

YOUR SEWER SERVICE PROVIDER

SPRING 2023

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A MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Upcoming Rate & Fee Adjustments

The District collects a monthly service charge, billed quarterly, from property owners within its service area to fund wastewater collection and treatment services. The current rate of \$36/month has been in effect since July 1, 2019. The District's consultant has determined that the current rate does not provide sufficient revenues to fund necessary operations, maintenance, and regulatory programs, as well as capital investment and reserves to meet the District's stated needs.

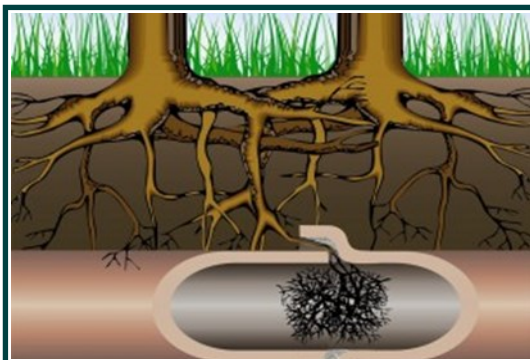
The District also collects a Participation Fee from all new customers connecting to the sewer system. Often referred to as a connection or development impact fee, this charge pays for expansions and enlargements of District facilities including the local collection system, trunk sewer lines, and increases in capacity. The Participation Fee is reviewed periodically to ensure that the District is collecting sufficient revenue to pay for necessary expansions and enlargements due to development. The Fee is adjusted annually to keep up with construction costs.

Over the next few months, the District will be conducting workshops and Public Hearings to consider adjustments to the rates and fees. Customers will have received a [Notice to Property Owners for a Public Hearing on Proposed Wastewater Rate Increases](#) notifying customers of the dates and times of the Public Hearings for the Monthly Service Charge. Similar Public Hearings for any change in the collection of the Participation Fee are also anticipated. For more information, please check the District Website at www.spmud.ca.gov.

INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT PROGRAM

The District sends all its sewage to the City of Roseville for treatment and disposal at two regional wastewater treatment plants. Thus, the City of Roseville is responsible for regulatory oversight of pretreatment programs as determined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The intent of any pretreatment program is to protect the critical infrastructure of treatment plants and to reduce pollutants from entering wastewater systems.

The City of Roseville, the District, and Placer County work together to ensure that specific commercial customers meet the EPA's pretreatment standards and requirements. The District has been active in pretreatment through its Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) Control Program. In 2023, the District will expand on the successes of the FOG Control Program and its partnership with the City of Roseville by working with industry stakeholders with the expansion of an industrial wastewater pretreatment program.



Trees add beauty and shade to landscapes, but tree roots are a common cause of damage to sewer lines. Tree roots naturally seek sources of moisture and nutrients—both of which are readily available inside pipes. If a tree root gains entry through a crack or joint in the pipe, it can eventually build up a hair-like root mass. These masses can act as a net leading to build-ups and blockages and in some cases can damage pipes beyond repair. Call 811 to have utilities marked and avoid planting new trees and shrubs near your sewer drainage line.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

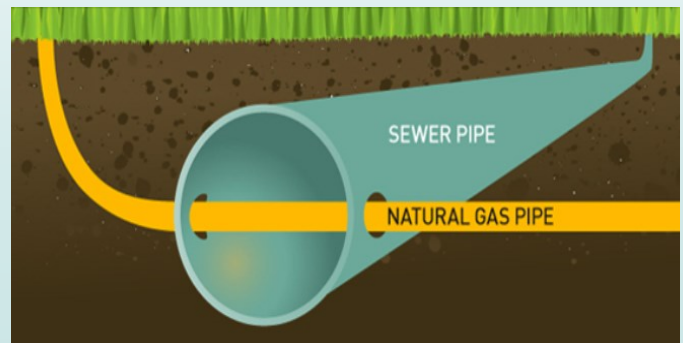
SEWER PROBLEMS? CALL US FIRST (916) 786-8555

If you are experiencing a plumbing backing up, overflow inside your home or near a clean out— please call us first. SPMUD has staff on-call 24/7 to respond to sewer emergencies.

ACCESS PERMITS

PG&E’s Legacy Cross Bore Program is in place to mitigate safety concerns associated with cross bores. PG&E often uses trenchless technology to dig horizontally underground, also called directional boring, which is a common method used to install a new utility line (gas, electric, telephone, or cable television) in an urban area or existing street. A cross bore occurs when the borehole for a new utility line crosses directly through an existing utility, oftentimes sewer laterals on private property. Since the implementation of the Legacy Cross Bore Program within the District’s boundaries, District customers have been approached by PG&E for access to sewer lines serving private residences. The District has identified several issues with PG&E’s program, including failed notification processes informing the District and its customers of the work, unidentified contractors conducting work on private property, and accessing District facilities without prior

approval. In response to these issues, and to protect the District’s customers and public sewer facilities, the District has implemented an Access Permit process. This process will require anyone accessing District facilities to first obtain District approval. If you see any unidentified or suspicious person accessing the sewer system, please feel free to contact the District for additional information.



ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (ADUS) & JUNIOR ADUS

The District recently adopted Ordinance 22-03 to ensure the District Sewer Code conforms with recent legislation relating to the permitting of accessory dwelling units (ADUs). Senate Bill 9 allowed for the ministerial approval of certain housing development projects containing up to two dwelling units on a single-family zoned parcel and created a designation of Junior Accessory Dwelling Units (JADU). In addition to permitting two units on a single-family lot, the legislation allows qualifying lot splits without discretionary review or hearings with a parcel map. Senate Bill 897 and Assembly Bill 2221 both relate to the local permitting of ADUs and JADUs. These two bills make substantial revisions to state law and require local jurisdictions to review and readopt any local ordinances related to ADUs. Since 2017, the District has exempted ADUs from payment of the District’s local Participation Fee provided the ADU meets certain conditions. This fee is paid for all new connections to the District’s sewer collection system. Among other things, Ordinance 22-03 extends the fee exemption to JADUs, to accommodate those homeowners who wish to place such units on their property.

Board Meetings:

SPMUD is an independent public agency governed by an elected Board of Directors. Directors represent each of the five wards within the District and are elected by voters to four year terms.

- Ward 1:
- Ward 2:
- Ward 3:
- Ward 4:
- Ward 5:

- Gerald Mitchell
- William Dickinson
- Christy Jewell
- James Durfee
- James Williams

The SPMUD Board of Directors meets regularly at 4:30PM on the first Thursday of each month at the SPMUD Headquarters (5807 Springview Drive, Rocklin 95677). Notices, agenda items, and prior meeting minutes are available on the District’s website.

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