

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

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors Date: August 26, 2014
From: *MD* Mary Dietrich, Facility Services Director
By: Bill Zimmerman P.E., Deputy Director *BZ*
Subject: Ordinance Amending the Placer County Code to Increase Regional Sewer Connection Fees

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. After holding a Public Hearing, adopt an Ordinance amending regional sewer connection fees for Sewer Maintenance Districts 2 (Granite Bay) and 3 (Horseshoe Bar), and County Service Areas 28, Zones 2, A3 (Sunset) and 173 (Dry Creek) at no net County cost.
2. Make a finding pursuant to Section 21080(b)(8) of the Public Resource Code that the higher connection fees are derived directly from the cost of providing service and are therefore exempt from environmental review.

BACKGROUND: Wastewater collected within Sewer Maintenance District (SMD) 2 and the Sunset and Dry Creek County Service Areas (CSAs) is conveyed to the City of Roseville's wastewater treatment plants for treatment. Completion of the SMD 3 Regionalization Project is scheduled for completion later this year at which time flows from SMD 3 will also flow to Roseville for treatment. Pursuant to our agreements with the South Placer Wastewater Authority, connection fees from sewer districts utilizing these treatment plants include a regional component that is used by the SPWA to fund future expansions.

The County's current connection fee in these districts is \$8,179 per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU), which includes a \$6,711 per EDU regional component. On July 1, 2014, the SPWA increased the regional connection fee to \$7,057 per EDU. In order to accommodate this increase, staff recommends your Board increase the County connection fee by \$346 to \$8,525 in the affected districts, including SMD 3. The requested increase is based on changes in the Engineering News Record – Construction Cost Index as specified by the Roseville Municipal Code and covers a two-year period (1.13% in 2013 and 3.98% in 2014). In order to adjust fees, your Board must conduct a Public Hearing, approve an amendment to the Ordinance adjusting the connection fees, and make a finding that the higher fees are derived directly from the cost of providing service.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE: Pursuant to Section 21080(b)(8) of the Public Resource Code, the proposed connection fee adjustments are considered exempt from environmental review provided your Board adopts findings at the time the connection fees are approved that the fees are derived directly from the cost of providing service.

FISCAL IMPACT: Assuming 715 new EDUs in FY 2014-15, (which includes 615 EDUs from SMD 3), and a connection fee increase of \$346 per EDU, approval of the fee connection fee adjustment would result in a combined \$247,390 of additional revenue in the affected district budgets. These additional fees will be forwarded to Roseville and placed in the Rate Stabilization Fund for future expansions.

ATTACHMENT: ORDINANCE

CC: COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
SECTION 13.12.350, SUBSECTIONS (B), (C), (D)
AND (I) OF CHAPTER 13 OF THE PLACER COUNTY
CODE RELATING TO CONNECTIONS FEES
FOR PLACER COUNTY SEWER MAINTENANCE
DISTRICTS 2 AND 3 AND COUNTY SERVICE
AREA NO. 28, ZONES 2, A3 AND 173**

Ord. No.: _____

The following ORDINANCE was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the
County of Placer at a regular meeting held _____, by the following vote
on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Ann Holman
Clerk of said Board

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF PLACER, STATE OF
CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN as follows:**

Section 1: Subsections (B), (C), (D) and (I) of Section 13.12.350 Fee Schedules, of
Chapter 13 of the Placer County Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

- B. Sewer Maintenance District No. 2. The following schedule of charges and fees shall apply to
property within Placer County sewer maintenance district No. 2 and are based upon a flow
rate of one equivalent dwelling unit (EDU). Calculation of a charge and fee for a use that is
billed at a rate other than one equivalent dwelling unit shall be based upon the schedule set
forth in subsection H of Section 13.12.240.

Sewer service charge	= \$48.12 per month per EDU.
Annexation fee	= \$1,500.00 per acre.
Sewer connection fee	= \$8,170.000 \$8,525.00 per EDU.

- C. Sewer Maintenance District No. 3. The following schedule of charges and fees shall apply to property within Placer County sewer maintenance district No. 3 and are based upon a flow rate of one equivalent dwelling unit (EDU). Calculation of a charge and fee for a use that is billed at a rate other than one equivalent dwelling unit shall be based upon the schedule set forth in subsections ~~E and F~~ H of Section 13.12.240.

Sewer service charge	
Effective July 1, 2009	= \$105.40 per month per EDU.
Effective July 1, 2010	= \$111.72 per month per EDU.
Annexation fee	= \$4,173.00 per acre.
Sewer connection fee	= \$8,179.00 \$8,525.00 per EDU.

- D. County Service Area No. 28, Zone No. 2, A3 (Sunset). The following schedule of charges and fees shall apply to property within county service area No. 28, Zone 2, A3 and are based upon a flow rate of one equivalent dwelling unit (EDU). Calculation of a charge and fee for a use that is billed at a rate other than one equivalent dwelling unit shall be based upon the schedule set forth in subsection H of Section 13.12.240.

Sewer service charge	= \$33.06 per month per EDU.
Annexation fee	= \$182.00 per acre.
Sewer connection fee	= \$8,179.00 \$8,525.00 per EDU.

- I. County Service Area No. 28, Zone No. 173 (Dry Creek Sewers). The following schedule of charges and fees shall apply to property within county service area No. 28, Zone No. 173 and are based upon a flow rate of one equivalent dwelling unit (EDU). Calculation of a charge and fee for a use that is billed at a rate other than one equivalent dwelling unit shall be based upon the schedule set forth in subsection (H) of Section 13.12.240.

Sewer service charge	= \$38.14 per month per EDU.
Sewer connection fee	= \$8,179.00 \$8,525.00 per EDU.

Section 2: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect sixty (60) days after its passage. The Clerk is directed to publish it within fifteen (15) days in accordance with Government Code Section 25124.

