



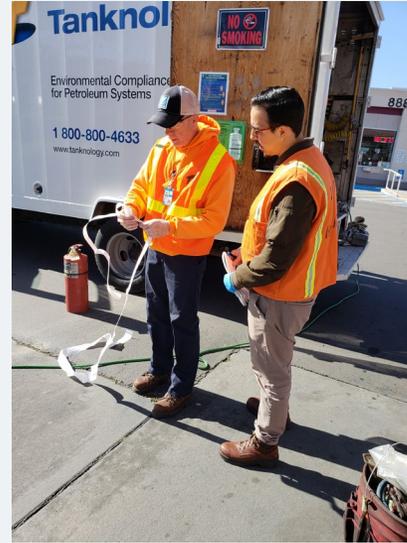
DEHQ Cost Recovery Proposal FY 2026-27

Housing, LEA Solid Waste, State Small Water Systems, Recycled Water, Wells

Stakeholder Outreach

March 25, 2026

Department of Environmental Health and Quality

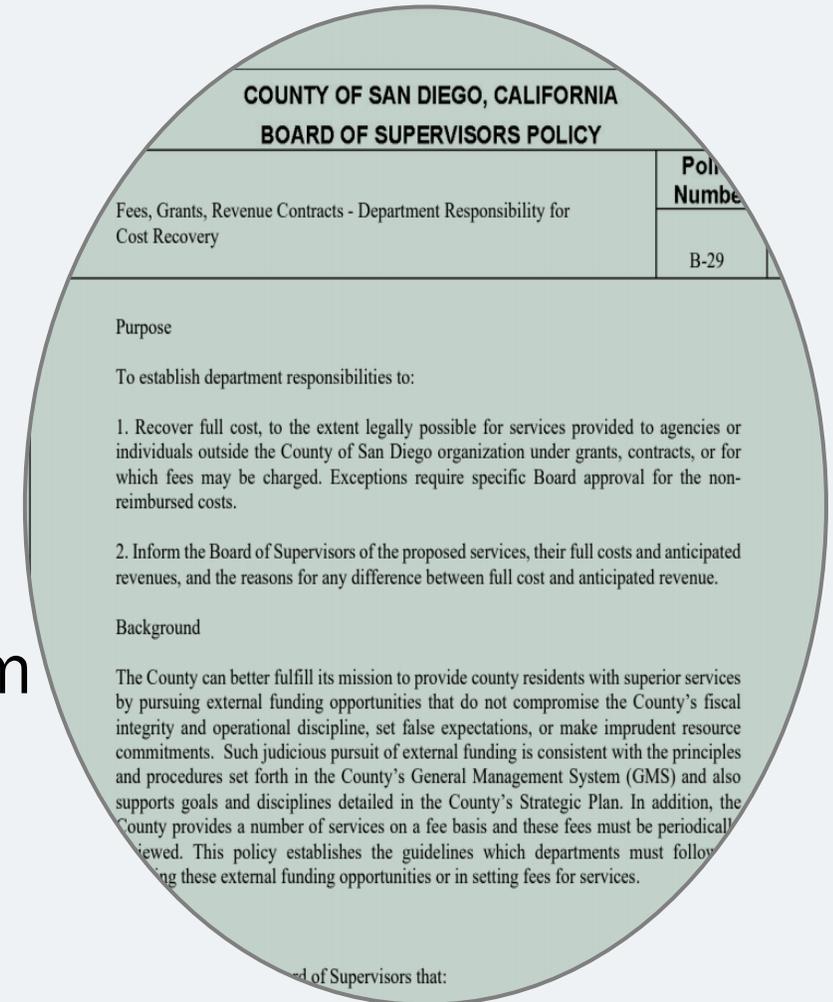


Need for Proposal

- ❑ Compliance with Board Policy B-29
- ❑ Commitment to the Board and stakeholders to return yearly
- ❑ Cost adjustments – labor, goods, services, enterprise costs
- ❑ State and Federal Regulatory Changes

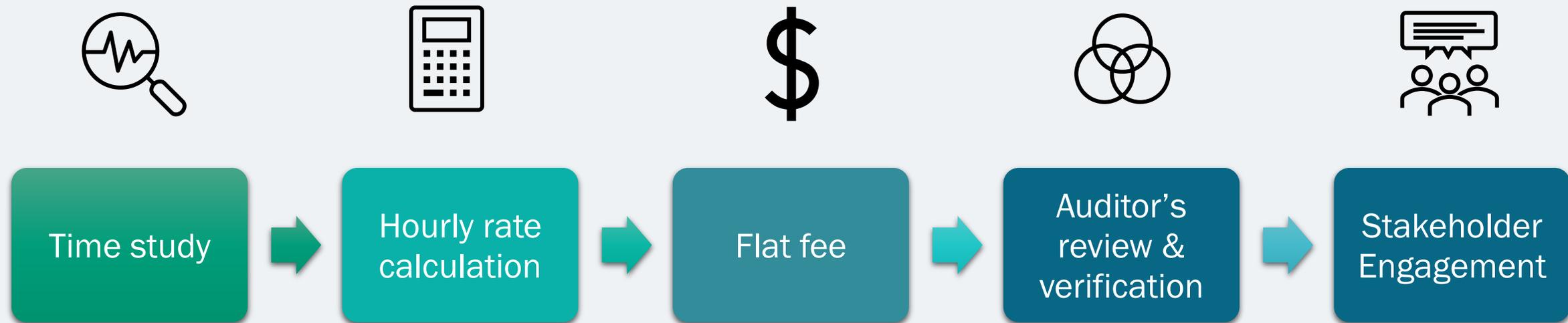
What is Board Policy B-29?

