MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY SERVICES
COUNTY OF PLACER

To: **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** Date: **MAY 22, 2007**

From: **JAMES DURFEE / WILL DICKINSON**

Subject: **SEWER AND WATER MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS FEE INCREASES**

ACTION REQUESTED/RECOMMENDATION:

1. Conduct a Public Hearing to receive comments concerning the proposed increases in sewer and water maintenance and operations (M&O) fees as shown in Exhibit A.
2. Adopt the attached Ordinance adjusting M&O fees enumerated in Section 13.12.350 of the Placer County Code.
3. Adopt the attached Resolution confirming the County Service Area (CSA) Zone Report of charges for the Sunset, Sheridan, Blue Canyon, Applegate, Livoti and Dry Creek CSAs.
4. Make a finding pursuant to Section 21080(b)(8) of the Public Resource Code, that the higher fees are derived directly from the cost of providing service and are necessary to meet operating expenses required for maintenance of service, and are therefore exempt from environmental review.

BACKGROUND: The County provides wastewater services in various communities through the operation of three Sewer Maintenance Districts and six CSAs. The Sheridan CSA also provides water service. With the exception of occasional grants from State and Federal agencies, the districts are funded solely through fees collected from their customers. M&O fees pay for ongoing maintenance, operation and construction of sewer pipes, lift stations and treatment plants. Connection fees pay for plant expansion or other major capital expenditures necessary to provide capacity for future connections. The recommended actions apply only to the M&O fees. Historical and proposed M&O fees are shown in Exhibit A. Justification for the increases is provided in Exhibit B. The proposed M&O fees would be maintained without further increase for two years.

As required by Proposition 218, a letter noticing this public hearing was mailed to each property owner paying M&O fees. These notices explained the increases and invited comments. Approximately 12,600 letters were mailed; as of May 4, 2007, staff had received questions or comments from forty-eight individuals. Twenty-four of these people expressed their objection to a fee increase. The comments received are summarized in Exhibit C. Staff also presented information concerning the increases at meetings of the North Auburn, Granite Bay, Meadow Vista, Weimar/Applegate/Colfax, Horseshoe Bar, Sheridan and West Placer Municipal Advisory Councils. This public hearing and the proposed increases were noticed in newspapers of general circulation as required by law.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE: The proposed fee increases are considered exempt from environmental review, pursuant to Section 21080(b)(8) of the Public Resource Code, provided your Board adopts the recommended findings specified in under "Action Requested".

FISCAL IMPACT: The proposed fee increases range between 9% and 80% (4.5% to 40% per year) depending on the district. These changes are expected to result in increased annual revenue to the districts as follows:

District or CSA	2007/2008 Annual Revenue Increase	% Increase to Customer	Average Annual % Increase
SMD 1 (North Auburn Area)	$ 773,690	14%	7%
SMD 2 (Granite Bay Area)	$ 336,006	9%	4.5%
SMD 3 (Auburn Folsom Rd.)	$ 177,920	33%	16.5%
STEP SYSTEMS	$ 22,558	19%	9.5%
CSA 2 (Sunset)	$ 64,708	20%	10%
CSA 6 (Sheridan-Sewer)	$ 53,222	55%	27.5%
CSA 6 (Sheridan-Water)	$ 15,552	25%	12.5%
CSA 23 (Blue Canyon)	$ 4,800	80%	40%
CSA 24 (Applegate)	$ 7,060	26%	13%
CSA 55 (Livoti)	$ 16,048	20%	10%
CSA 173 (Dry Creek)	$ 114,365	30%	15%

ATTACHMENTS:
EXHIBIT A – HISTORICAL AND PROPOSED FEES
EXHIBIT B – JUSTIFICATION FOR FEE INCREASES
EXHIBIT B-1 – NEW EFFLUENT AND RECEIVING WATER STANDARDS
EXHIBIT B-2 – SUMMARY OF NEW COLLECTION SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS
EXHIBIT C – SUMMARY OF COMMENTS
ORDINANCE
RESOLUTION

CC: COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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EXHIBIT A

HISTORICAL AND PROPOSED SEWER MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS FEES (COST/MONTH)

District	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08 Proposed	2008/09 Proposed
SMD 1 (N. Auburn)	$51.50	$53.00	$54.60	$59.51	$67.84	$67.84
SMD 2 (Granite Bay)	$38.15	$39.30	$40.50	$44.15	$48.12	$48.12
SMD 3 (Auburn Folsom Rd)	$58.70	$60.50	$62.30	$74.76	$99.43	$99.43
STEP Systems (add charge)	$17.25	$17.75	$18.30	$20.50	$24.40	$24.40
CSA 2A3 (Sunset)	$20.50	$20.50	$20.50	$24.60	$29.52	$29.52
CSA 6 (Sheridan Sewer)	$31.70	$32.65	$33.60	$33.60	$52.08	$52.08
CSA 6 (Sheridan Water)	$20.35	$21.00	$21.60	$21.60	$27.00	$27.00
CSA 23 (Blue Canyon)	$14.00	$15.00	$16.00	$20.00	$36.00	$36.00
CSA 24 (Applegate)	$52.50	$54.10	$55.60	$61.16	$77.06	$77.06
CSA 55 (Livoti)	$25.50	$26.25	$27.05	$29.21	$35.05	$35.05
CSA 173 (Dry Creek)	$23.00	$23.70	$24.45	$29.34	$38.14	$38.14

EXHIBIT B

JUSTIFICATION FOR SEWER M&O FEE INCREASES

APPLICABLE TO ALL DISTRICTS:

1. Inflation in the cost of many essential products and services, such as fuel, chemicals and labor.

2. More stringent regulatory standards; in particular, very restrictive discharge requirements for treatment plants, and a completely new set of requirements for sewage collection systems. See Exhibit B-1 for a list of new effluent and receiving water standards for treatment plants and Exhibit B-2 for a summary of new collection system requirements. The City of Roseville will be passing on costs of upgrading their plants on an annual basis to customers in SMD 2 and the Dry Creek and Sunset sewer CSAs.

