

FY 2026-27 BUDGET BUDGET SECTION SUMMARY

Section Title: SANITATION ZONE - SEA RANCH

A. Program Description

This budget finances administration, operation, and maintenance of the collection system, pumping stations and two treatment plants serving the Central and North Sea Ranch areas.

B. Financial Summary

Section	GROSS EXPENDITURES			NET COST/USE OF FUND BALANCE		
	FY 25-26 Adopted	FY 26-27 Requested	Percent Change	FY 25-26 Adopted	FY 26-27 Requested	Percent Change
Operations	\$1,592,000	\$1,328,001	(16.58%)	\$293,580	\$102,536	(65.07%)
Construction	200,000	0	(100.00%)	(154,100)	(1,663)	(98.92%)
TOTAL:	\$1,792,000	\$1,328,001	(25.89%)	\$139,480	\$100,873	(27.68%)

C. Staffing Summary

No staffing is allocated to this index.

D. Workload Summary

Workload Indicator	FY 24-25 Actual	FY 25-26 Budget Estimate	FY 25-26 Revised Estimate	FY 26-27 Projected	Change from FY 25-26 Budget Estimate
Total ESDs	625	626	628	630	0.64%
Total APNs	620	621	623	627	0.97%

E. Summary of Issues and Significant Changes

The Sea Ranch Sanitation Zone (Sea Ranch SZ) consists of two wastewater collection and treatment systems located in Central and North Sea Ranch. The Central and North Facilities both provide treatment to secondary wastewater treatment standards and are designed to treat average daily dry weather flows of up to 27,000 and 160,000 gallons per day, respectively. Treated wastewater from both facilities is disposed through irrigation. The Sea Ranch Water Company, which is owned by the Sea Ranch Association, is under contract to operate and maintain the Sea Ranch SZ facilities for the Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency). The Agency is working with the Gualala Community Services District and the Sea Ranch Golf Course on potential reuse and storage opportunities.

The requested rate per ESD for FY 26-27 annual sewer service charge is \$1,966 representing a 8.9% increase from FY 25-26.

F. Summary of Reduction Options

No reduction options are proposed.

G. Attachments

- Summary of Revenues and Expenditures
- Character Justification
- Statement of Special Fund Activity

FY 2026-27 BUDGET
SUMMARY OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

Fund: SANITATION ZONE 1 - SEA RANCH - OPERATIONS

Fund/Department ID: 44405-33130100

Account No. and Title	Adopted 2025-26	Requested 2026-27	Difference	Percent Change
REVENUES:				
<u>TAXES</u>				
40003 Direct Charges - CY	\$1,086,300	\$1,210,100	\$123,800	11.40%
Subtotal Taxes	\$1,086,300	\$1,210,100	\$123,800	11.40%
<u>INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES</u>				
42461 Federal Other Funding	\$0	\$0	0	N/A
Subtotal Intergovernmental Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
<u>USE OF MONEY</u>				
44002 Interest on Pooled Cash	\$12,120	\$14,365	2,245	18.52%
Subtotal Use of Money	\$12,120	\$14,365	\$2,245	18.52%
<u>OTHER FINANCING</u>				
47102 Transfers In - btwn Govtl Funds	\$200,000	\$1,000	(199,000)	(99.50%)
Subtotal Charges for Other Financing	\$200,000	\$1,000	(\$199,000)	(99.50%)
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,298,420	\$1,225,465	(\$72,955)	(5.62%)

EXPENDITURES:

SERVICES AND SUPPLIES

51061 Maintenance - Equipment	\$0	\$150,000	\$150,000	N/A
51201 Administration Services	8,500	8,500	0	0.00%
51205 Advertising/Marketing Services	200	200	0	0.00%
51211 Legal Services	7,450	7,450	0	0.00%
51241 Outside Printing & Binding	500	500	0	0.00%
51244 Permits/License/Fees	35,930	33,500	(2,430)	(6.76%)
51401 Rents & Leases - Equipment	900	900	0	0.00%
51601 Training Conference Expenses	100	100	0	0.00%
51803 Other Contract Services	757,000	826,500	69,500	9.18%
51902 Telecommunications Usage	1,170	210	(960)	(82.05%)
51916 County Services Chgs	6,470	0	(6,470)	(100.00%)
51917 District Operations Charges	327,210	213,171	(114,039)	(34.85%)
51921 Equipment Usage Charges	3,070	2,970	(100)	(3.26%)
52143 Computer Software/Licensing	500	500	0	0.00%
52171 Water Conservation Program	2,000	2,000	0	0.00%
52191 Utilities	19,000	19,000	0	0.00%
Subtotal Services and Supplies	\$1,170,000	\$1,265,501	\$95,501	8.16%