- ❑ Full cost recovery
 - ❑ Ensures coverage of operating costs
- ❑ Allows for waivers
- ❑ Annual review keeps increases to a minimum



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY	
Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery	Policy Number B-29
Purpose To establish department responsibilities to: 1. Recover full cost, to the extent legally possible for services provided to agencies or individuals outside the County of San Diego organization under grants, contracts, or for which fees may be charged. Exceptions require specific Board approval for the non-reimbursed costs. 2. Inform the Board of Supervisors of the proposed services, their full costs and anticipated revenues, and the reasons for any difference between full cost and anticipated revenue.	
Background The County can better fulfill its mission to provide county residents with superior services by pursuing external funding opportunities that do not compromise the County's fiscal integrity and operational discipline, set false expectations, or make imprudent resource commitments. Such judicious pursuit of external funding is consistent with the principles and procedures set forth in the County's General Management System (GMS) and also supports goals and disciplines detailed in the County's Strategic Plan. In addition, the County provides a number of services on a fee basis and these fees must be periodically reviewed. This policy establishes the guidelines which departments must follow when pursuing these external funding opportunities or in setting fees for services.	
Board of Supervisors that:	

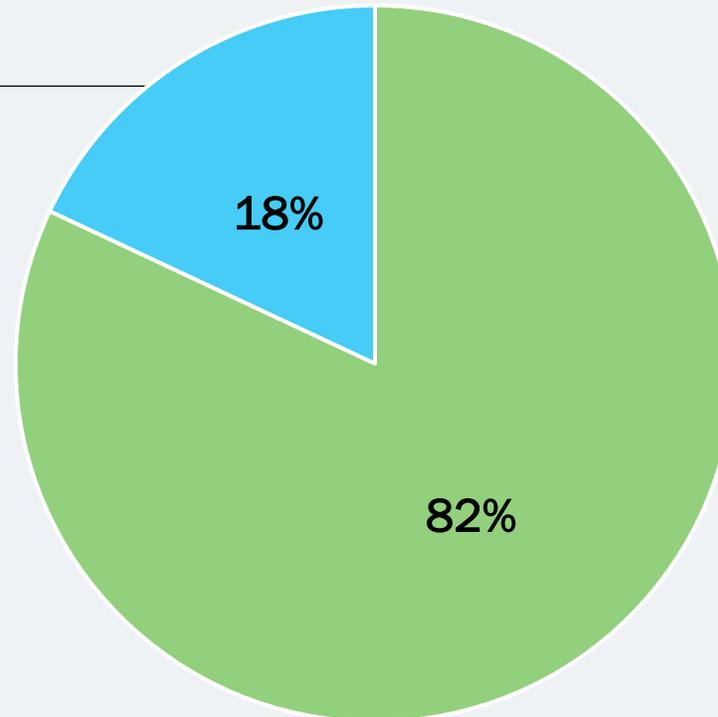
Fee Development Process



Cost Composition

Discretionary Costs:

- Services and Supplies
- Vehicles and Equipment
- Savings and Innovation



Non-Discretionary:

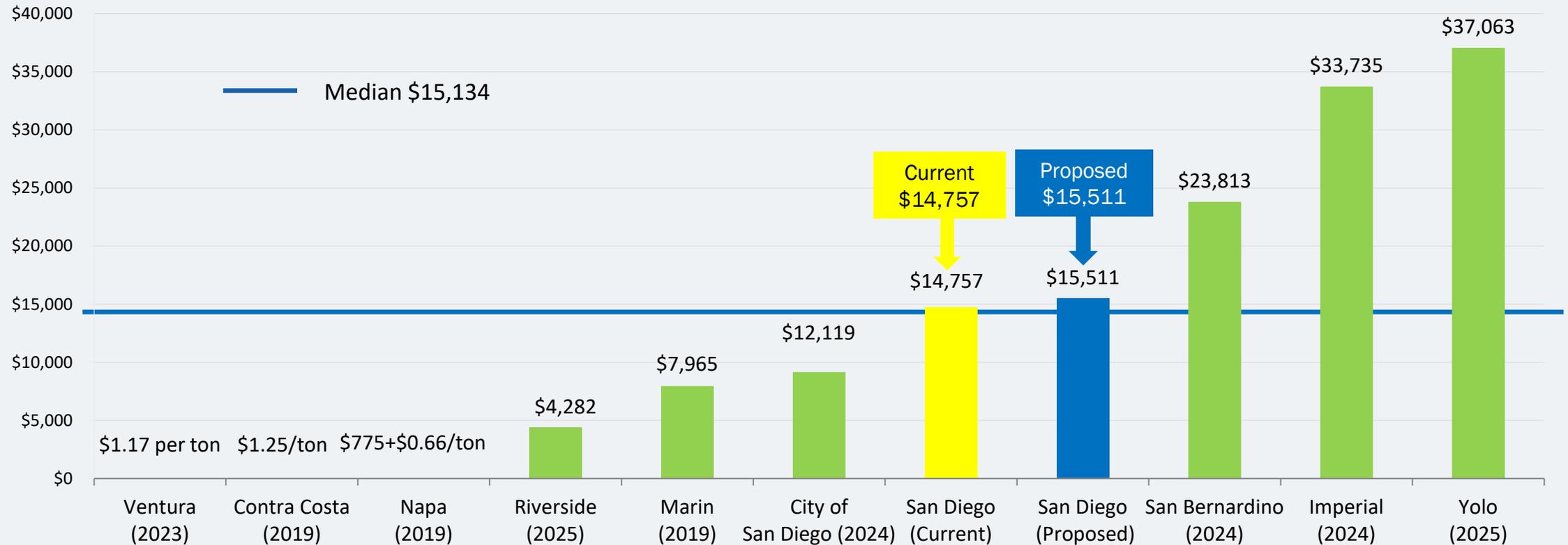
- Salary and Benefits
- Retirement Contribution
- Fees from other County Departments
- Facilities

