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## RATE ADJUSTMENTS PROPOSED TO SUPPORT CRITICAL WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS



What Your Bill Pays For

The City is proposing utility rate increases to continue to provide safe and reliable utility service. If adopted, rates would go into effect July 2024. Your monthly bill helps ensure we keep our water and wastewater systems maintained and operating around the clock, which is key to protecting public health and the environment. As a public utility, our rates can only include the costs of providing water and wastewater utility services; revenues from rates do not generate profit or go towards other programs. The vast majority of costs to provide water and wastewater services do not vary based on water availability—infrastructure must be operated and maintained even if reservoirs are full.

Unfortunately, "do nothing" is not an option for maintaining our critical infrastructure. Delaying important investments will only make it more expensive in the future and could lead to emergencies that will be exponentially more expensive and disruptive than planned maintenance. To learn more about proposed water and wastewater rates, please visit *SantaBarbaraCA.gov/RateChanges* or attend the public hearing on Tuesday, June 25, at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall, 735 Anacapa Street.

## SANTA BARBARA CLEAN ENERGY RESIDENTIAL EV REBATE



Visit **SBCleanEnergy.com** to learn more about updated rebates.

Santa Barbara Clean Energy (SBCE) has updated its Residential Electric Vehicle (EV) Program! SBCE customers can apply for rebates for the purchase or lease of new or pre-owned EVs. Standard rebates are \$500 - \$1,000 depending on the type of vehicle, and income-qualified applicants may now receive a rebate of up to \$4,000. SBCE's rebate is stackable with other state, federal, and utility incentives. If you're on the fence about switching to an EV, there's never been a better time to choose electric!

For details and to apply, please visit us online at **SBCleanEnergy.com/Electrify-SB**.

## GET WATER LEAK ALERTS, VIEW HOURLY WATER USE, AND PAY YOUR BILL ONLINE!



Register your account with WaterSmart to discover helpful features to manage water use and pay bills.

WaterSmart is the City's new customer portal that gives you 24/7 access to online tools to manage water use and pay bills. With WaterSmart you can: view hourly water use, receive leak alerts, compare usage over time, enroll in paperless billing, sign up for automatic payments, and more.

Sign up today! Register your account on the WaterSmart portal at *SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WaterSmart* and enter your account number and service address zip code. For additional information, please visit *SantaBarbaraCA.gov/AMI* or call (805) 564-5460.

## DELTA AIR LINES RETURNS TO SANTA BARBARA



Delta Air Lines will offer daily nonstop service to ATL and SLC.

Santa Barbara Airport is thrilled to welcome back Delta Air Lines after pausing operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Starting Friday, June 7, Delta is offering nonstop service to two new routes: Atlanta (once daily) and Salt Lake City (twice daily). The new A220-300 plane will serve these flights, with a capacity to hold 130 passengers. With these two new connections, travelers can reach more than 35 additional domestic destinations and 30 international destinations with just one stop. Tickets can be booked directly on Delta's website.

To view the full schedule and learn more about Delta's return, visit *FlySBA.com/DeltaSBA*.



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#### DISCOVER THE CITY'S EVENTS CALENDAR!

Explore the exciting opportunities to get involved with your community. Our City government events calendar is your go-to source for community events, important public meetings, and holiday schedules. Stay connected by visiting *SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Events* today!



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