



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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Department Name: Public Works  
Department No.: 054  
For Agenda Of: 4/17/2012  
Placement: Set Hearing  
Estimated Tme: 6/5/2012, 15 minutes  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Scott D. McGolpin x3010  
Director(s) Public Works Director

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Deputy Public Works Director

SUBJECT: **County Service Area 12 (Mission Canyon Sewer District), Resolution Relative to Sewer Connection Fees, Sewer Service Charges and the Collection of Said Charges on the Tax Roll – First Supervisorial District**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

- A. Receive report entitled *County Service Area 12 (Mission Canyon Sewer District) Fixed Charges Fee Report for Fiscal Year 2012-2013*.
- B. Adopt the findings in the attached Notice of Exemption that the proposed action is for the establishment of rates for services provided by County Service Area 12, that no expansion of services or facilities will result, and that any increased revenues will be used for meeting operating expenses and financial reserve needs and requirements, and that the action is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 14 CCR Section 15273. Approve and direct staff to file and post the Notice of Exemption on that basis.
- C. Set a public hearing on June 5, 2012, in connection with the report entitled "*Mission Canyon Sewer District Fixed Charges*" filed with the Clerk of the Board, April 17, 2012, which proposes a 0.70% increase to the sewer service charge (from \$717 to \$722 per connection per year) for County Service Area 12.

D. Adopt at the conclusion of the public hearing on June 5, 2012, the attached resolution establishing service charges for County Service Area 12 (Mission Canyon Sewer District) and provide for collection on the tax rolls for fiscal year 2012-2013.

**Summary Text:** This action sets the fiscal year 2012-2013 sewer service charge rate for County Service Area 12, which serves the Mission Canyon area. Rates fund operating, maintenance, and reserve costs. The majority of the costs are attributable to collection, treatment, and disposal services provided by the City of Santa Barbara. This action proposes a change to the current annual sewer service charge from \$717 to \$722 per connection (0.70%).

**Background:**

The Mission Canyon Sewer District (CSA 12) provides wastewater collection services (Public Works Department) as well as tracks septic system performance (separate Board action by the Public Health Department) for inhabitants in Mission Canyon. Wastewater is further collected, treated and disposed by the City of Santa Barbara pursuant to Joint Powers Agreement No. 12,554 dated October 2, 1984. City services in addition to county operations are funded through the sewer service charges, which are collected on the tax roll. CSA 12 is regulated by State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) *Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems, Order No. 2006-0003.*

The proposed resolution also authorizes the collection of sewer service charges on the tax rolls pursuant to Ordinance No. 3574 adopted by board on June 23, 1986 (Chapter 22A of the County Code).

**Performance Measure:** This action is intended to establish sewer service rates sufficient to accommodate the fiscal needs of CSA 12 for its operating and capital expenses.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes **Fiscal Analysis:**

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Sewer Charges		\$ 589,152.00	
Total	\$ -	\$ 589,152.00	\$ -

The proposed annual sewer service charge of \$722 per year per residential dwelling connection will generate \$589,152 from 816 connections to fund estimated city costs of \$447,024 and CSA 12 operation, maintenance and reserve costs of \$142,448.

**Staffing Impacts:**

No new staffing positions are proposed in this budget.

**Special Instructions:**

- A. Request Clerk of the Board to publish notice of this hearing, as set forth in the attached Notice of Public Hearing, in the Daily Sound, pursuant to Section 6066 of the Government Code. The recommended dates for publication are May 22 and May 29, 2012.
- B. Following Board approval Clerk of the Board to post the Notice of Exemption and forward a stamped copy to the Public Works Department in Santa Maria, attention Christy Angkahan.
- C. Direct the Clerk of the Board to forward a certified copy of the resolution to:
- Christy Angkahan, Public Works Dept., Santa Maria
  - Shannon Barcelona, Public Works Dept., Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division, Santa Barbara

**Attachments:**

Notice of Public Hearing  
Notice of Exemption  
Resolution  
Fiscal Charges Fee Report

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