DEHQ Proposed Fees

Program	Avg. \$ Change	Avg. % Change
Local Enforcement Agency (LEA)	\$644	8.0%
Housing Rental Apartments or Hotel	\$9	4.6%
State Small Water System	\$80	4.8%
Monitoring & Water Wells	\$93	10.7%
Recycled Water Hourly Rate	\$0	0%

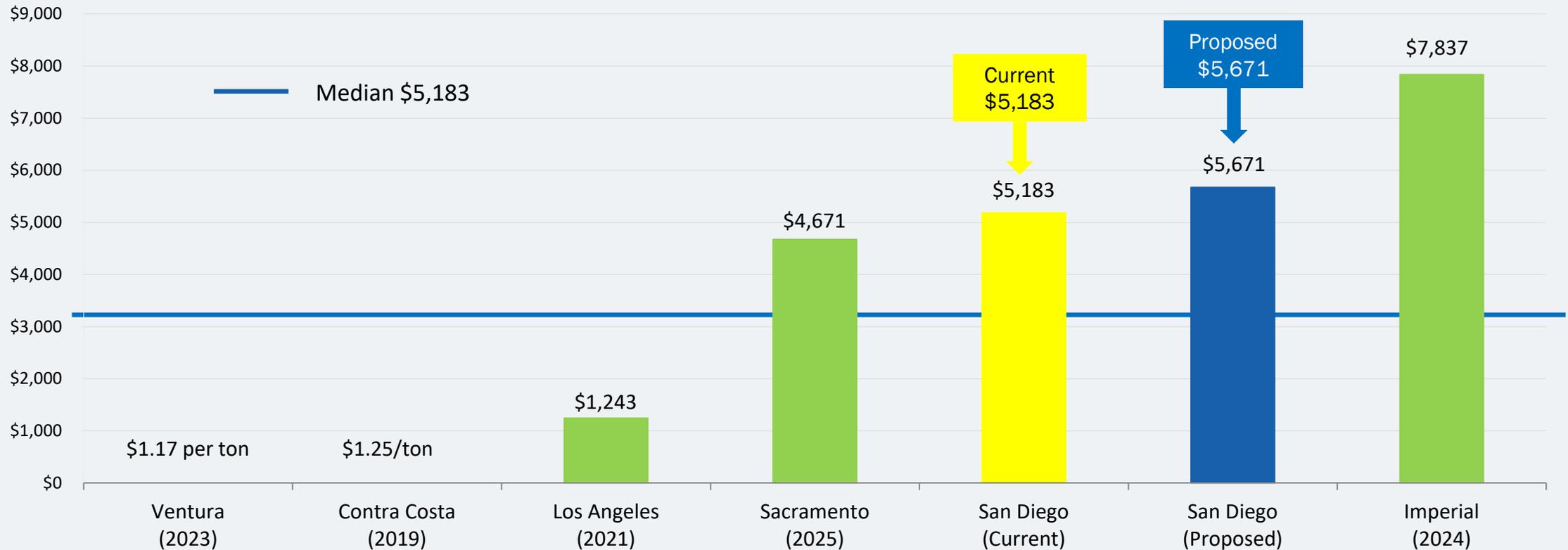
LEA (Solid Waste) Fee

Permit Type	Permit Number	Current Fee (FY 25/26)	FY 26/27 Proposed Fee	\$ Change	% Change
Large Composting Facility	3	\$14,757	\$15,511	\$754	5.1%



