

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

WATER WELLS AND PRIVATE WATER SYSTEMS

**MARK-UP**

ATTACHMENT G2

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FEE SCHEDULE**

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**1. Water Wells, Fixed Permit Fees ~~—Water Wells~~**

A fee is required for review and approval of permit applications for construction, destruction, modification or inactivation of a water well, including a geothermal and cathodic protection well. Permit fees include inspection of well sites, construction evaluation and final clearance.

	<u>Fee / Hours</u>
Well Construction or Modification Permit	\$ <del>740 / (3.0 hrs)</del> <u>721</u>
<del>Well Inactivation</del>	<del>615 / (2.5 hrs)</del>
Well Destruction	495 / (2.0 hrs) <u>761</u>

**2. Water Wells, Hourly Rate ~~—Water Wells~~ \$136161**

An hourly rate fee shall be determined by the number of person-hours, rounded up to the nearest one-quarter hour, including reasonable travel time, actually expended by Environmental Health Services Division of the Public Health Department (hereafter, Environmental Health Services) personnel in performing the following services:

- A. Inspections required to gain compliance with provisions of Chapters 34A ~~and 34B~~ of the County Code.
- ~~B. Staff time in excess of the hours noted in Section 1, Fixed Permit Fees, necessary to complete permit and construction review services provided by Environmental Health.~~
- B. Reinspections (each occurrence) – Follow-up investigations and/or reinspections when violations remain uncorrected after an original inspection. The hourly rate shall apply to the reinspection and all subsequent reinspections, including reasonable travel time, until all violations have been corrected.
- C. The abatement of nuisances or hazards resulting from the well drilling operation.
- D. Services provided by Environmental Health Services for the inspection or evaluation of well(s) constructed, modified or destroyed without a permit(s), as required in Chapter 34-A of the County Code (such hourly rate shall be in addition to the permit fee(s) subsequently charged pursuant to this resolution).

**3. ~~Fixed Permit Fees~~ Private State Small Water System Construction, Application plus hourly fees**

All proposed new state small water systems must submit a Plan Review Application, on a form approved by the Director of Environmental Health Services, with the appropriate application fee. Systems that have been operating without benefit of permit will be subject to all applicable fees.

The application fee is part of the overall plan review project and is non-refundable.

<u>Application Fee</u>	<u>\$ 255</u>
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Hourly plan review fees includes plan and system specification review, approval/disapproval, construction inspection(s), final approval and occupancy clearance. Plans that are found to be

unsatisfactory will be returned for revision or denied. Environmental Health Services will not issue plan approval or final construction approval until all applicable fees have been paid.

Hourly Plan Review Fee \$ 161/per hour

#### 4. Private Single- and Multi-Parcel Water System Construction, Fixed Fees

A permit fee is required for the construction of private domestic water supply systems. The fee shall be based on the number of connections, as defined in Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 34B, §34B-2, served by a private domestic water system. This permit process shall include plan and system specification review, approval/disapproval, construction inspection(s), ~~one-time bacteriological~~ water sampling and analysis, final approval and occupancy clearance.

Single Parcel Water System (1-4 connections) <sup>1</sup>	\$ <del>1,600</del> <u>1,604</u> / (6.5 hrs)
Multiple Parcel Water System (2-4 connections)	<del>1,230</del> <u>1,018</u> / (5.0 hrs)
<del>State Small Water System (5-14 connections — New)</del>	<del>3,690</del> / (15 hrs)
<del>State Small Water System (5-14 connections — Modification)</del>	<del>1,230</del> / (5.0 hrs)

#### 45. Private State Small Water Systems, Annual Fees ~~—Private Water Systems~~

An annual fee is required for state small water systems under the jurisdiction of the Health Officer for inspection, surveillance, administration and enforcement activities. The annual fee for state small water systems is based on the number of service connections, ~~as defined in Santa Barbara County Code Chapter 34B, §34B-2, of the water system and does not include the costs of bacteriological sampling costs:~~

State Small Water system (5-14 connections)	\$ <del>210</del> <u>529</u>
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#### 65. Private Water Systems, Hourly Rate ~~—Private Water Systems~~ \$ ~~136~~161

