

# Montecito Sanitary District

## Helping Customers Connect to Sewer

The public sanitary sewer pipeline system is constructed and readily accessible to numerous properties within the Montecito Sanitary District (MSD) service area who have elected to remain on septic systems. Rather than pass a mandatory connection policy, requiring all properties to connect to the public sewer system when it is available, the MSD Board of Directors has instead voted to help customers cover their sewer connection costs.

The Septic to Sewer Connection Fee Installment Payment Program helping customers connect to the public sewer system is available to all property owners converting from private septic to sewer, regardless of income. The program enables owners of properties served by septic systems pay their sewer connection fee over time. The property owner pays the connection fee in annual assessments, including interest, which appear on the Santa Barbara County property tax bill.

### Septic to Sewer Connection Fee Installment Payment Program

- **Interest Rate.** The interest rate is determined at the time of permit application for septic to sewer conversion. The interest rate will be equal to the interest the County of Santa Barbara is receiving on its investment funds.
- **1-10 year term.** Connection fees can be paid over a period of time not to exceed 10 years.
- **Collected via Santa Barbara County property tax bill.** Annual assessment, including interest, appears on the tax bill.
- **Assessment may travel with the property.** Sellers do not have to satisfy outstanding balance of assessment at sale of the property. Buyers can assume the assessment if both parties agree at closing.
- **Early payoff allowed.** Customers can pay off the assessment balance at any time.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call Montecito Sanitary District

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Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.