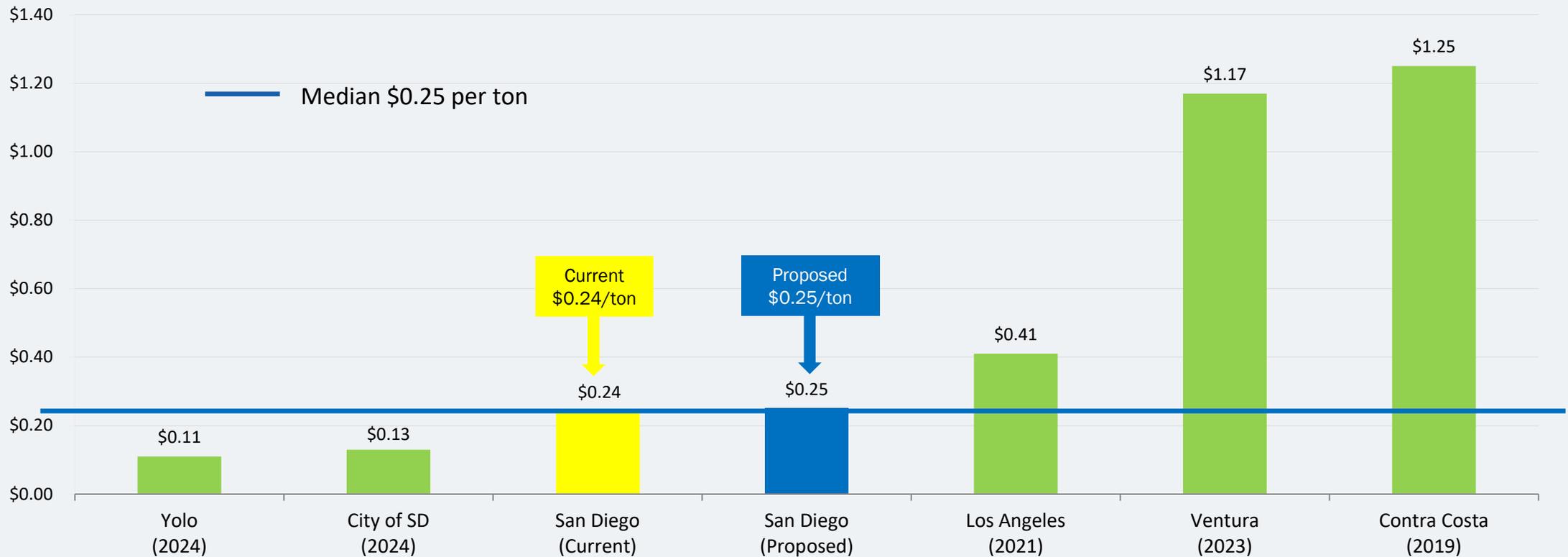
LEA (Solid Waste) Fee

Permit Type	Permit Number	Current Fee (FY 25/26)	FY 26/27 Proposed Fee	\$ Change	% Change
Limited Volume Transfer Open Quarterly	10	\$5,183	\$5,671	\$488	9.4%



LEA (Solid Waste) Fee

Permit Type	Current Fee (FY 25/26)	FY 26/27 Proposed Fee	\$ Change	% Change
Tipping Fee	\$0.24 per ton	\$0.25 per ton	\$0.01	4.2%



Proposed Fees

Fee Category	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	\$ Change	% Change
	FY 25-26	FY 26-27		
Large Active Landfill	\$77,310	\$79,295	\$1,985	2.6%
Small Active Landfill	\$38,871	\$39,869	\$998	2.6%
Extra Large Transfer Station	\$37,791	\$38,761	\$970	2.6%
Major Large Transfer Station	\$24,503	\$25,540	\$1,037	4.2%
Minor Large Transfer Station	\$18,134	\$19,003	\$869	4.8%
Medium Volume CDI Processing Facility	\$11,337	\$12,009	\$672	5.9%
Limited Volume Transfer Station (Quarterly)	\$5,183	\$5,671	\$488	9.4%
Limited Volume Transfer Station (Bi-Annual)	\$2,591	\$2,891	\$300	11.6%
CDI Recycling Center	\$1,067	\$1,183	\$116	10.9%
Type A Inert Debris Recycling Center (Annual)	\$1,067	\$1,183	\$116	10.9%

Proposed Fees

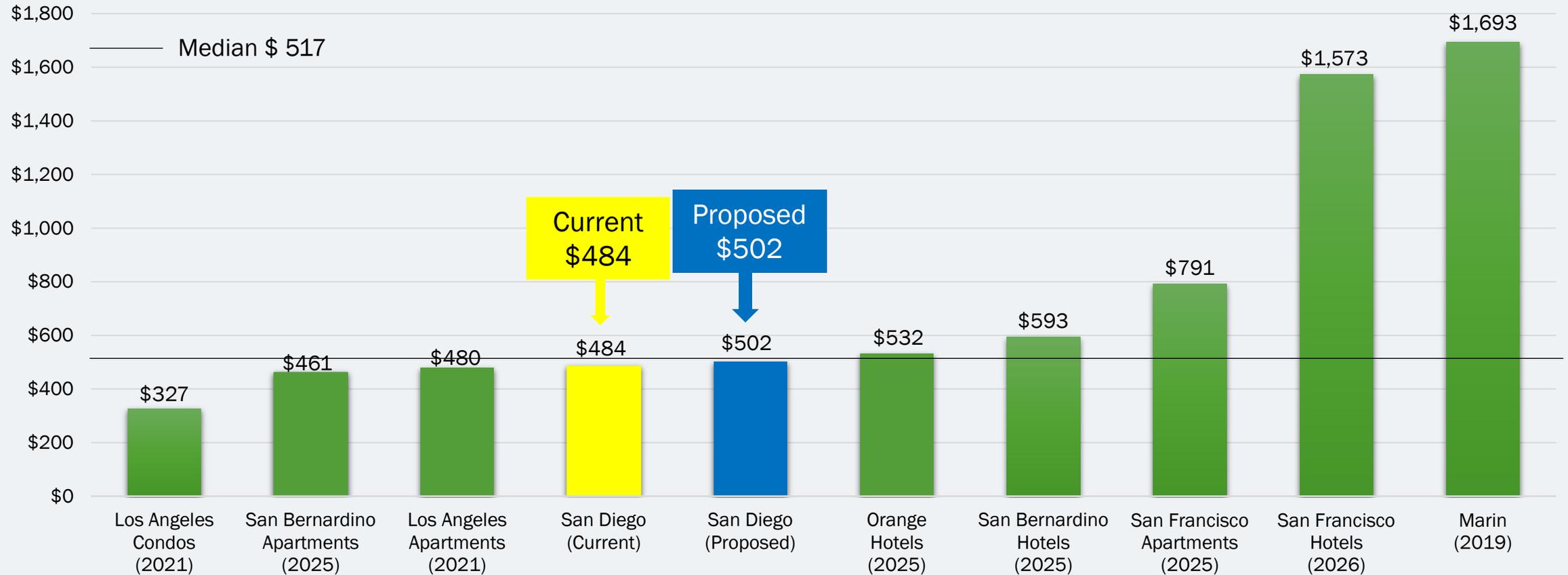
Fee Category	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	\$ Change	% Change
	FY 25-26	FY 26-27		
CDI Waste Disposal Facility	\$18,140	\$21,349	\$3,209	17.7%
Type A Inert Debris Disposal Facility	\$11,877	\$14,010	\$2,133	18.0%
Inert Debris Engineered Fill Operations	\$5,140	\$5,448	\$308	6.0%
Full Permit Compost Facility (Monthly)	\$14,757	\$15,511	\$754	5.1%
Registration Compost/Chip & Grind (Monthly)	\$15,117	\$15,901	\$784	5.2%
EAN - Compost / Chip & Grind (Quarterly)	\$5,364	\$6,004	\$640	11.9%
EAN - Compost / Chip & Grind (Bi-Annual)	\$2,721	\$2,891	\$170	6.2%
EAN - Compost / Chip & Grind (Annual)	\$1,188	\$1,334	\$146	12.3%