3. Many of our collection systems and treatment plants date back to the early 1960s. Leaky pipes allow excessive amounts of water into the system, which drives up the cost of treatment and can cause sewer overflows. These pipes must be identified and repaired or replaced. The treatment plants also have ever-increasing maintenance, rehabilitation and replacement needs.

SPECIFIC TO EACH DISTRICT:

Sewer Maintenance District 1 – The district has incurred significant new costs to comply with the requirements of its 2005 treatment plant permit. These costs include increased water testing, new monitoring equipment, preparation of an industrial pretreatment ordinance, operational changes to meet new treatment standards, and consulting engineer studies to determine design options for a major upgrade of the wastewater treatment plant. A major effort is underway to identify and repair leaking pipes. The Placer County Redevelopment Agency has granted the district $2 million to replace the Auburn Ravine Lift Station and complete other necessary repairs.

Sewer Maintenance District 2 – Sewage is conveyed to treatment plants operated by the City of Roseville. The annual cost for treatment by the City of Roseville jumped from $1.36 million in 2005-2006 to an expected $2.16 million in 2007-2008, for a total increase of $800,000 per year. Rate increases over the same time period would raise annual revenue by $698,000.

Sewer Maintenance District 3 - Staff and consultants devoted many hours this year to negotiating a new permit for the SMD 3 wastewater treatment plant. The new permit has significantly more difficult testing and effluent standards, which will require either construction of a new wastewater treatment plant at SMD 3 or construction of a pipeline to the Roseville treatment plant. Federal EPA grant funds were used to conduct an engineering analysis of the pipeline option. Given the small size of the district, a very large rate increase is needed to offset the capital and operating cost increases needed to maintain compliance with new regulations.

CSA NO. 24 (Applegate) – Costs have exceeded revenues in this CSA for the last few years due to a regulatory prohibition on discharging effluent from the treatment ponds. Additional M&O revenues will help offset the cost of trucking wastewater from Applegate to SMD 1 until a direct pipeline to the SMD 1 collection system is complete. Federal EPA grant funds were used to begin an engineering and environmental analysis of pipeline routes.

CSA No. 55 (Livoti) – Sewage from the Livoti sewer CSA flows to a treatment plant in Sacramento County. Sacramento County raised their treatment fees by 8.5% last year and will likely raise rates again next year while we hold ours constant. This is a major cost factor for the very small CSA.

CSA NO. 23 (Blue Canyon) – Sewage from this area flows to a community leach field serving 26 customers. The CSA now has only $8,000 in Reserves, which will not be sufficient to repair the system should it fail. The recommended rate increase should provide funding for a scheduled replacement of one half of the leachfield in 2010-2011.

CSA No. 173 (Dry Creek) - Sewage is conveyed to a treatment plant operated by the City of Roseville. Annual costs for treatment by the City of Roseville jumped from $40,000 in 2005-2006 to an expected $224,000 in 2007-2008, for a total increase of $184,000 per year. Revenue over the same time period would increase by $260,000 per year if the proposed rate increases are approved. The additional revenue is needed to pay for maintenance costs that will increase as the district's pipes and liftstation age and are used more heavily.

CSA No. 6 (Sheridan water) – The Sheridan water system is old and needs considerable maintenance. One pump was replaced last summer at a cost of approximately $25,000. Another pump is scheduled for replacement during the upcoming fiscal year. The proposed rate increase will help pay for these, and future, capital projects.

CSA No. 6 (Sheridan sewer) – The Sheridan treatment ponds cannot meet current standards for discharge into surface water and were recently fined $270,000 for past violations. In order to avoid future violations, your Board approved construction of a new pond to hold treated water until it can be used for irrigation. This project, which was completed last fall, cost over $1,000,000 and was funded by loans from the County. The second phase of this compliance project is to expand the areas that are irrigated by treated wastewater. Approximately 85% of the irrigation project will be funded by grants from the State Water Resources Control Board. Completion of this project will also relieve the district from responsibility for paying the $270,000 fine referenced above. Rate increases are needed to assist in repayment of approximately $1.5 million in loans.

EXHIBIT B-1

SMD-1 WWTP NPDES Permit New Effluent and Receiving Water Limitations

Constituent	Limitation Change	1997 Permit Limitations	2005 Interim Limitations	2005 Final Limitations
Effluent				
Alachlor	New Limit	No Previous Limit	No Interim Limit	30-day Average - 2 µg/L
Aluminum	New Limit	No Previous Limit	No Interim Limit	30-day Average - 58 µg/L Daily Average - 160 µg/L
Ammonia	More Stringent	*Receiving Water Limit:* 0.025 mg/L in the Receiving Water	No Interim Limit	Floating Effluent Limits: 1-hour, 4-day and 30-day limits - 0.457 to 32.6 mg/L
Atrazine	New Limit	No Previous Limit	No Interim Limit	Instantaneous Max - 1.0 µg/L
Chlorine Residual	More Stringent	Daily Maximum - 0.02 mg/L	No Interim Limit	1-hour Average - 0.02 mg/L 4-day Average - 0.01 mg/L
Chloroform	New Limit	No Previous Limit	No Interim Limit	30-day Average - 1.1 µg/L
Manganese	New Limit	No Previous Limit	No Interim Limit	30-day Average - 50 µg/L
Mercury	New Limit	No Previous Limit	No Interim Limit	30-day Average - 0.00021 lbs/day
MTBE	New Limit	No Previous Limit	No Interim Limit	30-day Average - 5 µg/L
Nitrate plus Nitrate	New Limit	No Previous Limit	No Interim Limit	30-day Average - 10 mg/L
Nitrite	New Limit	No Previous Limit	No Interim Limit	30-day Average - 1 mg/L
PAEs	New Limit	No Previous Limit	No Interim Limit	30-day Average - 3 µg/L
Chlorinated Hydrocarbon Pesticides	New Limit	No Previous Limit	No Interim Limit	30-day Average - 0.00 µg/L Instantaneous Max - 0.00 µg/L
Tributyltin	New Limit	No Previous Limit	No Interim Limit	30-day Average - 0.04 µg/L Daily Average 0.12 µg/L
Turbidity	More Stringent	Monthly Average - 2 NTU; Exceed 5 NTU more than 5% of 24-hour period	No Interim Limit	Daily Average - 2 NTU Exceed 5NTU more than 5% of 24-hour period Instantaneous Max - 10 NTU
Bis-(2ethylhexyl)phthalate	New Limit	No Previous Limit	Daily Max - 9.11 µg/L	30-day Average - 1.8 µg/L
Bromodichloromethane	New Limit	No Previous Limit	Daily Max - 5.48 µg/L	30-day Average - 0.56 µg/L
Copper	New Limit	No Previous Limit	Daily Max - 6.33 µg/L	Floating Limits: 30-day Average - 2.3 to 27 µg/L Daily Max - 3.8 to 44 µg/L
Dioxins and Furans	New Limit	No Previous Limit	Daily Max - 10.36×10^{-6} µg/L	30-day Average - 1.3×10^{-8} µg/L
Lead	New Limit	No Previous Limit	Daily Max - 4.25 µg/L	Floating Limits: 30-day Average - 0.54 to 16 µg/L Daily Max - 0.86 to 30 µg/L
PCBs	New Limit	No Previous Limit	Daily Max - 17.73 µg/L	30-day Average - 1.7×10^{-4} µg/L
Silver	New Limit	No Previous Limit	Daily Max - 3.14 µg/L	Floating Limits: 30-day Average - 0.13 to 15 µg/L Daily Max - 0.37 to 44 µg/L
Zinc	New Limit	No Previous Limit	Daily Max - 60.72 µg/L	Floating Limits: 30-day Average - 26 to 270 µg/L Daily Max - 37 to 390 µg/L
Receiving Water				
pH	More Stringent	30-day Average - 6.5 to 8.5 30-day Ambient pH Change More than 0.5	No Interim Limit	Instantaneous - 6.5 to 8.5 30-day Ambeint pH Change More than 0.5