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Fund/Department ID: 44405-33130100

Account No. and Title	Adopted 2025-26	Requested 2026-27	Difference	Percent Change
<u>OTHER CHARGES</u>				
53402 Depreciation Expense	\$58,000	\$53,000	(\$5,000)	(8.62%)
53501 Contributions	\$2,000	\$2,000	0	0.00%
<i>Subtotal Other Charges</i>	<u>\$60,000</u>	<u>\$55,000</u>	<u>(\$5,000)</u>	<u>(8.33%)</u>
<u>OTHER FINANCING USES</u>				
57011 Transfers out-within a Fund	\$352,000	\$0	(\$352,000)	(100.00%)
<i>Subtotal Other Financing Uses</i>	<u>\$352,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$352,000)</u>	<u>(100.00%)</u>
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>				
19841 Work in Progress - Intang	10,000	7,500	(2,500)	(25.00%)
<i>Subtotal Fixed Assets</i>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$7,500</u>	<u>(\$2,500)</u>	<u>(25.00%)</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$1,592,000</u>	<u>\$1,328,001</u>	<u>(\$357,000)</u>	<u>(22.42%)</u>
TOTAL NET COST <i>(Expenditures Minus Revenues)</i>	<u>\$293,580</u>	<u>\$102,536</u>	<u>(\$191,043)</u>	<u>(65.07%)</u>

**FY 2026-27 BUDGET
CHARACTER JUSTIFICATION**

Department - Division: Sonoma County Water Agency - Sanitation
Section Title: Sanitation Zone - Sea Ranch - Operations

Character Title: Taxes **Character No.:** 44405-33130100-40

40003 Direct Charges - CY

Flat charge revenue from annual sewer service charges is expected to increase from the adopted FY 25-26 budget. The rate will increase 8.9%, from \$1,806 to \$1,966.

ESDs times annual rate:	630 x	\$1,966	\$1,238,580
Less Estimated Delinquency Factor:	2.3%		(28,480)
			\$1,210,100

40202 Direct Charges - PY

This item records the estimated delinquent amount of prior years sewer service charges.

40999 Penalties / Costs on Taxes

This item records penalties paid on delinquent sewer service charges.

Character Title: Use of Money **Character No.:** 44405-33130100-44

44002 Interest on Pooled Cash

This account records interest on pooled cash held for the Zone by the County Treasurer's office. Estimated interest is projected based on cash on hand and current interest rate trends.

Estimated Average Cash Balance	\$478,820
Projected Interest Rate	3.00%
Projected/Planned Interest on Pooled Cash	\$14,365

Character Title: Charges for Service **Character No.:** 44405-33130100-45

45221 Sewer/Water Usage Fee

This account is used to record annual sewer service charges for entities that are invoiced, rather than collected as flat charges on the tax roll, and for new hook-ups as they occur during the year. The Sanitation Rate Ordinance requires that charges be collected at the time permits are issued. The properties are then added to the tax roll master listing and collected through account 40003 Direct Charges-CY.

The budget request for the forthcoming fiscal year assumes no revenue in this account. New hook-ups in this area are unpredictable.

Character Title: Other Financing **Character No.:** 44405-33130100-47

47102 Transfers In - btwn Govtl Funds

There is a planned operating transfer for FY 26-27 in the amount of: \$1,000

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CHARACTER JUSTIFICATION**

Department - Division: Sonoma County Water Agency - Sanitation
Section Title: Sanitation Zone - Sea Ranch - Operations

Character Title: Services and Supplies **Character No.:** 44405-33130100-51 & 52

51061 Maintenance - Equipment

This account records the costs for routine maintenance of equipment.

51201 Administration Services

This account represents the 1% administration fee assessed by the County for processing collection of flat charges on the tax roll.

51205 Advertising/Marketing Svc

This account covers the costs of advertisements and other marketing services.

51211 Legal Services

This account represents funds for the estimated cost of legal services to be provided by County Counsel, or outside legal services, as required.

51241 Outside Printing & Binding

This account represents the cost of printing services.

51244 Permits/License/Fees

This account records the cost of all permits.

51401 Rents/Leases-Equipment

This account covers the costs of renting copiers, fax machines and other equipment as needed.