Proposed Fees

Fee Category	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	\$ Change	% Change
	FY 25-26	FY 26-27		
Large Closed Landfill (Monthly)	\$40,080	\$41,109	\$1,029	2.6%
Small Closed Landfill with Gas Monitoring (Quarterly)	\$11,992	\$12,300	\$308	2.6%
Agency Burn Sites (Annual)	\$1,566	\$1,668	\$102	6.5%
Closed Landfill/Burn Sites - No Gas Monitoring (Quarterly)	\$6,479	\$6,894	\$415	6.4%
Solid Waste Facility Permit Revision/Modification	\$196	\$197	\$1	0.5%
Review And New Permit Processing, Including CEQA	\$196	\$197	\$1	0.5%
Site Investigation	\$0.24 per ton	\$0.25 per ton	\$0.01	4.2%
Closed Landfill Burn sites - Pre-Regs, No Permit Fee	\$0.24 per ton	\$0.25 per ton	\$0.01	4.2%

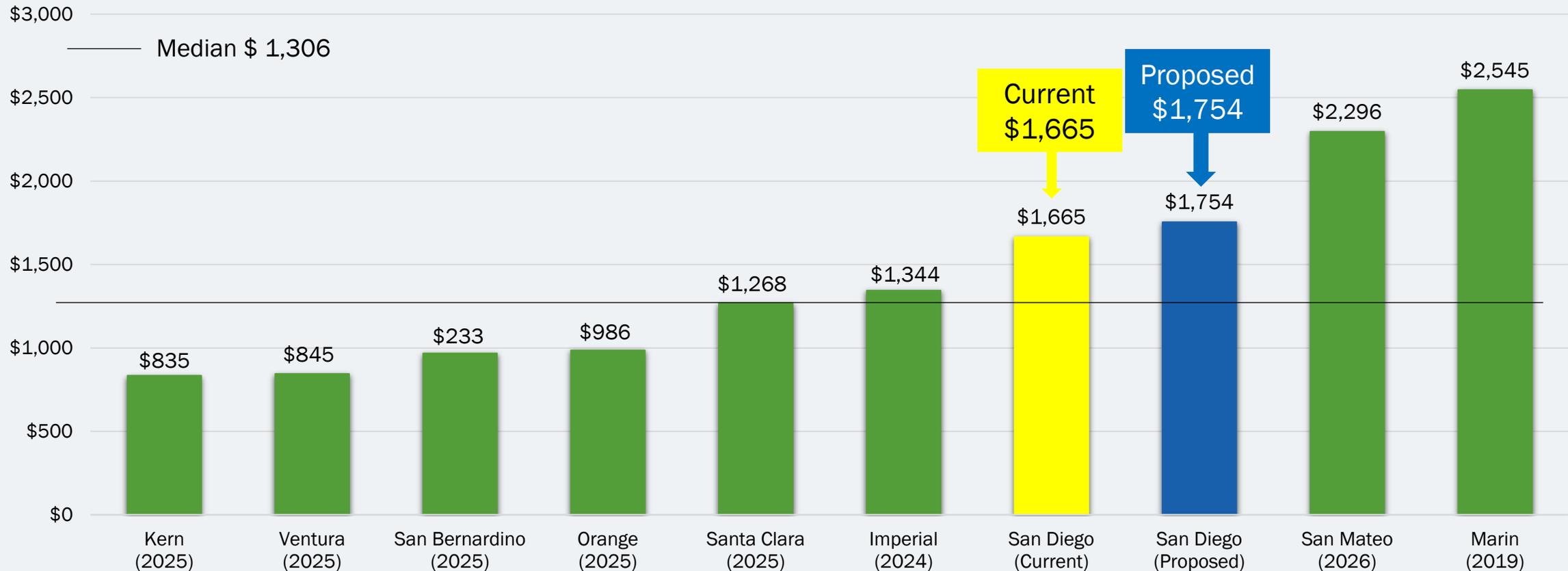
Housing (120 Units) Fee

FEE NAME	NUMBER OF PERMITS	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED FEE	CHANGE FROM FY 25-26	
				\$	%
Housing (120 Units)	~ 8	\$484	\$502	\$18	3.7%



