

# What is a ***Supplemental Connection Charge*** ?

## Buying Into the West Bay Sanitary District System

### Commercial & Industrial Supplemental Connection Charge

Each commercial and industrial parcel within the District purchases an initial amount of wastewater entitlement when the property is first developed. This is the amount of wastewater in gallons per day that they may discharge into the sewer system.

This discharge is monitored by the property's water use through the water meter data supplied to the District by the local water agencies. When a parcel reaches their entitlement amount, the District allows existing users to buy more shares of the District's system capacity by purchasing additional entitlement and paying a supplemental connection charge. The supplemental connection charge funds facilities and assets to accommodate the increase in capacity and to provide the revenue needed for the repair or upgrade of the sewer system infrastructure which benefit the expanded connections.

Whenever a parcel's building square footage is expanded, tenant improvements are made that affect wastewater discharges, or there is a change in use (for example retail store to restaurant), please contact the District (650-321-0384) to see if additional capacity/entitlement is needed.

Entitlement may be purchased at any time. Additional capacity charges will be invoiced when water use in any one calendar year exceeds the entitlement amount. The District reviews water use for businesses every year in the spring based on the previous year's water meter data.

It would be prudent to monitor your water usage regularly to ensure you are within your capacity limits.

Remember to always "Call Us First" at 650-321-0484. For more information please click here to see our [Code of General Regulations](#)