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SMD-1 WWTP NPDES Permit New Influent, Effluent and Receiving Water Monitoring Requirements

Constituent	Monitoring Change	1997 Permit Monitoring	2005 Final Monitoring
Influent			
BOD	More Frequent	Composite - 2/week	Composite - 5/week
TSS	More Frequent	Composite - 2/week	Composite - 5/week
Effluent			
Turbidity	More Frequent	Grab - 7/week	Continuous
Total Coliform Organisms	More Frequent	Grab - 5/week	Grab - 7/week
Total Ammonia	More Frequent	Grab - 1/week	Grab - 7/week
Nitrate plus Nitrite	New	No Previous Sampling	Grab - 7/week
Nitrite	New	No Previous Sampling	Grab - 7/week
Oil & Grease	New	No Previous Sampling	Grab - 1/quarter
Aluminum	New	No Previous Sampling	Composite - 1/quarter
Copper	New	No Previous Sampling	Composite - 1/quarter
Iron	New	No Previous Sampling	Composite - 1/quarter
Lead	New	No Previous Sampling	Composite - 1/quarter
Manganese	New	No Previous Sampling	Composite - 1/quarter
Mercury	New	No Previous Sampling	Composite - 1/quarter
Silver	New	No Previous Sampling	Composite - 1/quarter
Tributyltin	New	No Previous Sampling	Composite - 1/quarter
Zinc	New	No Previous Sampling	Composite - 1/quarter
Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	New	No Previous Sampling	Grab - 1/quarter
Bromodichloromethane	New	No Previous Sampling	Grab - 1/quarter
Chlorinated Hydrocarbon Pesticides	New	No Previous Sampling	Grab - 1/quarter
Chloroform	New	No Previous Sampling	Grab - 1/quarter
MTBE	New	No Previous Sampling	Grab - 1/quarter
Alachlor	New	No Previous Sampling	Grab - 1/quarter
Atrazine	New	No Previous Sampling	Grab - 1/quarter
Dioxins and Furans	New	No Previous Sampling	Grab - 1/quarter
PAEs	New	No Previous Sampling	Grab - 1/quarter
PCBs (all Aroclors)	New	No Previous Sampling	Grab - 1/quarter
PCB Aroclor 1016	New	No Previous Sampling	Grab - 1/quarter
PCB Aroclor 1221	New	No Previous Sampling	Grab - 1/quarter
PCB Aroclor 1260	New	No Previous Sampling	Grab - 1/quarter
Priority Pollutants	New	No Previous Sampling	1/year
Receiving Water			
DO	More Frequent	R1, R2 - 2/week	R1, R2, R3, R4 - 7/week
pH	More Frequent	R1, R2 - 2/week	R1, R2, R3, R4 - 7/week
Turbidity	More Frequent	R1, R2 - 2/week	R1, R2, R3, R4 - 7/week
Temperature	More Frequent	R1, R2 - 2/week	R1, R2, R3, R4 - 7/week
Electrical Conductivity	More Frequent	R1, R2 - 2/week	R1, R2, R3, R4 - 7/week
Fecal Coliform	New	No Previous Sampling	R1, R2, R3, R4 - 7/week
Radionuclides	New	No Previous Sampling	R1, R2, R3, R4 - 7/week

SUMMARY OF NEW COLLECTION SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

- LEGAL AUTHORITY
  - Develop ordinances, services agreement and other authority to:
    - Prevent illicit discharges into sewer
    - Require sewers and services to be properly designed
    - Ensure access for maintenance by agency
    - Provide means for enforcement
- OVERFLOW EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN
  - Provide notification procedures for the State, Health Agencies, OES, Regional Boards and water agencies
  - Provide a program for appropriate response to all overflows
  - Provide training of procedures for staff
  - Ensure all reasonable steps are taken
- OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE PLAN
  - Up to date mapping of sewer system
  - A description of routine Preventive Maintenance activities
  - A Short & Long Term Rehabilitation and Replacement Plan
  - A training Plan for operations and maintenance personnel
  - Sufficient rolling stock, equipment and parts inventories to complete the above
- GREASE CONTROL PROGRAM
  - An implementation plan
  - A disposal location
  - Legal Authority
  - Construction requirements
  - Authority to inspect
  - Maintenance procedures for sewers subject to FOG
  - Development of Source Control measures
- DESIGN STANDARDS
  - Development of Design, Construction and inspection and testing procedures for new and rehabilitated sewer systems.
- SYSTEM CAPACITY ASSURANCE PLAN
  - Evaluate the capability of the existing sewer system to handle peak flows
  - Develop a Capital Improvement Program that identified short and long term improvements needed to insure capacity is available. May include new pipes, inflow and infiltration reduction, increased pumping capacity and storage.