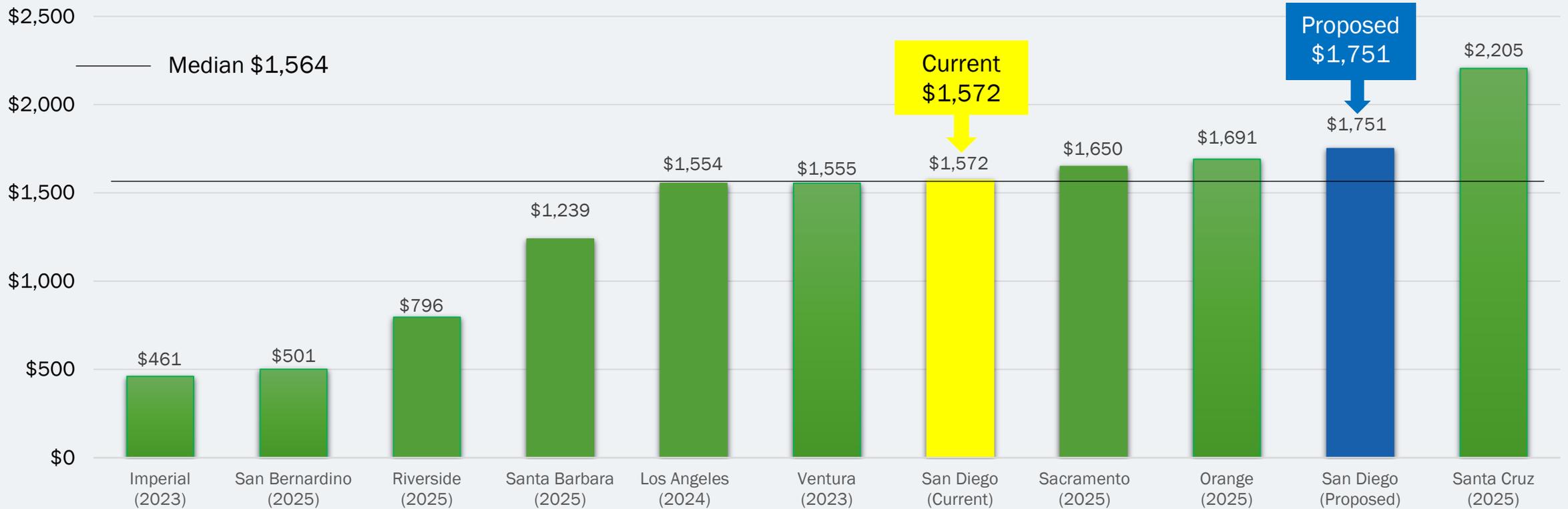
State Small Water System Fee

FEE NAME	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED FEE	CHANGE FROM FY 25-26	
			\$	%
State Small Water System	\$1,665	\$1,754	\$80	4.8%



