Environmental Health Services

Fee Resolution Recommendations October 27, 2009



Environmental Health Services Fee Resolutions

- Retail Food Facilities
- Swimming Pools, Organized Camps, Water Testing & Septic Tank Pumpers
- Substandard Housing Inspections
- Tattoo and Body Adornment
- Septic Systems
- Public Waters Systems
- Water Wells & Private Water Systems
- Land Use Review

Efficiencies

- Staffing
- Database Upgrade
- Food Program Enhancements
- Field Inspection System

Public Health Department - Environmental Health Benchmark County Fee Comparison

(Sample of most common fee categories)

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	Santa Barbara Current Proposed		Monterey, Santa Cruz, Sonoma, Ventura, Placer, Marin: Average
Food Inspection 501-1500 Sq Ft	628	708	780
Mobile Food Preparation	290	328	468
Temporary Food Facility	155	180	186
Body Adornment Facility Fee	125	250	272
Recreational Health Annual pool/spa	285	320	548
Liquid Waste Annual Septic Pumper	230	260	417
Sewage Disposal System	790	820	1,251
Water Community 15 to 24	1,040	1,075	1,152
Last Increase Effective	FY 07-08	FY 09-10 Proposed	

Notes:

- 1) Fee comparison prepared through internet research
- 2) Some Counties do not administer the state small water program.

Temporary Food Facilities

- 28% of all food facilities
- Higher risk than permanent food facilities
- EHS services:
 - Education
 - Planning
 - Set up & inspection
 - Improved safety for community events

Temporary Food Facilities Foodborne Illness

- Outbreaks are rare, but do occur
- Tend to be underreported
- Potentially serious, especially to elderly or immune system-compromised
- Local Community Festival
 - 196 reported illnesses
- EHS staff work hard to support community & successfully prevent any illnesses

Fee Options for Non-Profit TFF's

- Discontinue fee waiver for non-profit TFFs (No increase in GF)
- 2. 50% fee reduction (\$50,000 GF)
 - TFF organizer and booth supervisors take EHS food safety course
- 3. Tiered fee reduction/waiver (\$44,500 GF)
 - Reduced fees for small events (2-4 booths) if complete EHS food safety course
 - No fee for low-risk foods
 - Option 3 is the EHS staff recommendation
- 4. Continue fee waiver for non-profit TFFs (\$107,000 GF)

Highlights from Other Fee Resolutions

- All fee resolutions developed to recover actual costs of providing services
- Body Art increased fee for facilities
- Hourly rate of \$136 for all resolutions