51803 Other Contract Services

This account reflects expenses for outside contract services as may be necessary.

The Sea Ranch Water Company will operate both the North and Central treatment plants.

The Gualala Community Service District will treat raw wastewater for the North Sea Ranch treatment plant.

FY 26-27 Planned Contract Services:

	<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Algae Removal	TBD	50,000
Asset Assessment	H0005C019	100,000
Gualala CSD	TBD	208,000
Hazardous Materials Assistance	H0005C019	5,000
Masterplan & SEACAP Analysis	H0023D021/H0005C019	75,000
Sanitation Planning	H0005C019	20,000
Sewer Inspection Data Management & Analysis Services	H0007M013	3,500
Sludge Removal	TBD	40,000
The Sea Ranch Association (TSRA)	TBD	300,000
Tree Removal	TBD	15,000
Wastewater Rate Study	H0005C019	10,000
		\$ 826,500

51902 Telecommunication Usage

This account records expenses paid by the Sea Ranch SZ for outside communication and wireless services, as well as for the cost of alarm services.

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Department - Division: Sonoma County Water Agency - Sanitation
Section Title: Sanitation Zone - Sea Ranch - Operations

Character Title: Services and Supplies (Cont'd) **Character No.:** 44405-33130100-51 & 52

51917 District Operations Charges

This account records the cost of labor and overhead associated with operations and maintenance of the Zone's facilities. We anticipate the need for continued groundwater monitoring, collection system inflow and infiltration investigation, system improvement planning, and general oversight of operations.

<u>FY 26-27 Planned Staff Work:</u>	<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Asset Assessment	H0005C019	\$ 15,000
Hazardous Materials Assistance	H0005C019	\$ 5,000
LHMP Planning	TBD	\$ 5,000
Masterplan & SEACAP Analysis	H0023D021	\$ 15,000
Sanitation Planning	H0005C019	\$ 5,000
Wastewater Rate Study	H0005C019	\$ 5,000
		\$ 50,000

Character Title: Services and Supplies (Cont'd) **Character No.:** 44405-33130100-51 & 52

51921 Equipment Usage Charges

This account represents funds for equipment usage.

52143 Software/Licensing Fees

This account covers the cost of computer software and licensing fees, as needed.

52171 Water Conservation Program

This account records the cost of indoor water use efficiency programs including but not limited to indoor water use assessments/audits, fixture replacements and rebates with the goal of inflow reduction.

52191 Utilities

This account records the cost of payments made for utilities such as gas and water.

Character Title: Other Charges **Character No.:** 44405-33130100-53

53402 Depreciation

Generally Accepted Accounting Principles require that depreciation be expensed each year.

53501 Contributions

This account records Emergency Inventory Procurement.

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CHARACTER JUSTIFICATION**

Department - Division: Sonoma County Water Agency - Sanitation
Section Title: Sanitation Zone - Sea Ranch - Operations

Character Title: Other Financing Uses **Character No.:** 44405-33130100-57

57011 Transfers out-within A Fund

This account reflects the transfer of cash from the Operations Fund to the Construction Fund to finance the Capital Replacement Program. If the Operations Fund does not have sufficient cash available to finance planned capital projects, the transfer will not be made and any uncompleted projects will be rescheduled and rebudgeted in the next fiscal year. The planned transfer for the fiscal year is listed below:

Amount

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Character Title: Fixed Assets **Character No.:** 44405-33130100-19

19840 Work in Progress - Equipment

This account is used for the purchase of equipment that is a fixed or movable tangible asset used for operations.

19841 Work in Progress - Intangible

This account captures costs for the development of intangible assets including the implementation and negotiation or acquisitions of easements.

FY 26-27 Planned Work:

