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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING DIVISION
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors DATE: January 12, 2021
FROM: Ken Grehm, Director of Public Works
By: Kevin Bell, P.E., Deputy Director
SUBJECT: Refund of Sewer Service Charges / Hearthstone at Timberline / Sewer Maintenance District 1

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a refund of sewer service charges from Sewer Maintenance District 1 to Timberline Village LLC, APN 051-180-103-000, for Fiscal Year 2020-21 in the amount of \$87,834.10, and direct the Auditor-Controller to pay said amount.

BACKGROUND

Sewer Maintenance District 1 (SMD 1) provides sewer service to approximately 8,200 equivalent dwelling units (EDUs) in the North Auburn area. These systems are maintained by SMD 1 and the customers who discharge into the system incur regular monthly sewer service charges, in the current amount of \$95.78 per EDU. This charge covers operation and maintenance of the system based upon the usage of the sewer system. The sewer service charges typically commence three months after purchase of a new sewer permit. Timberline Village LLC purchased their sewer connection permit in December 2019, which resulted in placement of the sewer service charges onto the Property Tax Roll for FY 2020-21. To date, Timberline Village LLC has not completed the required sewer improvements to allow connection to the sewer system and therefore, no usage of the sewer system has occurred. Timberline Village LLC contacted staff with a request for a refund of the sewer service charges incurred for FY 2020-21.

The charge has been removed from the sewer billing system until such time as the public improvements are installed and the project is able to connect to sewer. The property will then be billed on the property tax roll at the current rate in effect for sewer service charges at that time. As the amount of the refund due to Timberline Village LLC exceeds the \$5,000 limit allowed by Resolution 2008-35, your Board's approval is required.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Approval of the recommended action is not a project as defined in the California Environmental Quality Act.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funding exists in the FY 2020-21 Budget for SMD 1 to refund the \$87,834.10 payment of sewer service charges.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

