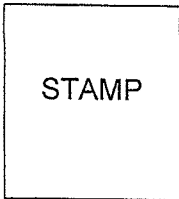


Earlimart Public Utility District
396 N Church Rd #6
Earlimart, CA 93219



ADDRESS

Important information regarding your water and/or sewer bill

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: June 24, 2026

Time: 6:00 pm

**EARLIMART PUBLIC UTILITY
DISTRICT
EARLIMART MEMORIAL HALL
712 E WASHINGTON ST, EARLIMART,
CA 93219**

On Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at or after 6:00 PM, the Earlimart Board of Directors will hold a public hearing to consider the proposed increases to water & sewer service charges as described in this notice.

HOW TO PROTEST THE PROPOSED THE RATE INCREASES

All owners and tenants of property receiving water & sewer services are invited to attend the Public Hearing and be heard about proposed increases to the service charges. An owner or tenant of property receiving District water and/or sewer service may protest the proposed increased service charges. Written protests may be hand delivered to the District office located at 396 N Church Rd #6, Earlimart CA 93219, or mailed at P.O. Box 10148, Earlimart, CA 93219. Written protests must be received (not postmarked) by the District before or during the public hearing. Any protest submitted by e-mail or other electronic means will not be accepted. The protest must be signed by the property owner or tenant(s) and must include the assessor's parcel number(s) or street address(es) of all property(ies) serviced. Only one written protest per identified parcel or property will be counted for purposes of determining whether there is a majority protest.

Cost data regarding the proposed increased charges is available for review during business hours at the Earlimart Public Utilities office at 396 N Church Rd #6, Earlimart CA 93219. For questions call (661) 849-2663.

Table 2 Summary of Recommended Monthly Sewer Base Rates

Connection Type	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31
Residential					
Single Family Residential	\$30.03	\$30.80	\$31.58	\$32.39	\$33.22
Accessory Dwelling Units	\$22.53	\$23.10	\$23.69	\$24.29	\$24.92
Multi-Family Residence	\$22.53	\$23.10	\$23.69	\$24.29	\$24.92
Business/Commercial					
¾"-1"	\$36.04	\$36.96	\$37.90	\$38.87	\$39.86
1½"	\$72.08	\$73.91	\$75.79	\$77.73	\$79.73
2"	\$115.33	\$118.26	\$121.27	\$124.37	\$127.57
4"	\$360.42	\$369.55	\$378.97	\$388.66	\$398.64
6"	\$720.83	\$739.11	\$757.93	\$777.32	\$797.29
8"	\$1,153.33	\$1,182.57	\$1,212.69	\$1,243.71	\$1,275.66
10"	\$1,657.91	\$1,699.95	\$1,743.24	\$1,787.83	\$1,833.76

WHY IS A RATE INCREASE NEEDED?

The District is required by State law to collect revenues sufficient to cover the costs of operating the water & sewer systems. These revenues allow the District to provide water & sewer services to the residents and businesses of Earlimart. Costs that must be recovered through rate revenues include utilities, equipment and supplies, treatment chemicals, salaries and benefits of District staff assigned to the operation of both systems. In addition, revenue generated from service charges is used to pay for capital improvements such as the replacement of water and/or sewer pipes. Revenues are also used to pay off debt and to replace equipment.

Under the current rates, future revenues will be insufficient to continue operating both systems. Therefore, a water & sewer rate increase is needed to generate revenues greater than operating expenses.

PROPOSED WATER & SEWER RATES

The proposed water and sewer rate maintains a rate for accounts based on customer classes and connection size using Equivalent Unit (EU). Presented below in Tables 1 and 2 are the recommended water & sewer rates and rate adjustments through Fiscal Year 2030/31.

Table 1 Summary of Recommended Monthly Water Base Rates

Connection Type	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31
Residential					
Single Family Residential	\$36.49	\$37.54	\$38.62	\$39.73	\$40.88
Accessory Dwelling Units	\$27.36	\$28.15	\$28.96	\$29.80	\$30.66
Multi-Family Residence	\$27.36	\$28.15	\$28.96	\$29.80	\$30.66
Business/Commercial					
¾"-1"	\$43.78	\$45.04	\$46.34	\$47.68	\$49.05
1½"	\$87.57	\$90.09	\$92.68	\$95.35	\$98.11
2"	\$140.10	\$144.14	\$148.29	\$152.57	\$156.97
4"	\$437.83	\$450.43	\$463.40	\$476.77	\$490.54
6"	\$875.65	\$900.85	\$926.81	\$953.54	\$981.08
8"	\$1,401.05	\$1,441.37	\$1,482.90	\$1,525.67	\$1,569.73
10"	\$2,014.01	\$2,071.96	\$2,131.66	\$2,193.15	\$2,256.48

EARLIMART PUBLIC UTILITIES DISTRICT

PROPOSITION 218 NOTIFICATION PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN WATER & SEWER RATES AND CHARGES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 6:00PM, a public hearing will be conducted in Board of Directors at the Earlimart Memorial Hall located at 712 E Washington St, Earlimart, CA 93219.

This will be a Public Hearing before the Earlimart Board of Directors to allow public testimony and discussion of the proposed water & sewer rate increases described below. The Board of Directors will take written and oral comments and will consider all written protests to the proposed charges, determine if a majority protest exists, and consider resolutions to adopt the new rate charges. If adopted, the new water & sewer rates will become effective on July 24, 2026.

Written protests must be filed with the Earlimart Public Utilities District (District). Written protests may be hand delivered to the District office located at 396 N Church Rd #6, Earlimart CA 93219, or mailed at P.O. Box 10148, Earlimart, CA 93219. To be valid, written protests must state opposition to the proposed water & sewer rate increase, identify the Parcel (by assessor's parcel number or street address), and include the original signature of the record water and/or sewer service customer or parcel owner. A written protest may be submitted up to the conclusion of the public testimony at the public hearing.

BACKGROUND

On April 15, 2026, the Earlimart Board of Directors adopted a Water & Sewer Rate Study Update (2026 Rate Study). The 2026 Rate Study analyzed the adequacy of revenues to meet projected expenditures of the water & sewer enterprises fund (the Fund) to determine whether the Fund will be adequate to cover recurring operating and maintenance costs as well as needed capital costs while supporting debt service obligations through Fiscal Year 2030/31. The recommendation of the 2026 Rate Study is to implement new water & sewer rates for the next five years (i.e. through Fiscal Year 2030/31).

The 2026 Rate Study provides explanation and justification of recommended water & sewer rates. The 2026 Rate Study reviews the Fund's historical revenues and expenses and projects future year revenue requirements to be collected through water & sewer sales.

The 2026 Rate Study is available for review at the District office located at 396 N Church Rd #6, Earlimart CA 93219 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. District staff can assist you with answering any questions about your water and/or sewer bill. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the Office Manager, Rachel Garcia, at (661) 849-2663 or e-mail epud@sbcglobal.net.