EXHIBIT C

SUMMARY OF TELEPHONE COMMENTS
PROPOSED SEWER M&O FEE INCREASES

	Number
SMD NO. 1	
Phone Calls	
General objection to rate increase	6
General questions about rate increase	9
Wanted to know number of EDUs being billed (commercial)	5
Confused why they received notice. Forgot they owned property in SMD No. 1	2
SMD NO. 2	
Phone Calls	
General objection to rate increase	1
Confused why they received notice. Forgot they owned property in SMD No. 2	1
General questions	1
SMD NO. 3	
Phone Calls	
General objection to rate increase	2
CSA NO. 24 (Applegate)	
Phone Calls	
General objection to rate increase	1
CSA No. 173 (Dry Creek)	
Phone Calls	
General objection to rate increase	1
CSA No. 2A3 (Sunset-Whitney)	
Phone Calls	
General objection to rate increase	1
Wanted to know number of EDUs being billed (commercial)	2
General questions about rate increase	1

CSA NO. 6 (SHERIDAN), CSA NO. 23 (Blue Canyon) AND CSA NO. 55 (LIVOTI)

No telephone calls received

SUMMARY OF LETTERS RECEIVED
PROPOSED SEWER M&O FEE INCREASES

District	Received From	Summary of Letter
SMD 1 (N. Auburn)	Mr. Donald Miller	No objection to rate increase
SMD 1 (N. Auburn)	T. Love	General comment
SMD 1 (N. Auburn)	Carole Yarmek	General comment
SMD 1 (N. Auburn)	Millie Livingston	Is on social security and believes new homeowners and developers need to pick up the slack. Requests repairs be done in stages and a reserve fund set up for added expenses.
SMD 1 (N. Auburn)	Therese Rockwell	Protests the proposed rate increase and believes 14% increase is excessive
SMD 1 (N. Auburn)	Paul Choller	Protests the proposed rate increase and thinks new homes should pay for "improvements"
SMD 1 (N. Auburn)	Al French	Protests the proposed rate increase. Questions whether new home construction is paying their share and believes onging maintenance and expansion can be managed more effectively.
SMD 1 (N. Auburn)	Mary Wells Griffin	Is on social security and thinks there should be a discount to seniors
SMD 1 (N. Auburn)	Rosemary Smith Headley	Does not approve of this raise in fees
SMD 1 (N. Auburn)	Henry and Magda Sanchez	Are on social security and strongly protest such a large increase in the sewer fees
SMD 2 (Granite Bay)	William and Julie Coyle	Objects to the sewer rate increase. Thinks there is too much bureaucracy and believes the County needs to do a better job with the money received.
SMD 2 (Granite Bay)	Treelake Village Homeowners Association	1. Requests that the financial reserves for SMD 2 be used to suspend rate increases for a minimum of 2 years. 2. Requests establishment of an ongoing Advisory Council to provide oversight of basic budgeting and planning functions such as large capital and maintenance projects. 3. Requests the Board to examine a tiered rate system so that urban dwellers do not subsidize rural areas.
SMD 3 (Auburn Folsom Rd)	David and Barbara Ghinassi	Protests the 33% increase, but believes an equal fee increase for each connection in all sewer maintenance areas that lasts no longer than 2 years would be acceptable
CSA 2A3 (Sunset)	N/A	No Letters Received
CSA 6 (Sheridan Sewer)	N/A	No Letters Received

District	Received From	Summary of Letter
CSA 6 (Sheridan Water)	N/A	No Letters Received
CSA 23 (Blue Canyon)	N/A	No Letters Received
CSA 24 (Applegate)	N/A	No Letters Received
CSA 55 (Livoti)	B. Viley	Would like the Board to consider the feasibility of connecting the Livoti area to the City of Roseville as their fees are the lowest in the area
CSA 173 (Dry Creek)	Clinton Smith	Opposes the proposed fee increase. Thinks the budget might be balanced by cutting big labor union bosses power, less employees and other "fat".

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13.12.350 AND 13.12.380 OF CHAPTER 13 OF THE PLACER COUNTY CODE RELATING TO CHARGES AND FEES FOR PLACER COUNTY SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS AND COUNTY SERVICE AREAS

Ord. No. _____
First Reading _____

The following **Ordinance** was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held, _____by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

_____
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest:
Clerk of the Board

_____
Ann Holman

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF PLACER, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN THAT:

Section 1: Section 13.12.350 of Chapter 13 of the Placer County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.12.350 Fee schedules.

A. Sewer Maintenance District No. 1. The following schedule of charges and fees shall apply to property within Placer County sewer maintenance district No. 1 and are based upon a flow rate of one equivalent dwelling unit (EDU). Calculation of a charge and fee for a use that is billed at a rate other than one equivalent dwelling unit shall be based upon the schedules set forth in subsections ~~D~~ E and F of Section 13.12.240.

Sewer service charge	= ~~$59.51~~ **$67.84** per month per EDU.
Annexation fee	= $5,500.00 per acre.
Sewer connection fee	= $7,170.00 per EDU.

B. Sewer Maintenance District No. 2. The following schedule of charges and fees shall apply to property within Placer County sewer maintenance district No. 2 and are based upon a flow rate of one equivalent dwelling unit (EDU). Calculation of a charge and fee for a use that is billed at a rate other than one equivalent dwelling unit shall be based upon the schedule set forth in subsection H of Section 13.12.240.

Sewer service charge	= ~~$44.15~~ **$48.12** per month per EDU.
Annexation fee	= $1,500.00 per acre.
Sewer connection fee	= $7,190.00 per EDU.