An hourly rate fee shall be determined by the number of person-hours, rounded up to the nearest one quarter hour, including reasonable travel time, actually expended by Environmental Health Services personnel in performing inspections, evaluations, and enforcing Chapters ~~34A and~~ 34B of the County Code and Health and Safety Code §116340, including the following services:

- A. Modification/Amendment to Permit;
- ~~B. Transfer or Renewal of Permit~~
- ~~C. Staff time for plan checking activities in excess of the hours noted in Section 3, Fixed Permit Fees—Private Water System Construction, necessary to complete plan check and associated services. Environmental Health Services will not issue plan approval or final construction approval until all applicable fees have been paid.~~
- ~~D.B.~~ Evaluation of water systems constructed or modified without having obtained permits as required in Chapter 34-B of the County Code or in state law (such hourly rate shall be charged in addition to the permit fees subsequently charged pursuant to this resolution);~~;~~
- ~~E.C.~~ Special inspections or consultations requested by operators or prospective new facility operators;

<sup>1</sup>Single parcel and multiple parcel water systems are defined in Section 34B-2 of Chapter 34B of the County Code. State small water systems are defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 116275 and Section 34B-2 of Chapter 34B of the County Code.

~~F.D.~~ Notices of Violation – Preparation, issuance and monitoring of compliance in conjunction with a Notice of Violation or other enforcement action

## 7. Additional Program Charges

Photocopies each	\$ 0.35
<del>Returned</del> Check <del>feereturned for non-sufficient funds or closed account</del>	\$ <del>3541.00</del>

## ~~8. Prorating of Fees~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_The County reserves the right to prorate all fees described in this resolution.~~

## 98. Delinquent Fees

Fees that are invoiced by Environmental Health Services, as outlined in this fee resolution, which are not paid by the due date on the invoice shall be considered delinquent, and the following additional charges added:

- A. For the first 30 days of delinquency, any unpaid portion will have a penalty of 10% assessed.
- B. After 30 days of delinquency, an additional penalty of 15% of the unpaid balance will be assessed, and a Final Notice will be issued.
- C. If the fee, and any penalty assessed pursuant to this resolution, is not paid within three weeks from the date on the Final Notice, the unpaid balance may be referred to the Santa Barbara County Treasurer/Tax Collector's office for collection. In addition to the fee(s) and any penalties associated with delinquent fee(s) as described above, accounts referred for collection shall be charged for the actual cost associated with collection efforts. The delinquency fees are in addition to any other remedies available to the County.
- D. If any person required to pay a fee pursuant to this resolution has an outstanding balance due for any service rendered by Environmental Health Services, any past due amount shall be paid before Environmental Health Services will approve a subsequent application from that person or renewal of an existing permit for that person, unless such past due amount is waived or reduces as provided in this resolution.

## ~~109. Contest of Charges~~

Any person required to pay fees or charges pursuant to this resolution may file a written notice of contest of charges accompanied by such materials as will support the claim for relief, including payment in full as invoiced, with the Director (or designee) of Environmental Health Services for determination of the correct amount of fees due under this resolution. If the staff time required to review and approve construction plans addressed by this resolution is at least 30 minutes less than that allotted for that particular fee category, the applicant may request a partial refund of the fee paid.

Such written notice shall be filed with the Director (or designee) within 45 days after mailing or personal delivery of the fee invoice or other notification of fees due. This period may be extended by the Director upon a showing of good cause. Upon receipt of such written notice of contest of fees, the Director (or designee) shall make a decision on said contested fees. The decision shall be final with no further right of review. Failure to include payment in full as invoiced will result in denial of review.

Refunds made as a result of this process shall be paid by Environmental Health Services and shall not include interest.

## ~~110. Fee Waiver~~

Any person required to pay fees pursuant to this fee resolution may file a written application, including payment in full as invoiced, with the Board of Supervisors for a waiver or reduction of any said fees, or any part thereof. The Board of Supervisors may waive or reduce the fees to the extent permitted by law and public policy, upon a showing of good cause by the applicant. The application shall be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors within 45 days after mailing or personal delivery of the fee invoice. Failure to include payment in full as invoiced will result in denial of review.

Refunds made as a result of this process shall be paid by Environmental Health Services and shall not include interest.