



**UNDERSTANDING YOUR DELINQUENT SEWER SERVICE CHARGE CALCULATION (FY 2016/17)**

**BACKGROUND:**

In March 2016, the Los Osos Wastewater System became operational and a one-year connection process was initiated. Since connections were made throughout the year, Public Works was not able to place the Service Charges on the annual property tax bills, and as a result, a manual billing was done for each connection phase. This charge on your property tax bill is for your partial year sewer service provided through June 30, 2017, because the manual billing was either not paid, or the option to put it on the property tax bills was taken. No interest or penalties have been added.

**SERVICE CHARGES CATEGORIES EXPLAINED:**

The sewer service charge has two components (Minimum Charge and Volume Charge) which are described below. "Minimum Charge": The Minimum Charge is a flat rate charge set for each type of property – single family, multi-family, mobile home, or non-residential and calculated from the end of your connection phase. Your minimum charge was calculated from the end of your connection phase, starting the first day of the following month. The established monthly rates and connection phase dates are in the exhibits below:

Type of Dwelling	Monthly Rate for FY 2016/17
Single Family	\$ 39.56
Multi Family	\$ 29.67
Non- Residential	\$ 49.51
Mobile Homes	\$ 19.79
Bayridge Estates	\$ 48.85

Phase	Connection Date
Phase 1	9/24/2016
Phase 2	12/17/2016
Phase 3	3/18/2017

"Volume Charge": The Volume Charge is a variable that estimates your indoor water use, which approximates your wastewater flows into the Sewer Plant. The rate for the Volume Charge is about 1¢ per gallon, or \$7.54 per CCF (Centum Cubic Foot). This charge is calculated based on your January and February 2016 water usage data that we received from your water company, which is billed as of your connection date or actual connection date, whichever is latest. Future volume data will be recalculated each year based on the most current January and February data. If you were not connected to the sewer as of the time of receiving your property tax bill, the Minimum Charge is still due, but no Volume Charge is assessed.

**ENABLING LEGISLATION:**

The annual service charges are established pursuant to the rates set forth in the voter approved County Ordinance No. 3209. The collection procedure of placing sewer service charges on the property tax bills is authorized per Section 5473.a of the Health and Safety Code, and Section 7 of the County Ordinance No 3209.

**BILLING EXAMPLE (SINGLE FAMILY HOME)**

SINGLE FAMILY HOME EXAMPLE (PHASE 2, CONNECTED ON 2/1/2017)						
	Rate	x	Months	x	CCFs per Month	= Total
Minimum Charge	\$ 44.06		6			\$ 264.36
Volume Charge	\$ 7.54		5		2	\$ 75.40
<b>Total Bill</b>						<b>\$ 339.76</b>

For any questions please call (805) 788-6088 and leave a voice message. You can also visit <http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/pw/contact> to fill out a webform that will be submitted to our office - please select **Los Osos Wastewater Project** as your topic.