C. Sewer Maintenance District No. 3. The following schedule of charges and fees shall apply to property within Placer County sewer maintenance district No. 3 and are based upon a flow rate of one equivalent dwelling unit (EDU). Calculation of a charge and fee for a use that is billed at a rate other than one equivalent dwelling unit shall be based upon the schedule set forth in subsections ~~D~~ **E** and F of Section 13.12.240.

Sewer service charge	= ~~$74.76~~ **$99.43** per month per EDU.
Annexation fee	= $3,850.00 per acre.
Sewer connection fee	= $7,190.00 per EDU.

D. County Service Area No. 28, Zone No. 2, A3 (Sunset). The following schedule of charges and fees shall apply to property within county service area No. 28, Zone 2, A3 and are based upon a flow rate of one equivalent dwelling unit (EDU). Calculation of a charge and fee for a use that is billed at a rate other than one equivalent dwelling unit shall be based upon the schedule set forth in subsection H of Section 13.12.240.

Sewer service charge	= ~~$24.60~~ **$29.52** per month per EDU.
Annexation fee	= $168.00 per acre.
Sewer connection fee	= $7,190.00 per EDU.

E. County Service Area No. 28, Zone No. 6 (Sheridan). The following schedule of charges and fees shall apply to property within county service area No. 28, Zone 6 and are based upon a flow rate of one equivalent dwelling unit (EDU). Calculation of a charge and fee for a use that is billed at a rate other than one equivalent dwelling unit shall be based upon the schedule set forth in subsections ~~D~~ **E** and F of Section 13.12.240.

Sewer service charge	= ~~$33.60~~ **$52.08** per month per EDU.
Sewer connection fee	= $1,700.00 per EDU.
Water service charge	=~~$21.60~~ **$27.00** per month per EDU.

F. County Service Area No. 28, Zone No. 23 (Blue Canyon). The following schedule of charges and fees shall apply to property within county service area No. 28, Zone ~~6~~ **23** and are based upon a flow rate of one equivalent dwelling unit (EDU). Calculation

of a charge and fee for a use that is billed at a rate other than one equivalent dwelling unit shall be based upon the schedule set forth in subsections ~~D~~ **E** and H of Section 13.12.240.

Sewer service charge	= ~~$20.00~~ **$36.00** per month per EDU.
Sewer connection fee	= $3,820.00 per EDU.

G. County Service Area No. 28, Zone No. 24 (Applegate). The following schedule of charges and fees shall apply to property within county service area No. 28, Zone 24 and are based upon a flow rate of one equivalent dwelling unit (EDU). Calculation of a charge and fee for a use that is billed at a rate other than one equivalent dwelling unit shall be based upon the schedule set forth in subsection ~~D~~ **E** and F of Section 13.12.240.

Sewer service charge	= ~~$61.16~~ **$77.06** per month per EDU.
Sewer connection fee	= $1,500.00 per EDU.

H. County Service Area No. 28, Zone No. 55 (Livoti). The following schedule of charges and fees shall apply to property within county service area No. 28, Zone 55 and are based upon a flow rate of one equivalent dwelling unit (EDU). Calculation of a charge and fee for a use that is billed at a rate other than one equivalent dwelling unit shall be based upon the schedule set forth in subsection H of Section 13.12.240.

Sewer service charge	= ~~$29.21~~ **$35.05** per month per EDU.
Sewer connection fee	= $9,600.00 per EDU.

I. County Service Area No. 28, Zone No. 173 (Dry Creek Sewers). The following schedule of charges and fees shall apply to property within county service area No. 28, Zone No. 173 and are based upon a flow rate of one equivalent dwelling unit (EDU). Calculation of a charge and fee for a use that is billed at a rate other than one equivalent dwelling unit shall be based upon the schedule set forth in subsection (H) of Section 13.12.240.

Sewer service charge	= ~~$29.34~~ **$38.14** per month per EDU.
Sewer connection fee	= $7,190.00 per EDU.

J. Sewer connection fees charged pursuant to this section, as such fees may be changed from time to time, shall be reduced by two hundred dollars ($200.00) per EDU effective November 8, 2011. The purpose of this reduction is to sunset the "shop fee" component of sewer connection fees enacted on September 9, 2003. (Ord. 5387-B § 1, 2005: Ord. 5353-B (part), 2005; Ord 5302-B § 1, 2004: Ord. 5258-B § 1, 2003: Ord. 5248-B § 1, 2003: Ord. 5157-B, 2002; Ord. 5156-B, 2002; Ord. 5120-B § 1, 2001: Ord. 5116-B § 1, 2001: Ord. 5059-B § 27, 2000: Ord. 4965-B § 1, 1999: prior code § 18.50)

13.12.380 Septic tank effluent pump--STEP fee schedule.

The following fees shall apply to all connections to county maintained STEP systems:

STEP Service Charge	= ~~$20.50~~ **$24.40** per month.

The STEP service charge noted above shall be charged to a STEP connection user in addition to the standard sewer service charge for the district. (Ord. 5387-B § 4, 2005: Ord. 5248-B § 2, 2003: Ord. 5116-B § 2, 2001: Ord. 5059-B § 31, 2000

Before the Board of Supervisors
County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of: A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE COUNTY SERVICE AREA FEE REPORT FOR 2007/2008 FOR CSA #28, ZONES 2-A3, 6, 23, 24, 55 & 173

Resol. No:_____

The following ___**RESOLUTION**___ was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held _____, by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

_____
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

_____
Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS, the County Service Area Fee Report for 2007/2008 has been prepared in accordance with Section 33.05 (b) of the Placer County Code, detailing the user fees necessary to provide the authorized sewer and/or water services for each parcel in County Service Area No. 28, Zone of Benefit Nos. 2-A3, 6, 23, 24, 55 and 173 (the Report), and said Report is available for public review at the Clerk of the Board's Office and the Department of Facility Services, and

WHEREAS, notice of adoption of the Maintenance and Operation (M&O) fees as set forth in the Report has been given as required by law,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California, as follows:

1. That the revenues derived from the M&O fees as set forth in the Report do not exceed the funds required to provide the sewer and/or water services.