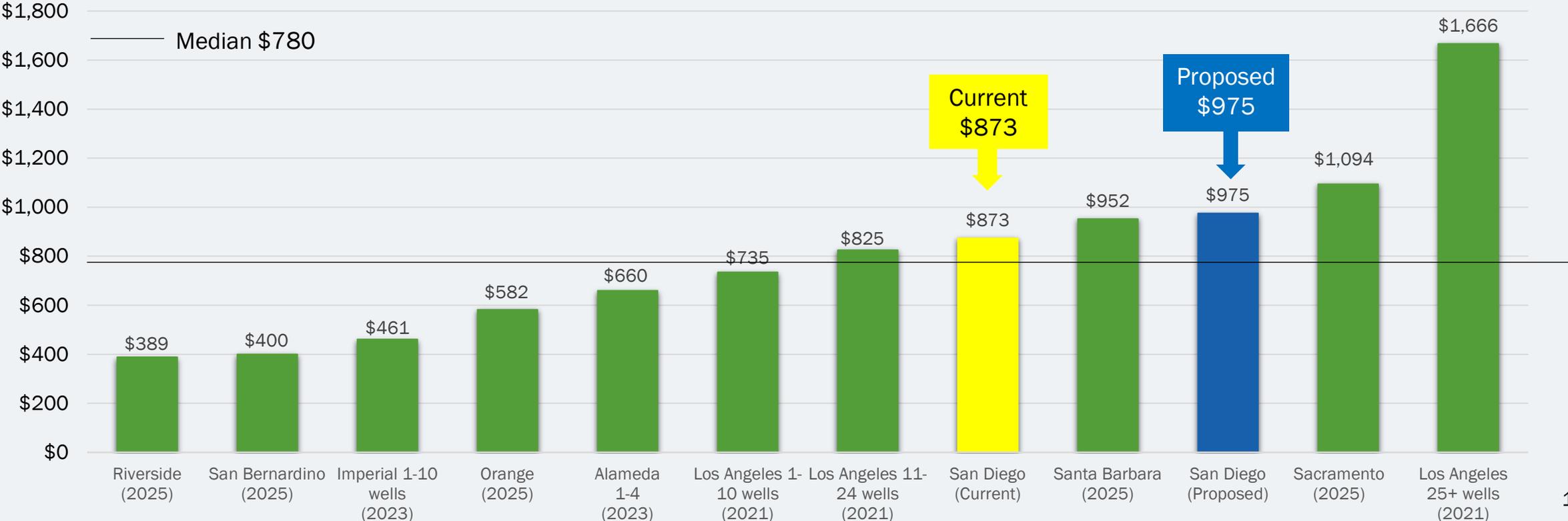
Water Well Fee

FEE NAME	NUMBER OF PERMITS	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED FEE	CHANGE FROM FY 25-26	
				\$	%
Water Well Construction Permit	133	\$1,572	\$1,751	\$179	11.4%



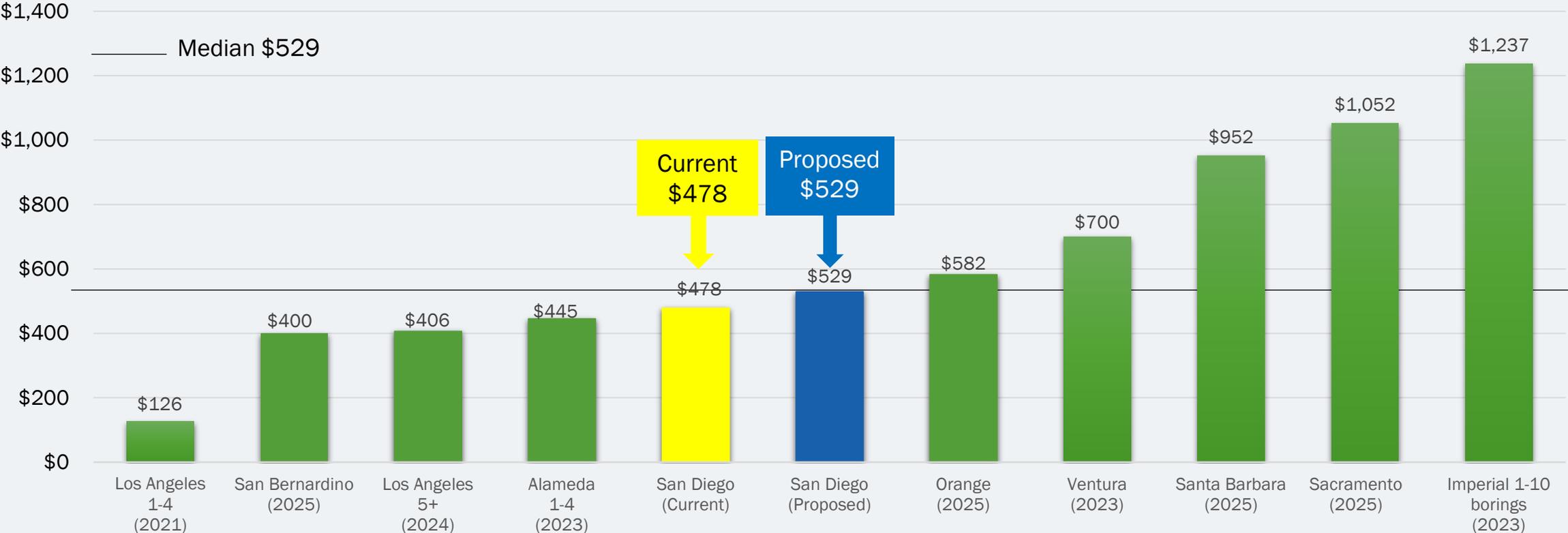
Monitoring Well Fee

FEE NAME	NUMBER OF PERMITS	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED FEE	CHANGE FROM FY25-26	
				\$	%
Initial Monitoring Well Permit	90	\$873	\$975	\$102	11.7%



Monitoring Well Fee

FEE NAME	NUMBER OF PERMITS	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED FEE	CHANGE FROM FY25-26	
				\$	%
Initial Soil Boring	257	\$478	\$529	\$51	10.7%



Wells Proposed Fees

Fee Category	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	\$ Change	% Change
	FY 25-26	FY 26-27		
Initial Monitoring Well Installation Base Fee	\$873	\$975	\$102	11.7%
Additional Monitoring Wells	\$551	\$611	\$60	10.9%
Initial Soil Boring Base Fee	\$478	\$529	\$51	10.7%
Additional Soil Borings	\$142	\$156	\$14	9.9%
Initial Monitoring Well Destruction Base Fee	\$425	\$470	\$45	10.6%
Additional Monitoring Well Destructions	\$266	\$296	\$30	11.3%
Monitoring Well Time Extension	\$112	\$125	\$13	11.6%
Monitoring Well Re-Inspection	\$710	\$775	\$65	9.2%
Vapor Probe Survey	\$1,620	\$1,815	\$195	12.0%

Wells Proposed Fees

Fee Category	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	\$ Change	% Change
	FY 25-26	FY 26-27		
Water Well Permit	\$1,572	\$1,751	\$179	11.4%
Well Destruction Permit	\$1,442	\$1,616	\$174	12.1%
Collected Water Samples from Private Well	\$838	\$891	\$53	6.3%
Well Permit Time Extension	\$112	\$125	\$13	11.6%
Community Water Well Permit	\$2,810	\$3,116	\$306	10.9%
Inactive Well Declaration	\$898	\$998	\$100	11.1%

