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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT
TO REVIEW SEWER CONNECTION CHARGES LAST UPDATED IN 1987

Nov. 24, 2026 – Santa Cruz County, CA – For nearly 40 years, the Santa Cruz County Sanitation District's sewer connection charges have remained unchanged. The District is now reviewing these charges to determine whether adjustments are needed to ensure future development pays their fair share to connect to its sewer system.

The District will meet on December 3, 2026, to consider scheduling a public hearing in early 2027 to review the capacity fee update study and consider potential adjustments to sewer connection charges.

WHAT: Santa Cruz County Sanitation District Sewer Connection Charges
WHERE: 2750 Lode Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95062
WHEN: Thursday, December 3, 2026, at 4:45 p.m.
ZOOM LINK: https://santacruzcounty-us.zoomgov.com/j/1654773006

Sewer connection charges are not a reoccurring charge, rather they are one-time fees that apply to new development connecting to the public sewer system in the District. Revenue collected through these charges will be used to repay the District which built facilities with excess capacity that new development is buying into.

The review will gauge whether the current buy-in fee accurately considers the value of the current system with all the improvements and capacity upgrades that have been made since the fees were established in 1987.

No fee increases have been approved at this time. Any proposed adjustments would be considered through a public process, with a hearing anticipated in early 2027.

The District encourages property owners, developers, residents, and other interested community members to stay informed and participate in the discussion, particularly those considering new construction or development that may require a new connection to the public sewer system.

Learn more about sewer connection fees for the Santa Cruz County Sanitation District online at: bit.ly/sccsd-fees-connections

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