2. That the revenues derived from the M&O fees as set forth in the Report shall only be used for providing sewer and/or water services, the purpose for which the fee is being imposed.

3. That the amount of the fee does not exceed the proportional cost of providing sewer service to the parcel.

4. That the sewer services being funded by the M&O fee are actually being used by, or are immediately available for use by, the owner of each parcel.

5. That the sewer services provide a special benefit to the parcels.

6. That the County Service Area Fee Report for 2007/2008 as on file with the Clerk of the Board is hereby confirmed and adopted, and the Board does hereby authorize collection of the M&O fees on the County property tax roll as allowed by law.

May 11, 2007

AGENDA ITEM
DATE: 5-22-07
TIME: 9:30am

Board of Supervisors, Placer County
175 Fulweiler Ave.
Auburn, CA 95603

To Chairman Bruce Kranz &
Jim Holmes, District 3 Representative

I am certain that you also are taxpayers and perhaps can get as frustrated as your constituents so I ask you when casting your vote to consider the economic circumstances of people in SMD#1.

This District assessment has gone from $186.00 in 1989-1990 to $714.12 in 2006-2007, which if my math is correct, makes a 438% increase in18 years. I am aware that the Joeger Road plant is an old plant and that the State mandates many things each year with which the County must comply. This time two of those items are chlorine, which is used to make our water potable, and MTBE, which was added to our gasoline per State requirement. We seem always to be faced with State requirements without any monetary help from State or County funds and I do realize that there is no Santa Claus - the money all comes from the taxpayers. However, it would be nice if we could get a small portion returned to us.

Proposition 13 was passed to give us in California a break on the continued outlandish raises in property tax. It gave us just that, but it seems that those in power can always find a way of getting more money by bond and assessments. Our pre-Prop 13 property has $140.00 more in special assessments and bonds than the general property tax. We just cannot afford another increase in our taxes, regardless of what it is called.

Our property taxes are paid each year and each year we see more of our money spent on the building of those large edifices at DeWitt. Many people may not ever see these buildings but we drive past them almost daily so are constantly reminded of tax money being spent, perhaps unnecessarily, particularly when you consider the amount of wasted space and the design.

I propose that you vote to use some County general funds to bring this sewage disposal plant up to State specifications. I believe that by doing this your constituents will feel that you are truly representing them.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

Mary Ann Frank

Mary Ann Frank (Mrs. Elmer)
3411 Sunshine Way
Auburn, CA 95602
530-885-5809

cc: Will Dickinson

DATE 5-14-07
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☐ County Executive Office
☒ County Counsel
☐ Administrative Assistant
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5-22-07
TIME: 9:20 am

To whom it may Concern:

I I'm against the increase fee of the sewer.

I'm on a fixed income and people like me have no way to get an increase on our salary.

I hope you reconsider not increasing the sewer fee, my property Taxes are already too high

Sincerely,

Carmen Curran

103 Fresnas Ave
Roseville, Ca. 95661

DATE 5-10-07
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MAY 8, 2007

HON JAMES HOLMES
PLACER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
175 FULWEILER AVENUE
AUBURN, CA 95603

AGENDA ITEM
DATE: 5-22-07
TIME: 9:20 AM

RE: RATE INCREASE S.M.D. #1

DEAR SIR;

AGAIN I FEEL THAT THE PROPOSED 13.5% ± INCREASE OVER TWO YEARS OF THE MONTHLY SERVICE RATE IS OUT OF LINE, ABSURD AND NOT FAIR!

THE STATE WATER QUALITY & ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS AREN'T JUSTIFIED. THOSE "PEOPLE" FROM BERKELEY & HUMBOLDT STATE ARE REGULATING US RIGHT OUT OF OUR STATE. THERE IS NO MORE COMMON SENSE IN THESE MATTERS. THE COST OF REPLACEMENT & REPAIR OF FACILITIES IS JUSTIFIED OF COURSE.

PLEASE CONSIDER A LOWER COST OF LIVING INCREASE AND MAYBE CUTBACK ON SOCIAL SERVICES TO PAY FOR THESE SEWER CHARGES.

SINCERELY,
John F. Rompala
JOHN F. ROMPALA
1407 LOVE WAY
"NORTH AUBURN", CA. 95603
PLACER PARCEL # 52-260-42

DATE 5-10-07
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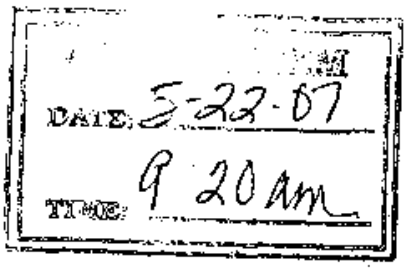


May 3, 2007

Re: SMD #2 Fee Increase

Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing this letter to ask that you not approve SMD #2 current fee increase request. Attached are copies of the 2006 and 2007 fee increase notices and as you can see Mr. Durfee used the exact same justification for the 2007 fee increase as he did in 2006 and it appears that he was too lazy to do an actual analysis for this years increase and merely changed the numbers in last years notice. It is clear that Mr. Durfee has not done a sufficient analysis to justify the increase.

Last year when I received the fee notice, I did a fee survey of surrounding sewer fees and I have listed the survey results below:

	Month	Year
County of Sacramento	$17.00	$204.00
City of Roseville	$22.60	$271.00
City of Rocklin	$16.75	$201.00
SMD #2	$44.15	$529.80
Proposed SMD #2	$48.12	$577.44

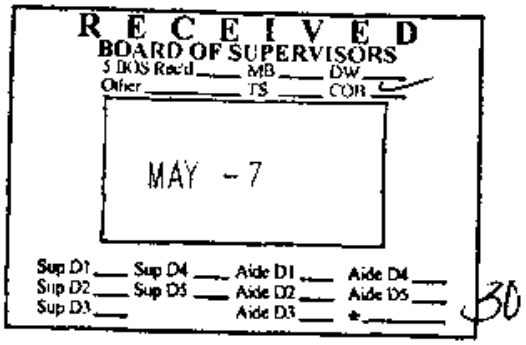
Clearly, SMD #2 fees are way out of line with the surrounding area. I suspect because SMD #2 fees are collected via property tax bills they have slipped under the radar. Has anyone ever reviewed the districts efficiency ratio (i.e. # of employees divided by the # number of households) and compared those results to the ratios of the surrounding districts? How about comparing percentage increase in staff verses households as a another measure of efficiency. Staff salary and benefit increases should be compared to the CPI and surrounding districts. These are all items that should be reviewed before granting any increase.

