

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

CALIFORNIA SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT

MARK-UP

ATTACHMENT F2

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

PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS - DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLY PROGRAM

1. Annual Fees - Fixed Rate

An annual operating fee is required for public water systems under the jurisdiction of the local primacy agency for inspection, surveillance, administration and enforcement activities. It does not cover sampling costs. The annual fee for public water systems shall be based upon the number of service connections or the type of water system. The public water systems under the jurisdiction of the local primacy agency are defined by the Health & Safety Code, §116275.

Community Water System (15-24 connections)	\$ 1,075 <u>2,022</u>
Community Water System (25-99 connections)	935
Community Water System (100-199 connections)	1,480
Non-Community Water System	7 <u>101,654</u>
Non-Transient, Non-Community Water System	1,365

2. Construction/Plan Check-Review Fees - Fixed Rate, ~~One-Time Fee~~Application, plus hourly fees

All proposed new water systems or modifications to existing water systems must submit a Plan Review application, on a form approved by the Director of Environmental Health Services, with an application fee. The application fee is part of the overall plan review project and is non-refundable. Systems that have been operating without benefit of permit will be subject to all applicable fees.

~~A fee is required for approval to construct a public domestic water system or a domestic water system under the jurisdiction of the local primacy agency, based on the type of the water system.~~

<u>Application Fee</u>	\$161
	<u>Fee / Hours</u>
Community System (15-199 connections)	\$1,725 / (7 hrs)
Non-Community Water System	1,725 / (7 hrs)
Non-Transient, Non-Community System	1,725 / (7 hrs)

Hourly Pplan ~~check-review~~ fees include: plan ~~checking~~review, issuance of approval for the construction of a domestic water system, construction evaluation, final approval, ~~one bacteriological water sample~~, and issuance of a Domestic Water Supply Permit. Plans that are found to be unsatisfactory will may be returned for revision or denied. ~~Plans which are unusually complex or which must be resubmitted with significant changes and require staff time in excess of the hours noted above shall be charged the standard hourly rate for the excess hours.~~ Environmental Health Services will not issue plan approval or final construction approval until all applicable fees have been paid.

<u>Hourly Plan Check Fee</u>	\$161/per hour
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3. Amendment/Change of Ownership \$ ~~200~~276

4. **Other Services – Hourly Rate**

\$ 136

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 the following services in the administration and enforcement of the provisions of the Health and Safety Code §116270 - 116751:

~~A. Staff time in excess of the hours noted in Section 2, Construction/Plan Check Fees, necessary to complete plan check and associated services.~~

B.A. Non-Compliance Reinspection Fee (each occurrence)

An hourly rate fee will be charged ~~to facilities~~ when violations remain uncorrected after a routine/original inspection and one scheduled reinspection. The hourly rate shall apply to the second reinspection and all subsequent reinspections, including reasonable travel time, until all violations have been corrected.

C.B. Evaluation of systems constructed or modified, or service connections illegally connected to public water systems, without a valid permit or approval to construct.

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

E.D. Preparation and issuance of public notifications and conducting a public hearing pursuant to Health and Safety Code §116625.

F.E. Staff time spent on waivers, exemptions, variances or consultation related to permits to construct or operate a domestic water supply system.

5. **Additional Program Charges**

Photocopies each

\$ 0.35

Check return for non-sufficient funds or closed account

~~\$3541.00~~

6. **Prorating of Fees**

The County reserves the right to prorate, in quarterly increments, all fees described in this resolution.

7. **Delinquent Fees**

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

A. During the first 30 days of delinquency, any unpaid portion of the permit fee 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 either the Santa Barbara County Treasurer/Tax Collector’s office or the County’s contracted collection agency 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 reduced as provided in this resolution.

8. **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.

9. **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.