

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

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors Date: August 18, 2015  
From: Ken Grehm, Facility Services Interim Director  
By: Bill Zimmerman, P.E., Deputy Director  
Subject: 9:40AM / Environmental Engineering / Public Hearing / Regional Sewer / Connection Fee Increase

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Conduct a Public Hearing to Adopt an Ordinance amending section 13.12.350 of the Placer County Code to increase regional sewer connection fees for Sewer Maintenance Districts 2 and 3 and County Service Areas 28, Zones 2A3 and 173 based on the annual inflation adjustment approved by the South Placer Wastewater Authority.

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 2 (Granite Bay) and 3 (Horseshoe Bar) and County Service Areas 28, Zones 2A3 (Sunset) and 173 (Dry Creek) is conveyed to the City of Roseville's wastewater treatment plants for treatment. Pursuant to agreements with the South Placer Wastewater Authority (SPWA), connection fees from sewer districts utilizing these treatment plants include a regional component that is used by the SPWA to fund future expansions.

The current connection fee in these districts is \$8,525 per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU), which includes a \$7,057 per EDU regional component and \$1,468 per EDU for the local component retained within each district. On July 1, 2015, SPWA increased the regional connection fee to \$7,232 per EDU. In order to accommodate this increase, staff recommends your Board increase the County connection fee by \$175 to \$8,700 in the affected districts. 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 one-year period (2.48% May 2014-May 2015). 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:** Staff anticipates 137 new connections in the affected districts in FY 2015-16. Approval of the connection fee adjustment would result in a combined \$23,957 of additional revenue in the district budgets. The regional connection fees will be forwarded to Roseville and credited to the County's Rate Stabilization Fund for future expansions.

Attachment 1- 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 CONNECTION FEES FOR  
PLACER COUNTY SEWER MAINTENANCE  
DISTRICTS 2 AND 3 AND COUNTY SERVICE  
AREAS 28, ZONE 2A3 AND 173**

Ordinance 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.

Attest:  
Clerk of said Board

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Chair, Board of Supervisors

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 Codes 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	= <del>\$8,525.000</del> <b>\$8,700.00</b> 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 subsection 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	= \$4,440.00 per acre.
Sewer connection fee	= <del>\$8,525.00</del> <b>\$8,700.00</b> 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	= \$194.00 per acre.
Sewer connection fee	= <del>\$8,525.00</del> <b>\$8,700.00</b> 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	= <del>\$8,525.00</del> <b>\$8,700.00</b> 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.

