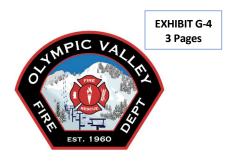


# OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT



### **ADMINISTRATION & OFFICE REPORT**

**DATE**: May 27, 2025

**TO**: District Board Members

**FROM**: Jessica Asher, Board Secretary

**SUBJECT**: Administration & Office Report – Information Only

**BACKGROUND:** The following is a discussion of office activities and brief status reports regarding

administration that are not the subject of a separate report. This report is

formatted to provide new information and recent progress only.

#### **DISCUSSION**: Summer Newsletter

Work on the Summer Newsletter has begun and will be published in late June to be mailed out with annual billing in July. This edition will feature important reminders for customers to keep their account information up-to-date, EyeOnWater information, Fire Department updates and reminders, the Consumer Confidence Report and more. Please provide staff with any content suggestions.

### <u>Proposition 218 – Notice of Proposed Rates</u>

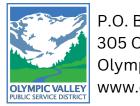
Staff coordinated the mailing of 1,692 notices to all property owners of record regarding the proposed rates for water, sewer, and garbage service. A copy is attached.

#### SB1383 Update

Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) aims to reduce short-lived climate pollutants, especially methane emissions from organic waste. While it's largely focused on food and green waste, it also includes requirements for recyclable materials like paper products. The District has begun paper procurement on products that meet SB1383's post-consumer recycled content requirements (PCRC%). With this shift has come the decision to reduce single-use items at the District. Board and Committee meetings will now feature reusable drink and dishware. The District is proud to promote a more environmentally responsible workplace.

**ATTACHMENTS**: None

**DATE PREPARED**: May 16, 2025



P.O. Box 2026 305 Olympic Valley Rd Olympic Valley, CA 96146 www.ovpsd.org

### **ATTENTION**

This notice includes important details regarding proposed rate increases for water, sewer, and garbage services.

## YOUR FUNDS MAKING AN IMPACT

The District is committed to providing a safe and reliable water supply, an environmentally sound sewer system, and effective solid waste management through careful long-term planning and ongoing investment. Some current initiatives include:

- The Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Water Meter Replacement Project supports our water conservation and customer service programs and replaces aged water meters.
- The Sanitary Sewer System Master Plan and Water System and Resources Master Plan will provide a comprehensive evaluation of our water and sewer systems, identifying potential issues and outlining necessary improvements to ensure the systems continue to function reliably and effectively.
- Sewer System Rehabilitation Projects will include rehabilitation and replacement of our underground sewer assets to maintain reliable sewer collection and compliance with environmental regulations.
- Green waste disposal days and the green waste dumpster rebate programs help residents comply with defensible space requirements, and support wildfire mitigation and forest health initiatives.









# PROPOSED FIVE-YEAR RATE ADJUSTMENT CUSTOMER NOTICE

## **OUR COMMITMENT**

Conduct operations in a cost-effective, conservation-minded and professional manner, consistent with the community's desires, while protecting natural resources.

## WHY RATE INCREASES ARE NECESSARY

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The District must determine the necessary revenue and subsequent water, sewer, and garbage rates to adequately fund each utility's infrastructure needs, programs, operations and maintenance costs. The proposed rates enable the District to:

- Recover projected costs of operations, maintenance, and capital infrastructure improvements for the water and sewer systems;
- Maintain the operational and financial stability of the utilities;
- · Avoid operational deficits and depletion of reserves; and
- Fund the District's contract with Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal for garbage services.

The proposed rates are calculated to recover the costs of providing water, sewer, and garbage services and proportionately allocate those costs among our various customer classes.



## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**Date:** June 24, 2025 **Time:** 8:30 A.M.

**Location:** District Office Community Room

305 Olympic Valley Road Olympic Valley, CA

All property owners and tenants are encouraged to attend at the time and location indicated in this notice to offer oral or written testimony, as well as submit written protests, regarding the proposed rates.



The tables below show the proposed maximum service rates and their effective dates if adopted. For more information about how utility rates are calculated, please visit the District's website at https://ovpsd.org/utilities/utility-rates/

