023-2024)	Proposed Rates (per year)				
		2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029
Annual Storm Drainage Service Charge (per SFE*)	\$0	\$56	\$87	\$119	\$151	\$183

*One SFE is assigned to every single-family home in this District.



The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors will consider adoption of the increase at a Public Hearing on:

Tuesday, October 8, 2024
9:00 AM – Chambers of the Board of Supervisors
44 N. San Joaquin Street, Sixth Floor, Suite 627
Stockton, CA 95202-2924

Any written protests must be received by the San Joaquin County Public Works Department office at 1810 E. Hazelton Ave., Stockton, CA 95205 by 5:00 PM on October 7, 2024, or submitted at the Public Hearing prior to the close of the hearing.

If the proposed rate structure is not passed, service levels within the District will need to be reduced to generate cost savings. The following cost reduction measures may be implemented:

- Reduction of after-hours and weekend service calls
- Reduction of regular maintenance of the system

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Engineer's Report detailing the rate calculation methodology and revenue requirements are available at the County's website at:

<https://www.sjgov.org/departments/pwk/special-districts-home/maint-districts/lockeford-md>

The Engineer's Report can be reviewed at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or at the Public Works' office.

An informational community meeting will be held to discuss the proposed service charges and answer your questions. The public meeting information is below:

Thursday, September 19, 2024
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Lockeford School – Multi-Purpose Room
19456 N. Tully Road
Lockeford, CA 95237

If you have any questions, please contact Robert Davalos, Community Infrastructure Engineering Manager, at (209) 468-3697, at the San Joaquin County Department of Public Works.