

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

To: **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Date: **JUNE 21, 2011**

From: *MD* **JAMES DURFEE / WILL DICKINSON** *WJD*

Subject: **CONNECTION FEES FOR SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS 2 AND 3, AND COUNTY SERVICE AREA 28, ZONES 2A3 AND 173**

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends your Board take the following actions with regard to connection fees for Sewer Maintenance Districts 2 (Granite Bay) and 3 (Horseshoe Bar), and County Service Areas 28, Zones 2A3 (Sunset/Whitney) and 173 (Dry Creek).

1. Conduct a Public Hearing to receive public comments concerning proposed increases to sewer connection fees as described in the attached Ordinance.
2. Adopt the attached Ordinance adjusting the connection fees.
3. 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: Pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding with the South Placer Wastewater Authority (SPWA), Placer County collects and transmits regional connection fees from sewer districts that send wastewater to either of the Roseville treatment plants. This applies to Sewer Maintenance District No. 2 (Granite Bay), CSA No. 28, Zone No. 2, A3 (Sunset/Whitney), and CSA No. 28, Zone No. 173 (Dry Creek). We also collect connection fees to benefit the local districts.

The SPWA raised the regional connection fee by 1.8% in 2010; however, due to the relatively small increase and the low level of construction activity in these districts, staff did not bring the fee increase to your Board. Instead, the difference was absorbed by local sewer districts. For the year, this resulted in a reduction of \$3,200 in local connection fees collected.

SPWA has notified us that on July 1, 2011, the regional connection fee will be increased by 3.0% to \$6,547 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU), which, when added to the 2010 increase, results in a \$300 per EDU increase over the 2009 fee. Because absorbing the combined two year increase would impact the local districts more significantly, staff recommends raising the total connection fees charged to customers by \$300 per EDU in all affected districts. In accordance with past practice, we also recommend raising SMD 3 connection fees by the same amount in anticipation of sending wastewater from that district to the Roseville Treatment Plant within the next four years.

In order to adjust fees, your Board must conduct a Public Hearing, approve an Ordinance revision 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 30 new connections in Fiscal Year 2011-12 and a connection fee increase of \$300 per EDU, approval of the fee adjustment would result in \$9,000 of additional revenue to be placed in reserve for future trunk sewer line upsizing.

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ATTACHMENTS: 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
SUBSECTIONS (B), (C), (D), AND (I) OF
SECTION 13.12.350 OF CHAPTER 13 OF THE
PLACER COUNTY CODE RELATING TO SEWER
CONNECTION FEES FOR PLACER COUNTY
SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS 2 AND 3
AND COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 28, ZONES 2A3 AND 173

Ord. No.: _____
First Reading: _____

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.

Chairman
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	= \$7,981.000 \$8,281.00 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 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	= \$7,981.00 \$8,281.00 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	= \$7,981.00 \$8,281.00 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	= \$7,981.00 \$8,281.00 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.