One of Mr. Durfee justifications for the increase is inflation. I have lived in SMD#2 since 1987. My property tax bill for1990-91 shows the SMD#2 fee as $162.00 per year and my tax bill for 2006-07 shows a fee of $529.80 an increase of 227%. Inflation during that same period was 51%. Outrageous!

It is time that the board held the district to account!

Thank you for your consideration,

Terry Bedwell



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COUNTY OF PLACER
FACILITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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www.placer.ca.gov

JAMES DURFEE, DIRECTOR
MARY DIETRICH, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
ALBERT RICHIE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR
WILL DICKINSON, DEPUTY DIRECTOR

May 8, 2006

RE: **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A SEWER USER FEE RATE INCREASE, PLACER COUNTY SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 2**

Dear Customer,

Our records indicate that you are the owner of the property identified by the assessor's parcel number shown on the attached mailing label. Sewer service to this parcel is provided by Placer County Sewer Maintenance District No. 2 (SMD 2). **On June 27, 2006 at 10:30 AM, the Placer County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to consider increases to the sewer user fees charged for SMD 2. The Board will also consider written protests concerning the increases. The hearing will take place in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, 175 Fulweiler Avenue, Auburn, CA 95603.** You may attend the hearing in person or send written comments to the Board at the same address.

The current sewer service charge for a single unit of service is $40.50 per month. The District proposes to increase this fee to $44.15 per month effective July 1, 2006. This increase is necessary because the District has incurred higher costs due to: a) inflation, b) new regulatory requirements, and c) significantly higher costs charged by the City of Roseville for treating wastewater collected from SMD 2. Without this increase the District cannot continue to provide high quality service to our customers while remaining in compliance with State and Federal regulations.

The above recommended fee is the monthly rate for a single-family residence. Most customers are billed for this service on their annual property tax statement. If your parcel is used for purposes other than a single-family residence, your parcel may be billed for multiple units of service. If you are unsure as to the number of units of service your parcel is billed for, please feel free to call the telephone number listed below for clarification.

To obtain further information regarding the proposed fee increase you may attend the Granite Bay Municipal Advisory Council meeting at 7:00 PM on June 7th in the Eureka Union School District Office, or call (530) 889-6846.

Respectfully,

JAMES DURFEE, DIRECTOR

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MARY DIETRICH, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
ALBERT RICHIE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR
WILL DICKINSON, DEPUTY DIRECTOR

March 22, 2007

RE: **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A SEWER USER FEE RATE INCREASE, PLACER COUNTY SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 2**

Dear Customer,

Our records indicate that you are the owner of the property identified by the assessor's parcel number shown on the attached mailing label. Sewer service to this parcel is provided by Placer County Sewer Maintenance District No. 2 (SMD 2). **On May 22, 2007, at 9:20 AM, the Placer County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to consider increases to the sewer user fees charged for SMD 2. The Board will also consider written protests concerning the increases. The hearing will take place in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, 175 Fulweiler Avenue, Auburn, CA 95603.** You may attend the hearing in person or send written comments to the Board at the same address.

The current sewer service charge for a single unit of service is $44.15 per month. The District proposes to increase this fee to $48.12 per month effective July 1, 2007, and maintain the fee at that level for two years. This increase is necessary because the District has incurred higher costs due to: a) inflation, b) new permitting requirements for public sewer collection systems, and c) significantly higher costs charged by the City of Roseville for treating wastewater collected from SMD 2. Without this increase the District cannot continue to provide high quality service to our customers while remaining in compliance with State and Federal regulations.

The above recommended fee is the monthly rate for a single-family residence. Most customers are billed for this service on their annual property tax statement. If your parcel is used for purposes other than a single-family residence, your parcel may be billed for multiple units of service. If you are unsure as to the number of units of service your parcel is billed for, please feel free to call the telephone number listed below for clarification.

To obtain further information regarding the proposed fee increase you may attend the Granite Bay Municipal Advisory Council meeting at 7:00 PM on May 2, 2007, in the Eureka Union School District Office, or call (530) 889-6846.

Respectfully,

JAMES DURFEE, DIRECTOR

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5-21-07

To the County
Board of Supervisors

Please consider the sewer rate increase of SMDI. 149% is to much for most people. We are one on a fixed income are going to find it hard to pay.

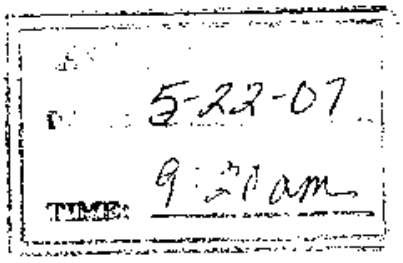
We received a 3% raise on our social security this year but medicare went up $1.20 per month. We aren't much better off. Everything keeps going up so high it's hard to get by.

All schools, teachers & our sheriff got this year & I make the case a person supposedly should be paid as much as a family of 4, 6, or more people. It just isn't fair.

I think you should increase fees on new construction. They are helping to drive prices up.
Thank you for your time.
Carol J. Pinney
165 Sierra Vista
Auburn, CA.
95603 3020

Assessor's Parcel
052-210-009-000

April 11, 2007



Placer County
Facility Services Department
Board of Supervisors
175 Fulweiler Avenue
Auburn, CA 95603

Dear Sirs:

This is a formal protest to the proposed increase of sewer user fees for SMD 1.

We purchased our home in late 2003 and set up a monthly savings plan to pay our property taxes each year. Despite increasing taxes, we have been able to keep our plan intact and meet our payments, not without sacrifice. Every time there is an increase, we must adjust our monthly savings and give up something else.

