

**PLACER COUNTY
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: David Boesch, County Executive Officer
by: John McEldowney, Program Manager of Emergency Services

Date: September 24, 2013

Subject: **2013 Alpine Springs County Water District Fire Facilities Impact Fee Study and Capital Facilities and Fire Mitigation Fee Expenditure Plan**

ACTION REQUESTED

Adopt a resolution approving the 2013 Alpine Springs County Water District *Fire Facilities Impact Fee Study and Capital Facilities and Fire Mitigation Fee Expenditure Plan* which includes a new capital mitigation fee for fire service with the new fee being set at \$1.14, \$1.87, \$2.38, and \$1.66 per square foot for new residential, commercial, office, and industrial development respectively, and includes an annual fee increase methodology based on the Construction Cost Index as reported in the *Engineering News Record*.

BACKGROUND

The focus of the Alpine Springs County Water District's (ASCWD) Fire Facilities Impact Fee Study and Capital Facilities and Fire Mitigation Fee Expenditure Plan is to provide funding for the additional apparatus and equipment that are required as a direct result of the increase in fire service demand brought on by new development. New development must pay for its fair share of system enhancements required due to increased demand for service. Because the base property tax and special assessment revenue accruing to ASCWD is wholly devoted to current operations, fire facilities impact fees are needed to provide the funding needed for purchase of new apparatus and equipment.

Legal Authority/Guidelines

California Government Code 66000 *et seq* (CGC 66000) provides the authority and conditions by which local agencies may collect fees from new development to offset the impact of that new development on local services such as fire protection. In establishing a new Capital Mitigation Fee for Fire Service, CGC 66001 provides requirements and guidelines related to the imposition of a fee, to include the preparation of a capital improvement plan (CIP). Some of the requirements of the CIP are to:

- Identify the purpose of the fee.
- Identify the specific use to which the fee is to be put
- Determine a reasonable relationship between the fee's use and the type of development on which the fee is imposed.
- Determine a reasonable relationship between the need for the public facility and the type of development project on which the fee is imposed.
- Determine a reasonable relationship between the fee and the cost of the public facilities (or portion) attributable to the development.

ASCWD Fire Facilities Impact Fee Study APCWD retained the services of *Goodwin Consulting Group*, an experienced public sector financial consulting firm, to produce the ASCWD Fire Facilities Impact Fee Study. The Study addresses all legal requirements as established in CGC 66000-08.

Study Scope:

The Study covers the entire area within the ASCWD boundaries. Fire protection services, such as fire, rescue, and pre-hospital emergency medical services, are provided to residents and employees within the Water District through a service contract with the North Tahoe Fire Protection District (NTFPD). The NTFPD provides fire protection and related services to residents and employees within the Water District through the Alpine Meadows fire station. The Alpine Meadows station currently serves approximately 500 residents and employees. The study projects the service population will grow to over 700 residents by the year 2035.

Study Summary:

The Study supports a mitigation fee of \$1.14, \$1.87, \$2.38, and \$1.66 per square foot of new residential, commercial, office, and industrial development respectively.

**Existing and Proposed Rates
(\$/Ft²)**

	Existing	Proposed	% increase
Residential	1.00	1.14	14%
Nonresidential			
• Commercial	1.66	1.87	13%
• Office	2.12	2.38	12%
• Industrial	1.48	1.66	12%

The study further identifies the current summary of existing facilities of \$1,677,487, with planned system enhancements totaling \$560,600.

Capital Facilities and Fire Mitigation Fee Expenditure Plan:

The Board of the Alpine Springs County Water District held a noticed public hearing to review the plan on June 14, 2013. At that meeting the district performed an annual review of its plan resulting in its adoption by passage of the District's Board Resolution Number 5-2013.

ASCWD has a current mitigation fund balance of \$21,262 and projects mitigation fee revenues of \$8,000 to \$9,000 annually over the next five years. Mitigation fund expenditures for FY 2012-13 total \$13,600 comprising \$8,100 for the Elite XR Thermal Camera, \$2,500 for the ITX Gas Detector, and \$3,000 for the Fire Mitigation Fee Expenditure Plan Update.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no net County cost to the General Fund as a result of this action.