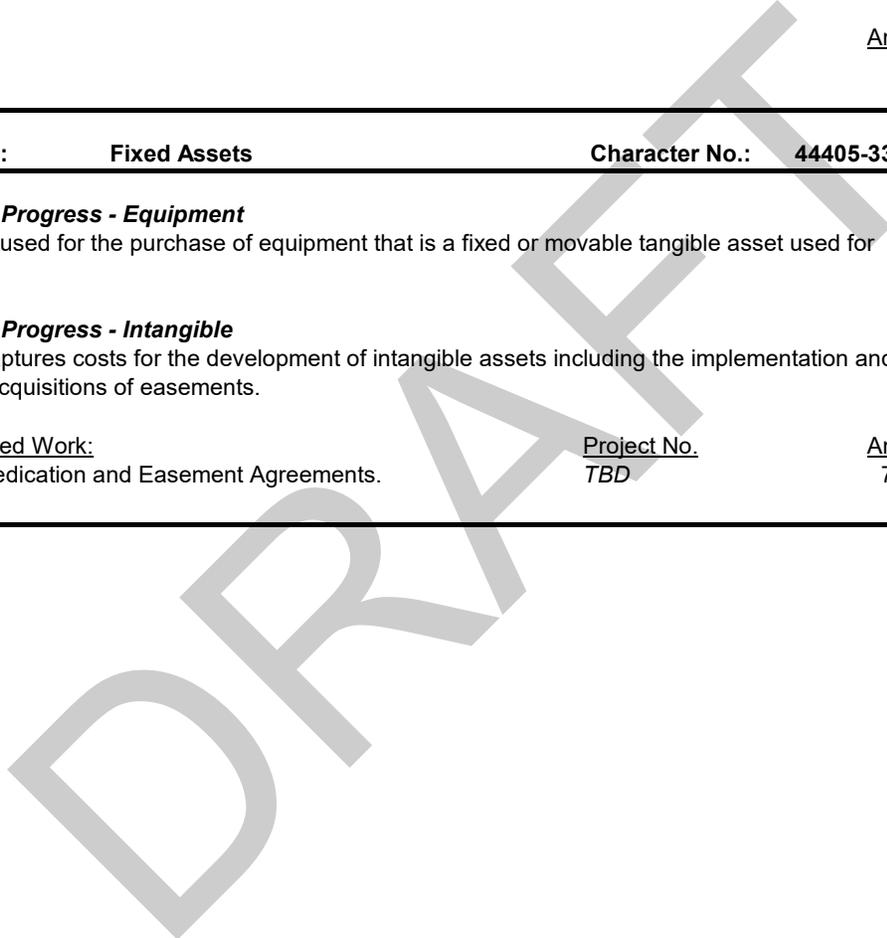
Sewer Dedication and Easement Agreements.

Project No.

TBD

Amount

7,500



**FY 2026-27 BUDGET
STATEMENT OF SPECIAL FUND ACTIVITY**

Department: Sonoma County Water Agency - Sanitation
Fund: SANITATION ZONE 1 - SEA RANCH - OPERATIONS
Fund/Department ID: 44405-33130100

DESCRIPTION OF FUND ACTIVITY	Actual FY 24-25	Estimated FY 25-26	Requested FY 26-27
Undesignated/Unreserved <u>BEGINNING</u> Fund Balance			
Available for Budgeting (See Detailed Components Below)	\$458,019	\$857,676	\$503,590
Annual Revenues and Expenditures:			
Revenues - Increase fund balance	1,355,731	1,298,420	1,225,465
Expenditures - (Decrease) fund balance	(988,712)	(1,710,506)	(1,328,001)
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Net Surplus or Deficit - Increase/(Decrease) to fund balance	367,019	(412,086)	(102,536)
Adjustments to Reserves/Encumbrances:			
Depreciation (53402)	34,233	58,000	53,000
Technical Adjustments - 1st Quarter	-	-	-
Change in Prepaid Expense	686	-	-
Long-Term Receivable	(535)	-	-
Unrealized Gain/Loss	-	-	-
Post Audit Adjustment	(1,285)	-	-
Change in Encumbrance	(460)	-	-
Rounding	(1)	-	-
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Net Adjustment - Increase/(Decrease) to Fund Balance	32,638	58,000	53,000
Undesignated/Unreserved <u>ENDING</u> Fund Balance			
Available for Budgeting	\$857,676	\$503,590	\$454,054
 <i>Target Fund Balance</i>	 \$457,184	 \$644,366	 \$632,751
<i>Over/(Under) Target Fund Balance</i>	\$400,492	(\$140,776)	(\$178,696)
 Total Increase/(Decrease) in Fund Balance for Fiscal Year <i>(Difference between Beginning and Ending Balance)</i>	 \$399,656	 (\$354,086)	 (\$49,536)
 <u>Fund Balance Components at Beginning of FY</u>	<u>7/1/2024</u>	<u>7/1/2025</u>	
Equity in Pooled Cash	\$441,606	\$930,313	
Other Receivables	6,375	9,831	
Due from Other Funds	251,605	-	
Vouchers Payable	(164,606)	(60,055)	
Accounts Payable	(56,294)	-	
Advances Payable	-	(1,285)	
Due to Federal	-	-	
Unearned Revenue	-	-	
Encumbrances	(20,668)	(21,128)	
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Total Beginning Fund Balance	\$458,019	\$857,676	