Since 2003, every year we have had an increase in sewer charges, each one greater than the previous year. In 2003-4, our SMD #1 service charge was $618; in 2004-5, $636; in 2005-6, $655.20; in 2006-7, $58.92. The increases for those four years total $96.12. Yet the proposed increase for July 1, 2007 is a full $99.96....more than the previous four years combined!!

We now pay $714.12 per year for SMD #1; with the proposed increase, it will jump to $814.08! What has changed so drastically over the last four years to warrant such a large increase? This is a new home in a new neighborhood and we fail to see how one home can incur such a fee!

Our incomes consist of Social Security and a small pension. Any inflationary increase is a hardship on us since our incomes remain stationary and we must somehow cope with that same inflation.

We request that you take the above mentioned arguments under consideration when the proposed increase is entered for approval and strongly voice our protest to such a large increase in the sewer user fees for SMD 1.

Sincerely,

Henry and Magda Sanchez

Henry and Magda Sanchez

2500 Pacer Place

Auburn, CA 95603

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to:
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T Miller
T Labouff
J Durfee
A. Hramiuk

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To: Placer County Board of Supervisors
175 Fulweiler Avenue
Auburn, CA 95603

This letter is in response to the Notice of Public Hearing to consider a Sewer User Fee Rate Increase.

The Notice indicates that the rate increase is needed to meet higher costs due to inflation and increased charges by the City of Sacramento. As a resident of Placer County, and not the City of Sacramento nor the County of Sacramento, I would suggest that the Board examine the feasibility of connecting the sewer service of my residential area with the City of Roseville which is located one block away. I own my home in Livoti Tract and have for thirty years. Perhaps the Board could inquire of the City of Roseville the feasibility of such a move.

I believe the Roseville rates are the lowest in the area and the savings to your constituents would be appropriate and appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration in this.

Regards,
Breckenridge Viley
106 Eddie Dr.
Roseville, CA 95661
B. Viley
916.726.9595
bviley@infostations.com

cc. James Durfee, Director
Facilities Services Dept.

BOARD MEETING
DATE: 5-22-07
TIME: 9:20am

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To Placer Board of Supervisors
re SEWER FEE INCREASE
175 FULWEILER AVE
AUBURN, CA 95603

from CLINTON L SMITH
150 HAP ARNOLD LOOP
ROSEVILLE, CA 95747

I oppose the proposed dramatic sewer-fee increase of $38.14 per month.

The budget might be balanced by cutting big labor union bosses power, less employees and other "fat". There seems to be too much emphasis on younger people at the expense of seniors, who most of us are on limited incomes. Our "COLAS" were puny, compared to those enjoyed by politicians. I am nearing 87 years of age.

respectfully

Clinton L Smith

AGENDA ITEM
DATE: 5-22-07
TIME: 9:20AM

DATE 4-12-07
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12570 Out of the Way Place
Auburn, CA 95603

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Placer Co Board of Supervisors
175 Fulweiler Ave
Auburn, CA 95603

5-22-07
9:20 am

To all Supervisors -

Of course, since I work I cannot attend this meeting on May 22, 2007 @ 9:20 am concerning sewer increases from $59.51 to $67.84 per month.

My wages have not gone up and will not go up this year. I feel powerless to stop fees such as this, but I must protest.

New homes are constantly being built and they should pay for "improvements" to the sewer system - not me.

Sincerely,

Pam M. Clotter
530 887 9757
pam@mountaintel.com

DATE 4-11-07
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4/6/2007

County of Placer
Board of Supervisors
175 Fulweiler Avenue
Auburn, CA 95603

522-07
TIME: 9:20AM

Re: Sewer user fee rate increase, District #1, (SMD 1)

This letter is in response to a recent notice from Facility Services Department Director, James Durfee of a proposal to increase our annual sewer user fee by 14%. This meeting is being held on May 22, 2007, at 9:20 AM. He gave three reasons:

- **Inflation** – The annual inflation rate for 2006, based on the Consumer Price Index, was 3.24 %. The annual inflation rates and corresponding increases in our sewer user fee were as follows: 2005- 3.39% vs. 3%, 2004 – 2.68% vs. 10%, 2003 – 2.27% vs. 8%.

- **New regulatory requirements** – There is no explanation (even brief) of what State and Federal regulation changes were made this last year.

- **Repair or replacement of aging sewer lines and treatment plant equipment** - Prudent management should have established a sinking fund or other method of setting aside reserves for just such inevitable costs.

As inflation has been relatively benign, the 10% increase in 2004 and the 8% increase in 2003 obviously also included something beyond inflation. This has been a time of substantial new home construction. I question if some of the requirement for replacement and treatment relate directly to the incapacity to process the increased flow and also, if that contributed to the inability to comply with State and Federal regulations. If so, then those builders who have profited financially did not pay an appropriate construction fee.

I do protest the 14% increase after already having substantial increases in 2003 and 2004. I believe ongoing maintenance and expansion can be managed much more effectively than has been demonstrated.

Sincerely,

Al French
12470 Leeds Dr.
Auburn, CA 95603

Tel: (530)-823-8083

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APRIL 21, 2007

MARK & SUSAN ROBERTS
4325 COGNAC COURT
LOOMIS, CA 95650

DATE: 5-22-07
TIME: 9:20am

PLACER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
175 FULWEILER AVENUE
AUBURN, CA 95603

RE: SEWER USER FEE RATE INCREASE
MAINTENANCE DISTRICT #3

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

In response to the notice of March 22, 2007 regarding the proposed increase in current sewer service charge for a single unit of service from $74.76 to $99.43 monthly we reply as follows:

WE OPPOSE IT!!

An increase of 33% is outrageous whatever the purported reasons. Administratively, government should have never let the situation get to the point of having to propose a raise such as this. Further, we believe that most of it will be wasted administratively.

AGAIN, WE OPPOSE AN INCREASE OF SUCH PROPORTIONS.

Go back and reconsider.

ADAMANTLY OPPOSED,

MARK & SUSAN ROBERTS

CC: 5-BOS
T. Miller
H. Lubenoff
J. Durfee