



Environmental Health Services 2025 Fee Adjustments

May 13, 2025

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Fee Analysis and Methodology

- Activity-based cost analysis performed by Wohlford Consulting
- Analysis to determine the cost of providing fee-for-service activities is comprised of two basic elements:
 - Staff time spent to provide the service
 - Hourly rate of staff providing the service
- The product of staff time and the hourly rate yields the cost of providing the service.



Fee Proposal Summary

Total Number of Fees	91
# Increased	66
# Decreased	14
# Unchanged	6
New Fees Added	5
Current Fees Deleted/Restructured	16
Application Fees	Changed from 2 separate fees to a single fee of \$145
Hourly Fees	Changed from 5 separate hourly rates to a single rate of \$214 per hour

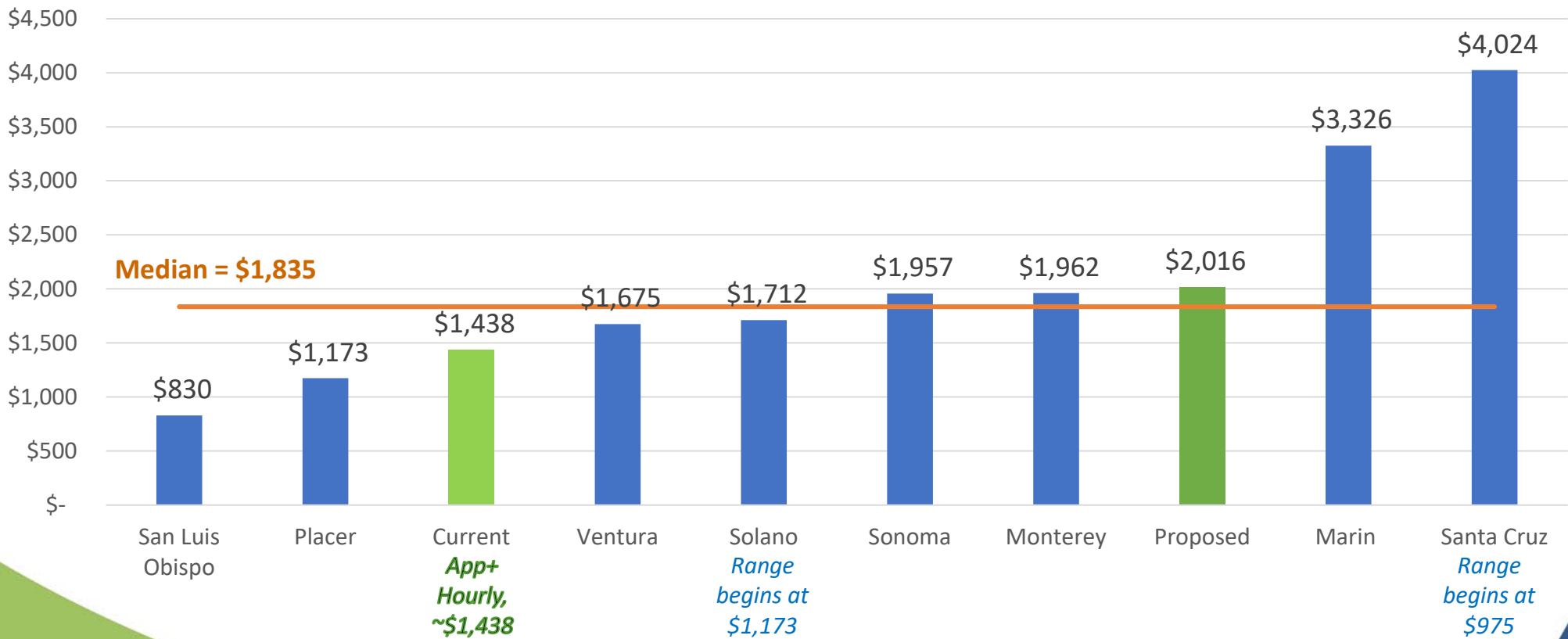


Fee Proposal Sample

Fee Title	Current Fee / Deposit	Full Cost per Unit	Surplus / (Subsidy) per Unit	Full Cost Recovery Rate
Food Annual Health Permit: 1501-3000 sf	\$ 842	\$ 823	\$ 19	102%
Mobile Food Facility (Truck): Food Prepared in the Vehicle (Annual Permit)	\$ 468	\$ 542	\$ (74)	86%
Body Art Annual Facility - Health Permit	\$ 380	\$ 569	\$ (189)	67%
Pool, Wading Pool, or Spa (Annual Permit)	\$ 373	\$ 386	\$ (13)	97%
Septic Tank Pumper Trucks / Liquid Waste Haulers	\$ 149	\$ 198	\$ (49)	75%
New Standard Septic System	\$ 1,438	\$ 2,016	\$ (578)	71%
Community Water System Drinking Water Permit (Annual)	\$ 2,202	\$ 2,241	\$ (39)	98%
Water Well Construction / Modification (each)	\$ 721	\$ 1,239	\$ (518)	58%
Hazardous Materials Business Plan BP Level 1 (Annual)	\$ 275	\$ 421	\$ (146)	65%
Hazardous Waste Small Quantity Generator (Annual)	\$ 505	\$ 454	\$ 51	111%
Underground Petroleum Storage Tank (1st Tank) (Annual Permit)	\$ 1,165	\$ 2,008	\$ (843)	58%
Standard Environmental Health Services Burdened Hourly Rate	\$ 161	\$ 214	\$ (53)	75%

