



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
(805) 568-2240

Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda of: 5/6/2014
Placement: Set Hearing
Estimated Tme: 7/1/2014, 15 minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Scott D. McGolpin, P.E., Director, x3010
Director(s)

Contact Info: Mark A. Schleich, P.E., Deputy Director, x3605

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

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 2014-2015*.
- B. Set a public hearing on July 1, 2014 on the departmental hearing to:
 - 1. Adopt an ordinance to increase and set sewer service charges and connection fees for County Service Area 12.
 - 2. Adopt a resolution relative to the collection of said charges and fees on the tax roll.
 - 3. 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.

Summary Text:

This action sets the fiscal year 2014-2015 sewer service charge rates 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 \$781 to \$810 per connection (3.71%).

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, which comprise 78% of the proposed budget, in addition to county operations are funded through the sewer service charges. Service charges are collected on the tax roll as provided by the Government Code. 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 attached ordinance proposes a change to the current annual sewer service charge from \$781 to \$810 per connection (3.71%). Rate increases are noticed to land owners pursuant to Article 13D of the California Constitution. A majority of written protests by land owners presented to the Board would cause non-imposition of the increase.

The attached resolution 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>
Sewer Charges		\$ 662,580.00	
Total	\$ -	\$ 662,580.00	\$ -

The proposed annual sewer service charge of \$810 per year per residential dwelling connection will generate \$662,580 from 818 connections to fund estimated city costs of \$515,581 and CSA 12 operation, maintenance and reserve costs of \$146,999.

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 Santa Barbara News Press, pursuant to Section 6066 of the Government Code. The recommended dates for publication are June 17 and June 24, 2014.
- B. Request the Clerk of the Board publish a summary of the ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation in Santa Barbara County, and post the full text of the ordinance, at least 5 days prior to the hearing; and publish a summary of the ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation in

Santa Barbara County with the names of the board members voting for and against, and post a certified copy of the ordinance with the names of the board members voting for and against, within 15 days of adoption, pursuant to Section 25124(b)(1) of the Government Code.

- C. 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.
- D. Direct the Clerk of the Board to forward certified copies of the ordinance and resolution to:
- Christy Angkahan, Public Works Dept., Santa Maria
 - Sheila de la Guerra, Public Works Dept., Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division, Santa Barbara

Attachments:

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice of Exemption

Ordinance

Resolution

Fiscal Charges Fee Report

Authored by:

Martin Wilder, Utilities Manager, x8750

Copy:

Mark Paul, Deputy Public Works Director of Finance and Administration