

Budget Development Factors/Rate Changes 2024-2025 Fiscal Year

Agency	Contact Information	Rate Information
Major utilities		
Southern California Edison	1-800-655-4555 https://www.sce.com/	There was a rate increase of 7.6% in January 2024. Also forecasted SCE rate hikes will average 6% per year from 2025 to 2026. SoCal Edison uses a tier system to determine the rate at which a customer will be charged for their electricity consumption. There are a total of three tiers, and each tier has a different rate.
Southern California Gas	1-800-427-2000 https://www.socalgas.com/	Rate increase of 13.7% for 2024. In January 2025 there is a proposed 3% increase. SoCalGas is working to modernize and upgrade the infrastructure that can maintain and enhance long-term reliability and safety for their customers and support the growth of more diverse renewable energy options.
Pacific Gas & Electric	1-800-468-4743 https://www.pge.com/	Rate increase of 12.8% in January 2024. There will be another increase in January of 2025. Rate increases are due to the cost of maintaining aging infrastructure, paying off debt accrued during the California energy crisis, cost overruns from the new natural gas pipeline construction, upgrades, and rising natural gas and wholesale electric energy prices.
Frontier Communications	1-855-349-3829	Internet and phone rates are \$32.00 per month (depending on area and plan) plus applicable fees and taxes.
Water districts (HCF = Hundred Cubic Feet = 748 gallons)		
Carpinteria Valley Water District	Norma Rosales Norma@cvwd.net 805-684-2816 x105 Maso Motlow 805-755-4081	Rate increase of 7.5% for 2024. Also, rate increases of 7.5% in January 2025 and again in January 2026. Operational costs for the Cater Water Treatment Plant in Santa Barbara have significantly increased and account for the majority of the budget increases.
Goleta	Francis Chan Fchan@goletawater.com 805-879-4615	Rate increase of 9%. The wildfires around Lake Cachuma in the Santa Ynez Valley and the increasingly complex way that the district operates its water systems, the rates set five years ago no longer cover the cost of providing water to the Goleta Valley.
La Cumbre	Mike Alvarado malvarado@lacumbrewater.com 805-967-2376 x115	There will be a rate increase in July 2024 - The rate is not known at this time.
Lompoc City:	Melinda Wall m_wall@ci.lompoc.ca.us 805-875-8237	
Water/Sewer		There will be a rate increase. The rate is not known at this time.
Electricity		There will be a rate increase. The rate is not known at this time.
Trash		Rate increase 15% over the next two years.
Montecito Water District	Lois, Admin. Assistant 805-969-2271	Proposed rate increase of 2.9%, starting July 1, 2022.

Santa Barbara City:	Dana Hoffenberg dhoffenberg@santabarbaraca.gov 805-560-7585	
Water	SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WaterRates	Rate increases will go up 5% in 2024, 12% in 2025, 12% in 2026, 9% in 2027 and 9% in 2028. The City Council voted 6-0 to support increases of up to 40% over the next four years.
Irrigation		
Wastewater		
Santa Maria City	Ricky Hawblitzel 805-925-0951 x2368	Rate increase of 7-8% in 2024. Rates will continue to increase over the next four years.
Santa Ynez River Water District	Mary Martone mmartone@syrwd.org 805-688-6015	Rate increase of 6.3%. District is working on a 5 year plan.
Payroll Related		
STRS	SBAS payroll (Sheng Xiong)	19.10% FY 2024-25
PERS	SBAS payroll (Staci Hunter)	26.68% FY 2024-25
Summer savings withholding rate:	SBAS payroll (Richard Weger)	
10-month rate	SBAS payroll	16.67% FY 2024-25
11-month rate	SBAS payroll	8.334% FY 2024-45
Social Security	SBAS payroll (Richard Weger)	The employer contribution rate will be 6.20%. Annual maximim wage cap of 168,600.00.
Medicare	SBAS payroll (Myron Porter)	The employer contributions will be 1.45%
Workers Compensation	SBAS payroll (Myron Porter)	See attached schedule of district rates.
Unemployment insurance	SBCEO - Human Resources (Tracie Cordero)	The unemployment insurance contribution rate is .50%
Other		
Property tax revenue - basic aid districts only	Claudia Ornelas, Property Tax Supervisor cornelas@co.santa-barbara.ca.us 805-568-2123	There will be an increase. Percentage not known at this time.
Interest income	Kim Tesoro, Investment & Debt Officer, Office of the Treasurer-Tax Collector ktesoro@co.santa-barbara.ca.us 805-568-2153	Interest Income is estimated to be .25%.
IRS mileage rate	Internal Services	The standard IRS mileage reimbursement rate is .67 cents per mile as of January 1, 2024.
Sales tax rate	SBAS	8.75% Santa Barbara, 8.75% Santa Maria and Guadalupe, 8.75% Goleta and Unincorporated Areas.
Refuse and recycling:		
MarBorg	https://www.marborg.com/inquire 805-963-1852	There will be a rate increase. Not known at this time.
Health Sanitation Service (HSS)	Santa Maria, Lompoc, Santa Ynez cshss@wm.com	Proposed increase of 7.5%.