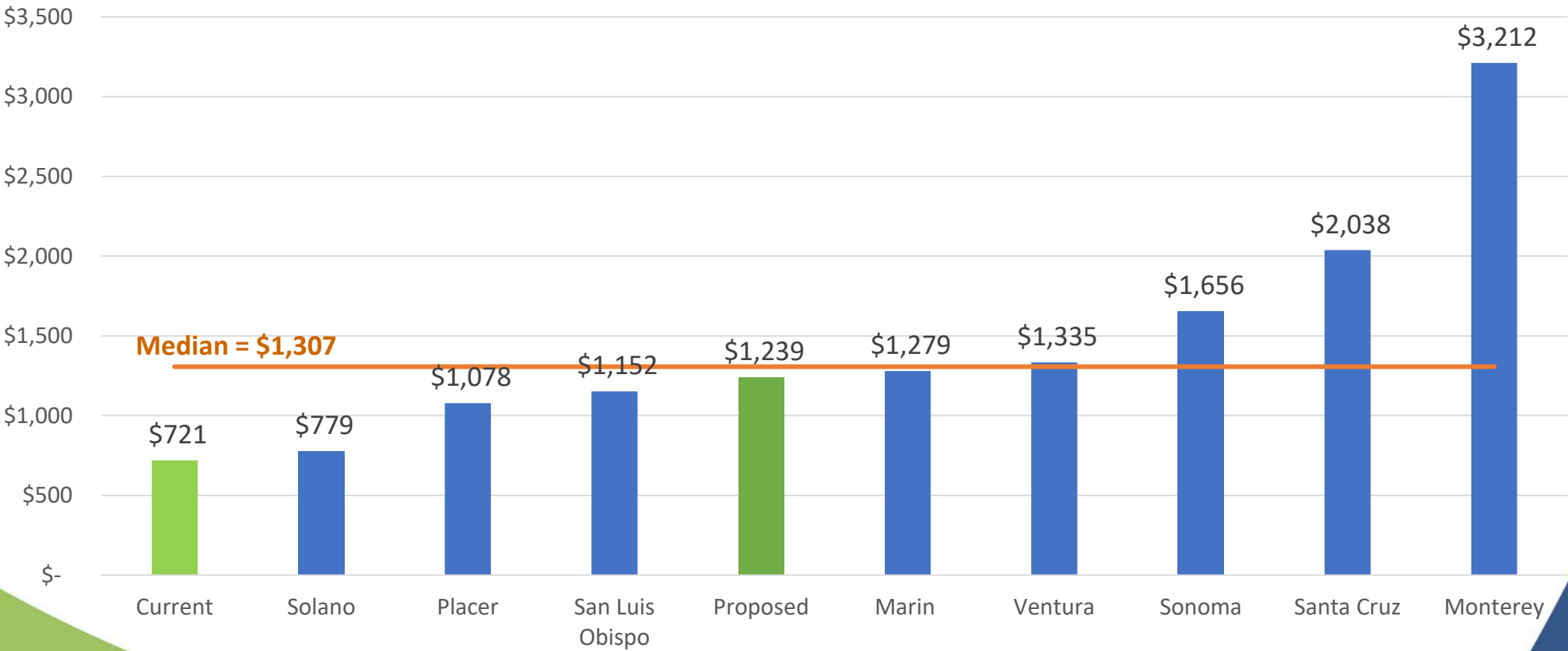


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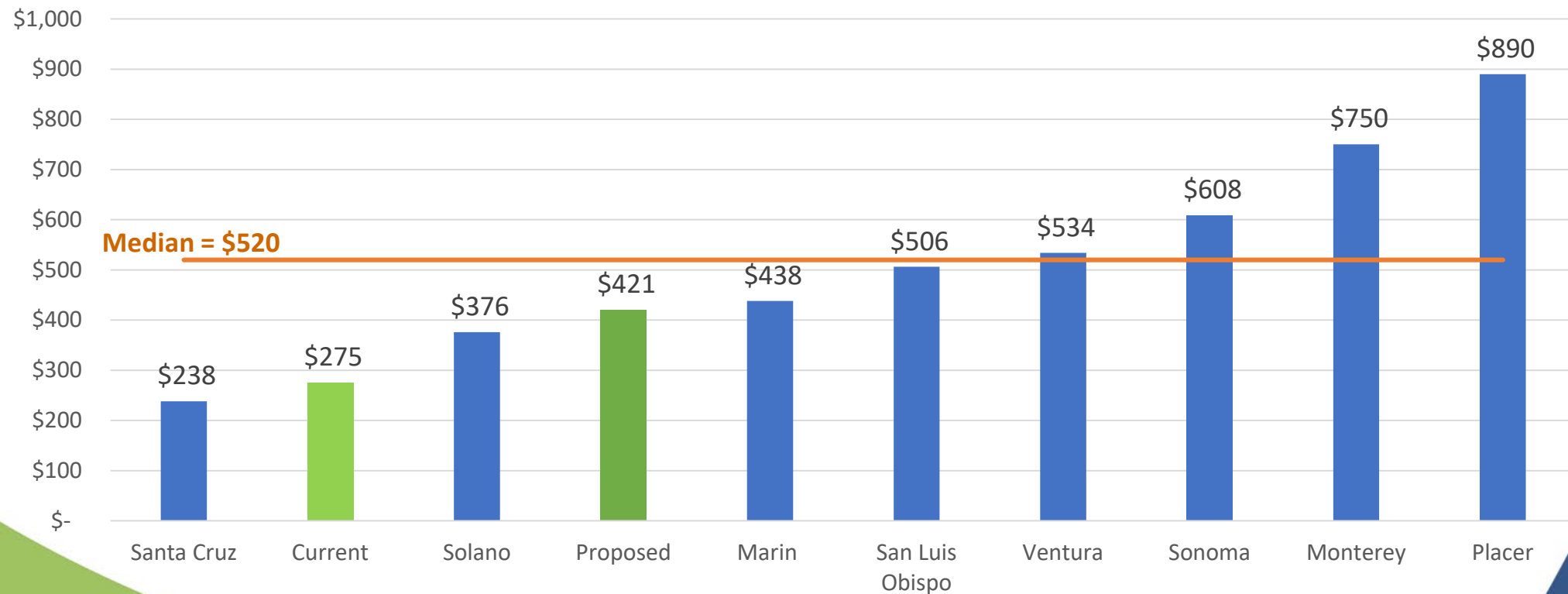


Water Well Construction/Modification Permit





Hazardous Materials Business Plan - Level 1 (Annual)





Stakeholder Outreach

- Mass email to regulated facilities/operators and industry contacts
 - ~5,700 email addresses
- Posting on EHS' Public Notices and Announcements webpage
- Eleven (11) public outreach meetings
- March 13, 2025 Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting



Recommendations

On May 13, 2025

Adopt Resolutions Amending Fees For:

- Recreational Health (Public Swimming Pools)
- Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems, Pumping, Maintenance and Disposal Services, Sewage Violation Inspections, and Land Development Review Services
- Organized Camps and Housing Complaint Inspections
- Body Art
- Public Water Systems (Safe Drinking Water Act)
- Water Wells and Private Water Systems



Recommendations

- Approve the introduction (First Reading) of Four Ordinances Amending Fees For: Solid Waste, Monitoring Wells and Borings, Site Mitigation, and Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA);
- Read the titles of each of the said Ordinances and waive full reading of each of these Ordinances;
- Determine that the recommended action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8)(A) and (B) because the fees will be used for operating expenses and for the purchase of supplies, equipment and materials; and CEQA Guidelines Section 15273 because the proposed actions are administrative activities of the County, which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and is therefore not a "Project" as defined for purposes of CEQA; and
- Continue the hearing to the Administrative Agenda of June 3, 2025 to consider adoption of the ordinance amendments



Questions?

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May 13, 2025 Public Hearing