



**MEMORANDUM
PUBLIC WORKS
ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING DIVISION**
County of Placer

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** July 12, 2022
FROM: Ken Grehm, Director of Public Works
BY: Robin Mahoney, P.E., Senior Engineer
SUBJECT: Public Hearing / South Placer Wastewater Authority / Sewer Connection Fee Annual Adjustment

ACTION REQUESTED

1. Conduct a public hearing to receive public testimony regarding a proposal to increase the sewer connection fees for Sewer Maintenance Districts 2 and 3, and County Service Area 28, Zones of Benefit 2A3 and 173, from \$10,137 to \$11,132 (9.82%) per Equivalent Dwelling Unit to reflect increases in the regional component approved by the South Placer Wastewater Authority.
2. Adopt an ordinance amending Section 13.12.350 of the Placer County Code to increase the sewer connection fees.
3. Make a finding pursuant to Section 21080(b)(8) of the Public Resource Code that the higher fees are derived directly from the cost of providing service and are therefore exempt from environmental review.

BACKGROUND

Wastewater collected within Sewer Maintenance Districts 2 (Granite Bay) and 3 (Horseshoe Bar), County Service Area 28, Zones of Benefit 2A3 (Sunset) and 173 (Dry Creek) is conveyed to one of two treatment plants owned and operated by the City of Roseville, the Dry Creek Plant, or the Pleasant Grove Plant (WWTPs). The funding mechanism for the WWTPs is through the South Placer Wastewater Authority (SPWA), a joint powers authority comprised of the City of Roseville, Placer County, and the South Placer Municipal Utility District. Connection fees from all sewer entities utilizing these WWTPs include a regional component that is used by the SPWA to fund WWTP expansions.

The current connection fee in the County districts is \$10,137 per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU), which includes an \$8,669 per EDU regional component and \$1,468 per EDU for the local component retained within each County district. On July 1, 2022, SPWA will increase the regional connection fee to \$9,664 per EDU. The annual increase is a set one year period based on the Engineering News Record – Construction Cost Index as specified by the Roseville Municipal Code and is consistent with the SPWA Agreements. Staff is not proposing an increase to the local component of the connection fee.

In order to adjust connection 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. Staff recommends your Board increase the regional component connection fee by \$995, thereby bringing the total connection fee to \$11,132 in the specified districts.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The connection fee adjustment is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15273 because this rate adjustment is not designed to increase or expand services. In addition, the adjustment is not a project as defined under CEQA Guidelines § 15378 because it is a government fiscal activity without a commitment to a specific project.

FISCAL IMPACT

Staff estimates 300 new connections in the specified districts in FY 2022-23. Based on this estimate, approval of the connection fee adjustment would result in approximately \$298,500 of additional revenue for FY 2022-23 that would be paid to the City of Roseville on a monthly basis as connection fees are collected and credited to the County’s Rate Stabilization Fund for WWTP expansions. There is no impact to the General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Ordinance

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

In the matter of: An Ordinance amending Placer
County Code Chapter 13, Article 13.12, Section
13.12.350 Fee Schedules

Ordinance No.: _____

The following Ordinance was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer
at a regular meeting held on July 12, 2022, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Clerk of said Board

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF PLACER, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
ORDAINS 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 is 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 Effective July 1, 2019	= \$50.04 per month per EDU.
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Attachment A

Effective July 1, 2020	= \$52.04 per month per EDU.
Annexation fee	= \$1,500.00 per acre.
Sewer connection fee	= \$10,137.00 \$11,132.00 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 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	= \$10,137.00 \$11,132.00 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	
Effective August 1, 2022	= \$37.19 per month per EDU.
Effective July 1, 2023	= \$38.68 per month per EDU.
Effective July 1, 2024	= \$40.23 per month per EDU.
Annexation fee	= \$194.00 per acre.
Sewer connection fee	= \$10,137.00 \$11,132.00 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	
Effective August 1, 2022	= \$42.91 per month per EDU.
Effective July 1, 2023	= \$44.63 per month per EDU.
Effective July 1, 2024	= \$46.41 per month per EDU.
Sewer connection fee	= \$10,137.00 \$11,132.00 per EDU.

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Section 2: This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after its passage. The Clerk is directed to publish this ordinance, or a summary thereof, within fifteen (15) days in accordance with Government Code Section 25124.