Available for Public Review at the Office of the Clerk of the Board:

- 2013 Suzan Goodwin Consulting Group Fire Facilities Impact Fee Study
- 2013 ASCWD Capital Facilities and Fire Mitigation Fee Expenditure Plan

Attachments:

- Resolution
- ASCWD Board of Directors Resolution 5-2013
- Proof and Statement of Publication

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

In the matter of:

Resol. No: _____

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE
ALPINE SPRINGS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
FIRE FACILITIES IMPACT FEE STUDY AND
CAPITAL FACILITIES AND FIRE MITIGATION
FEE EXPENDITURE PLAN**

The following **RESOLUTION** was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held **SEPTEMBER 24, 2013** by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Clerk of said Board _____

WHEREAS, Government Code 66000 *et seq* (GC 66000) allows local agencies to collect fees on new development to offset resultant impacts on services, but fire districts in and of themselves do not have direct legal authority to levy fees. That authority, in fact, rests with the Board of Supervisors, which codified the requisite legal framework, specifically for fire districts, in County Code Chapter 15.36.010; and

WHEREAS, GC 66000 requires that in order to collect mitigation fees on new development, the fire district must annually prepare and submit to the Board of Supervisors, a Capital Facilities and Fire Mitigation Fee Expenditure Plan that delineates and supports a proposed fee schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Alpine Springs County Water District Board of Directors held a public hearing on June 14, 2013 at which meeting the Board adopted the Capital Facilities and Fire Mitigation Fee Expenditure Plan by passing Resolution Number 5-2013. The plan adopts a rate of \$1.14/ft² for residential, and three separate rates for nonresidential property: \$1.87/ft² for commercial, \$2.38/ft² for office, and \$1.66/ft² for industrial. Increases in future years will be based on the Consumer Price Index as reported in the *Engineering News Record*; and

WHEREAS, Alpine Springs County Water District has a current fund balance of \$21,262, it projects revenues of \$8,000 to \$9,000 annually for the next five years. Mitigation fund expenditures for FY 2012-13 total \$13,600 comprising \$8,100 for the Elite XR Thermal Camera, \$2,500 for the ITX Gas Detector, and \$3,000 for the Fire Mitigation Fee Expenditure Plan Update

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the County of Placer that the 2013 Capital Facilities and Fire Mitigation Fee Expenditure Plan for the Alpine Springs County Water District is hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 5-2013
OF THE
ALPINE SPRINGS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CAPITAL FACILITIES
AND
MITIGATION FEE EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014

WHEREAS, at the Regular Meeting held at 8:30 a.m. on June 14, 2013, at 270 Alpine Meadows Road, Alpine Meadows, California, the Board of Directors of the Alpine Springs County Water District of Placer County reviewed the Capital Facilities and Mitigation Expenditure Plan for the Fiscal Year 2013/2014 regarding historical data about staffing and inventory to develop estimations of adequate staffing levels and capital inventory. This information has been used to develop a fair and equitable mitigation fund equation for utilization of these funds.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors and staff carefully reviewed and approved the Capital Facilities and Mitigation Fee Expenditure Plan for the Fiscal Year 2013/2014.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors requests that staff distribute the Capital Facilities and Mitigation Fee Expenditure Plan for the Fiscal Year 2013/2014 to the Placer County Board of Supervisors for their review.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alpine Springs County Water District held on June 14, 2013 by the following Roll Call Vote:

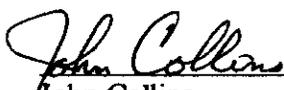
AYES: QUINAN, GRANT, NORTHROP, PRIEST, SALKE

NOES: NONE

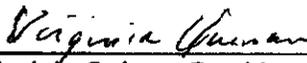
ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Attest:



John Collins
Clerk of the Board



Virginia Quinan, President
Board of Directors



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NOTICE OF HEARING

BY WHOM: Alpine Springs County Water District

LOCATION: Alpine Springs County Water District
270 Alpine Meadows Road
Alpine Meadows, CA 96146

DATE: June 14, 2013

SUBJECT: ADOPTION, BY RESOLUTION, A
CAPITAL FACILITIES AND MITIGATION FEE
EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
2012/2013

The Board will be adopting a Capital Facilities and Mitigation Fee Expenditure Plan for the Fiscal Year 2012/2013. A public hearing on this matter will be held on Friday, June 14, at 8:30 a.m. at the Alpine Springs County Water District, located at 270 Alpine Meadows Road, Alpine Meadows, Placer County, California. Any interested person may be present at the public hearing or may submit written comments concerning the proposed Resolution. Written comments must be received not later than 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 2013, at the Alpine Springs County Water District, 270 Alpine Meadows Road, Alpine Meadows, CA 96146. Copies of the proposed Resolution are available for public review by contacting the Clerk of the Board at 530-583-2342.

John Collins
Clerk of the Board

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Legal Account

Alpine Springs County Water Dist.
270 Alpine Meadows Road
ALPINE MEADOWS, CA 96146
Attn: Pam Zinn

Victoria Lopez says:

That (s)he is a legal clerk of the **SIERRA SUN**, a newspaper published Wednesday and Friday at Truckee, in the State of California.

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of which a copy is hereto attached, was published in said newspaper for the full required period of 2 time(s) commencing on 5/24/2013, and ending on 5/31/2013, all days inclusive.

Signed: _____



Date: 05/31/2013 State of Nevada, Carson City

Price: \$ 113.920

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day
of _____

Notary Public

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OK P.Zinn