Wells Proposed Fees

Fee Category	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	\$ Change	% Change
	FY 25-26	FY 26-27		
Hourly Rate	\$196	\$197	\$1	0.5%

Discretionary/CEQA Review

Miscellaneous

Plan Check Resubmittal

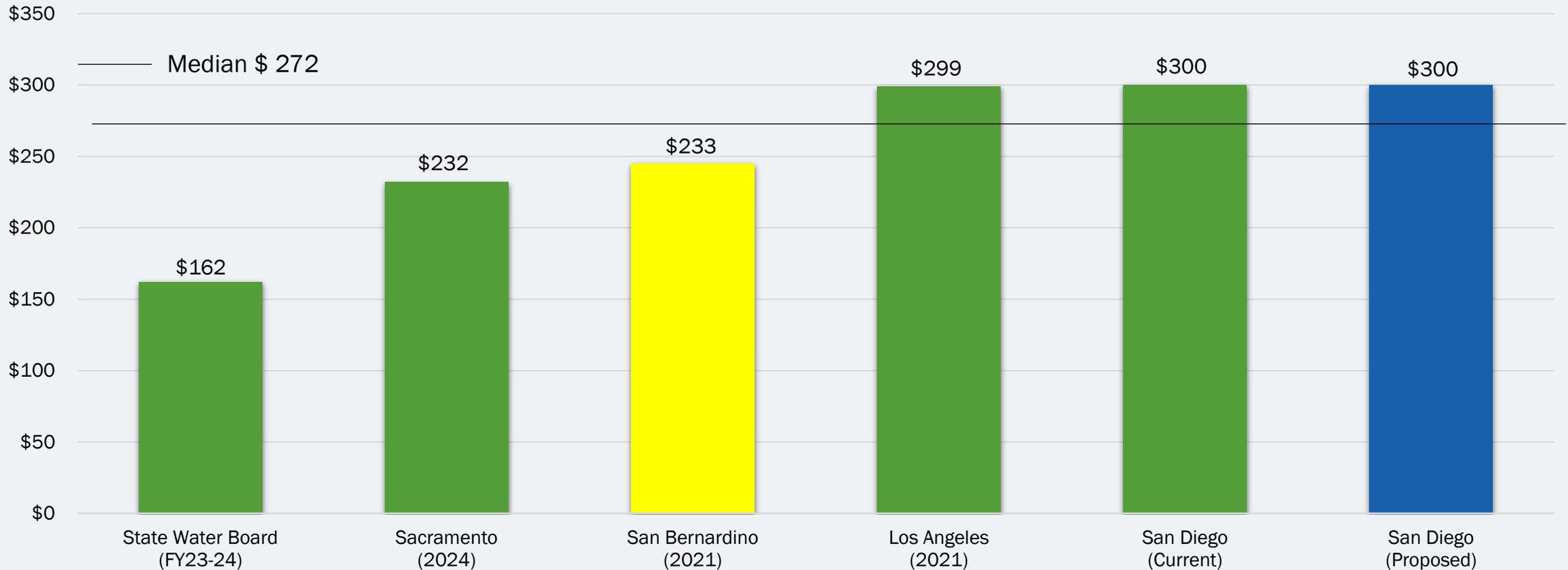
Variance Requests

Enforcement

Complaint Response

Recycled Water Hourly Rate Fee

FEE NAME	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED FEE	CHANGE FROM FY 25-26	
			\$	%
Recycled Water Programmatic Hourly Rate	\$300	\$300	\$0	0%



Program Updates

LEA Solid Waste Program

- Emergency Illegal Disposal Regulations became permanent as of March 4, 2026.
- Regulates land application of organic waste.
- Extends LEA enforcement ability to “any person” who causes, arranges, or transports solid waste for disposal or accepts it for disposal at a non-permitted site.

Program Updates

Well Program

- Updated Well Standards have been delayed and are now expected to be published by the California Department of Water Resources in 2027.
- Comment period likely in Summer 2026.

Program Updates

Housing Program

- AB 628 became effective January 1, 2026 and updates California tenantability standards.
- Applies to leases entered into, amended, or extended after January 1, 2026.
- Requires dwelling units to have a stove and refrigerator to be in good working order, unless provided by the tenant.
- Stoves and refrigerators subject to recall are considered unsafe and must be repaired/replaced within 30 days.
- Does not apply to permanent supportive housing, single-room occupancy units, units in residential hotels, or dwelling units with shared or communal kitchen facilities, including assisted living facilities.

Next Steps

- Answer questions and hear all your feedback on our current programs.
- May 2026: Anticipated to present the Cost Recovery Proposal to the Board of Supervisors for their review.
- Approximately 2 weeks after the first reading: 2nd reading of Cost Recovery Proposal by the BOS.
- On July 1, 2026: New fees to go into effect.

Scan for website to access full fee list





DEHQ Cost Recovery Proposal FY 2026-27

Any Questions?

Joann Lee

Operations Chief

(619) 379-7965

Joann.Lee@sdcounty.ca.gov

Colleen Hines

Program Coordinator

(619) 341-0372

Colleen.Hines@sdcounty.ca.gov

Joel Wright

Program Coordinator

(619) 727-1829

Joel.Wright@sdcounty.ca.gov