Water Rates							
	Present Rates	FY 2026 July 1, 2025	FY 2027 July 1, 2026	FY 2028 July 1, 2027	FY 2029 July 1, 2028	FY 2030 July 1, 2029	
Fixed Charge - \$/Acct or LU/Year							
Residential (SFR)	\$1,222.75	\$1,274.80	\$1,351.29	\$1,432.37	\$1,518.31	\$1,609.41	
Condo/Apt./Duplex/2nd Unit (MFR)	\$592.77	\$665.59	\$705.53	\$747.86	\$792.73	\$840.29	
Commercial/Commercial Irrigation							
5/8"	\$1,004.28						
3/4"	1,095.90	1,025.00	1,025.00	1,025.00	1,030.00	1,040.00	
1"	1,222.75	1,340.73	1,433.49	1,526.24	1,626.89	1,736.80	
1 1/2"	2,456.00	2,687.99	2,869.30	3,050.62	3,247.70	3,463.20	
2"	3,918.47	4,292.10	4,584.89	4,877.68	5,195.68	5,543.20	
3"	7,357.70	8,057.60	8,605.70	9,153.80	9,749.23	10,400.00	
4"	12,273.43	13,438.67	14,350.69	15,262.71	16,253.63	17,336.80	
6"	24,550.37	26,878.16	28,699.43	30,520.70	32,499.74	34,663.20	
Consumption Charge - \$/1,000 gal Residential (SFR)							
0 - 120k gal	\$5.94	\$6.34	\$6.72	\$7.12	\$7.55	\$8.00	
120k gal - 220k gal	12.08	14.76	15.64	16.58	17.58	18.62	
220k gal - 280k gal	18.90	20.09	21.29	22.56	23.92	25.35	
280k gal +	41.86	42.96	45.53	48.25	51.16	54.21	
Condo/Apt./Duplex/2nd Unit (MFR)	\$10.30	\$9.69	\$10.27	\$10.89	\$11.54	\$12.23	
Commercial	\$7.89	\$8.36	\$8.86	\$9.39	\$9.95	\$10.55	
Commercial Irrigation	\$14.28	\$14.85	\$15.74	\$16.68	\$17.68	\$18.74	

Water customers pay fixed and usage-based charges based on class and meter size. Fixed charges cover costs such as infrastructure. services for fire protection, insurance and customer service. Variable costs are a function of water consumption and include costs such as materials and utilities.

Sewer Rates							
	Present Rates	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	
Fixed Charge - Acct or LU/Year							
Residential (SFR)	\$810.36	\$853.12	\$895.78	\$940.57	\$987.60	\$1,036.98	
Condo/Apt./Duplex/2nd Unit (MFR)	\$637.57	\$654.32	\$687.04	\$721.39	\$757.46	\$795.33	
Commercial	\$1,434.51	\$1,578.75	\$1,657.69	\$1,740.57	\$1,827.60	\$1,918.98	
Residential - Pool/Spa	\$1,058.71	\$1,111.65	\$1,167.23	\$1,225.59	\$1,286.87	\$1,351.21	
Consumption Charge - \$/1,000 gal							
Commercial >75,000	\$19.14	\$21.05	\$22.10	\$23.21	\$24.37	\$25.59	

Sewer customers pay a fixed rate. Commercial customers pay a consumption rate after the first 75,000 gallons of water use.

	Garbage Rates							
	Present Rates	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030		
Residential (SFR)	\$373	\$395	\$419	\$444	\$471	\$499		

Residential garbage rates are fixed.



## THE PUBLIC RATE SETTING PROCESS

The District is committed to providing sustainable utilities and regularly ensures that rates reflect the true cost to deliver service. OVPSD adheres to a transparent public rate-setting process in compliance with state laws and guidelines, including California Proposition 218 and Article XIII D of the California Constitution.

Water and Sewer Rates: In 2024, the District hired independent rate consultant HDR Engineering, Inc. to assess revenues and expenses for the next five years. This study guided the setting of cost-based and proportional water and sewer rate structures to fund operations and infrastructure needs for Fiscal Years 2026-2030. On January 28, 2024, the OVPSD Board held a public meeting to review the study's findings, solicit input and authorized a proposed 5-year rate schedule for public hearing on June 24, 2025.

Garbage Rates: The District maintains a contract with Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal (TTSD) which provides the basis for the calculation of garbage rates. This contract is reviewed annually by the OVPSD Board.

# RIGHT TO PROTEST



The OVPSD Board of Directors is notifying the public of proposed increases to water, sewer, and garbage rates and invites all to attend a Public Hearing to consider the adoption of a 5-year schedule of maximum rates. This notice is provided to all property owners and tenants who currently receive water, sewer and garbage services from OVPSD.

Property owners or tenants affected by the proposed rates may submit a written protest and/or provide oral testimony at the public hearing. Protests must be submitted in writing to be considered, with only one protest counted per parcel, and the parcel must have active service. You may protest each proposed rate increase (water, sewer, or garbage). If valid written protests against any of the proposed rate increases are presented by the majority of property owners and/or customers within the District's service area by the end of the public hearing, the District will not impose that increase.

- You may communicate concerns by sending written communication to the Board of Directors, OVPSD, PO Box 2026, Olympic Valley, CA 96146, or by personally delivering them to the hearing on June 24, 2025. To be considered, written protest must be received by the District prior to the close of the public hearing. Fax and email submissions cannot be accepted.
- All protests must include a description of your property (parcel number or physical address), the type of rate protested, printed name and signature.
- The person signing must be directly liable for the charge as evidenced by District billing records, the Placer County Assessor's record, or other written evidence.

After the close of the public hearing, the Board of Directors will establish rates and charges for fiscal years 2026-2030, which will not exceed the proposed increase set forth herein.

Pursuant to Government Code section 53759, there is a 120-day statute of limitations for challenging any new, increased, or extended fee or charge for water or sewer service.



Please call the District office at (530) 583-4692, Monday -Friday 8AM - 4PM or via email at info@ovpsd.org if you have questions regarding this notice.