FY 2026-27 BUDGET
SUMMARY OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

Fund: SANITATION ZONE 1 - SEA RANCH - CONSTRUCTION
Fund/Department ID: 44410-33130200

Account No. and Title	Adopted 2025-26	Requested 2026-27	Difference	Percent Change
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REVENUES:

USE OF MONEY

44002 Interest on Pooled Cash	\$2,100	\$1,663	(\$437)	(20.81%)
Subtotal Use of Money	\$2,100	\$1,663	(\$437)	(20.81%)

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES

47101 Trans in - Within a Fund	\$352,000	\$0	(\$352,000)	(100.00%)
Subtotal Other Financing Sources	\$352,000	\$0	(\$352,000)	(100.00%)

TOTAL REVENUES	\$354,100	\$1,663	(\$352,437)	(99.53%)
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EXPENDITURES:

FIXED ASSETS

19832 CIP- Infrastructure	\$200,000	\$0	(\$200,000)	(100.00%)
Subtotal Fixed Assets	\$200,000	\$0	(\$200,000)	(100.00%)

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$200,000	\$0	(\$200,000)	(100.00%)
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TOTAL NET COST <i>(Expenditures Minus Revenues)</i>	(\$154,100)	(\$1,663)	\$152,437	(98.92%)
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FY 2026-27 BUDGET CHARACTER JUSTIFICATION

Department - Division: Sonoma County Water Agency - Sanitation
Section Title: Sanitation Zone - Sea Ranch - Construction

Character Title: Use of Money **Character No.:** 44410-33130200-44

44002 Interest on Pooled Cash

This account records interest on pooled cash held for the Zone by the County Treasurer's office. Estimated interest is projected based on cash on hand and current interest rate trends.

Estimated Average Cash Balance	\$55,435
Projected Interest Rate	3.00%
Projected/Planned Interest on Pooled Cash	\$1,663

Character Title: Other Financing Sources **Character No.:** 44410-33130200-47

47101 Trans in - Within A Fund

This account reflects the transfer of cash from the Operations Fund to the Construction Fund to finance the capital replacement program.

There is a planned operating transfer for FY 26-27 in the amount of: \$0

Character Title: Fixed Assets **Character No.:** 44410-33130200-19

19832 CIP - Infrastructure

This account is used for expenses associated with future facility upgrades. No planned construction funding needed in FY26-27.

<u>FY 26-27 Planned Services:</u>	<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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STATEMENT OF SPECIAL FUND ACTIVITY

Department: Sonoma County Water Agency - Sanitation
Fund: SANITATION ZONE 1 - SEA RANCH - CONSTRUCTION
Fund/Department ID: 44410-33130200

DESCRIPTION OF FUND ACTIVITY	Actual FY 24-25	Estimated FY 25-26	Requested FY 26-27
Undesignated/Unreserved <u>BEGINNING</u> Fund Balance			
Available for Budgeting (See Detailed Components Below)	\$384,361	\$385,503	\$54,603
Annual Revenues and Expenditures:			
Revenues - Increase fund balance	\$22,638	\$354,100	\$1,663
Expenditures - (Decrease) fund balance	(21,496)	(\$685,000)	-
Net Surplus or Deficit - Increase/(Decrease) to fund balance	1,143	(330,900)	1,663
Adjustments to Reserves/Encumbrances:			
Post Audit Adjustment	-	-	-
Technical Adjustments - 1st Quarter	-	-	-
Unrealized Gain/Loss	-	-	-
Net Adjustment - Increase/(Decrease) to Fund Balance	-	-	-
Undesignated/Unreserved <u>ENDING</u> Fund Balance			
Available for Budgeting	\$385,503	54,603	56,266
Total Increase/(Decrease) in Fund Balance for Fiscal Year <i>(Difference between Beginning and Ending Balance)</i>	\$1,143	(\$330,900)	\$1,663
<u>Fund Balance Components at Beginning of FY</u>	7/1/2024	7/1/2025	
Cash	\$635,966	\$385,503	
Accounts Payable	-	-	
Advances Payable	(251,605)	-	
Encumbrances	-	-	
Total Beginning Fund Balance	\$384,361	\$385,503	