

**MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY SERVICES
COUNTY OF PLACER**

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors Date: July 8, 2014
From: *MD* Mary Dietrich, Facility Services Director
By: Bill Zimmerman, P.E., Deputy Director
Subject: Refund of Duplicate Sewer Fee Payment – Sewer Maintenance District 1

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Approve a refund to the City of Auburn (Auburn) in the amount of \$45,492 from Sewer Maintenance District 1 (SMD 1) Operating Budget to correct a duplicate payment of sewer services at no net County cost.

BACKGROUND: On March 10, 2014, staff issued an invoice for the 2013 annual SMD 1 sewer service charges in the amount of \$45,492 for leachate flow from the closed landfill located on Shale Ridge Lane, Auburn, California. The landfill was operated by Recology for many years and upon closure thereof, Auburn became responsible for payment of various fees and costs, including sewer service charges. Auburn issued two checks for \$45,492 (check number 84770 on March 14, 2014 and check number 84950 on April 3, 2014). Staff has confirmed that a duplicate payment was made and staff supports Auburn's request for a refund of the duplicate amount of \$45,492.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE: Approval of a refund of an overpayment is not a project as defined in the California Environmental Quality Act.

FISCAL IMPACT: The requested action will reduce the sewer service charges received by SMD 1 by \$45,492. This reduction in sewer service charges will not impact the SMD 1 Operating Budget as the overpayment was not anticipated as revenue.

CC: COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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