

21. AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FREEDOM COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT: Hold public hearing to consider proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 Freedom County Sanitation District sewer service charge report, and take related actions ()



## **County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors**

### **Agenda Item Submittal**

**From:** Community Development and Infrastructure

**Subject:** Public Hearing on 2025-26 Freedom County Sanitation District  
Sewer Service Charge Report

**Meeting Date:** June 10, 2025

**Formal Title:** AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FREEDOM COUNTY  
SANITATION DISTRICT: Hold public hearing to consider proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26  
Freedom County Sanitation District sewer service charge report, and take related  
actions

### **Recommended Actions**

1. Hold a public hearing and hear objections or protests, if any, to the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 sewer service charge reports for Freedom County Sanitation District, close the public hearing; and
2. Adopt resolution confirming the 2025-26 sewer service charge report for Freedom County Sanitation District.

### **Executive Summary**

In order to include FY 2025-26 sewer service charges on the property tax roll, it is necessary for the Board to hold a public hearing on the sewer service charge report, and at the conclusion of the public hearing adopt the resolution confirming the sewer service charge report for Freedom County Sanitation District.

### **Discussion**

On May 6, 2025, the Board adopted a resolution setting the FY 2025-26 sewer service charges for Freedom County Sanitation District (FCSD) and set today as the date of the public hearing on the FY 2025-26 sewer service charge report.

Attached is a summary of the approved sewer service charges for FCSD. As required by law, the sewer service charge report must be approved by the Board and forwarded to the Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector by August 10, 2025, in order to be included on the FY 2025-26 property tax roll.

The sewer service charge report, containing the assessor's parcel number and the amount of the sewer service charges for each parcel, was electronically filed with the Clerk of the Board for public review before May 23, 2025, and posted at this website: <https://cdi.santacruzcountyca.gov/PublicWorks/CSAs/ChargeReports.aspx>.

### **Financial Impact**

An overall increase in the sewer service charges of 2.9 percent is expected to result in \$1,634,000 of collected charges (GL Key 625130-41866).

### **Strategic Initiatives**

Equity Framework - County Facilities & Infrastructure  
Operational Plan - Operational Excellence

**Submitted By:**

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**Recommended By:**

Carlos J. Palacios, County Executive Officer

**Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:**

Artificial Intelligence (AI) did not significantly contribute to the development of this agenda item.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF FREEDOM COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

On the motion of Director  
duly seconded by Director

the following resolution is adopted:

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE SERVICE CHARGE REPORT ON  
SEWER SERVICE CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 ON PROPERTY  
WITHIN THE FREEDOM COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2025, the Board of Directors held a duly noticed public hearing on the 2025-2026 service charge report for the sewer service charges proposed within Freedom County Sanitation District; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that objections to and protests against said report were not made by the owners of a majority of the separate parcels of property described in the report; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the service charge reports should be confirmed as submitted/amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the service charge report for Freedom County Sanitation District for the 2025-2026 fiscal year is hereby confirmed, and such service charges are authorized to be collected as provided in Santa Cruz County Code Chapter 4.26.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Clerk of this Board shall file a copy of this resolution and reports with the County Auditor on or before August 10, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of directors of the Freedom County Sanitation District, of Santa Cruz County, State of California, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_, 2025\_\_\_, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Resolution \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of said Board

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of said Board

Approved as to Form:

Signed by:  
  
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Office of the County Counsel

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**FREEDOM COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT  
ADOPTED SEWER SERVICE CHARGES  
2025-26**

<b>User Group</b>	<b>Adopted Annual Charges 2025-26</b>
Single Family Residential	\$908.46
Multi-Family/ADU*	\$591.50
Mobile Homes	\$916.40
Commercial Facilities	\$197.62 plus \$8.12/HCF**
Schools	\$197.62 plus \$19.57/ADA***

\*ADU-Accessory Dwelling Unit

\*\*HCF-Hundred Cubic Feet

\*\*\*ADA-Average Daily Attendance