

May 18, 2021

Board of Ventura County Waterworks District No. 17
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Subject: Adoption of Resolution Continuing the Existing Water Standby Charge for Fiscal Year 2021-22 for Ventura County Waterworks District No. 17, Bell Canyon; Supervisorial Districts Nos. 2 and 4.

Recommendation:

Adopt the attached Resolution continuing the existing water standby charge for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22.

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Mandatory:	No.
Source of Funding:	Water standby charges are paid by property owners of parcels adjacent to an existing water line within Waterworks District No. 17.
Funding Match Required:	None.
Impact on Other Departments:	Minimal impact on Auditor-Controller's Office for placing charges on property tax roll.

Summary of Revenues and Total Costs:	<u>FY 2020-21</u>	<u>FY 2021-22</u>
Revenues:	\$ 6,982	\$ 6,935
Costs:		
Direct Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0
Indirect - Agency/Dept.	\$ 0	\$ 0
Indirect – CAP	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0
Net County Cost, Including Indirects	\$ (6,982)	\$ (6,935)
Recovered Indirect Cost	\$ 0	\$ 0

Water standby charges in the amount of \$6,935 will be collected for FY 2021-22. FY 2020-21 is shown for comparison purposes only.

Current Fiscal Year Budget Projection:

FY 2021-22 Budget Projection For Waterworks District No. 17 - Bell Canyon – Unit 4330				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$ 3,789,900	\$ 4,303,913	\$ 3,549,600	\$ 754,313
Revenue	\$ 3,221,400	\$ 3,221,400	\$ 3,330,500	\$ 109,100
Net Cost	\$ 568,500	\$ 1,082,513	\$ 219,100	\$ 863,413

Revenues and appropriations are included in the FY 2021-22 Preliminary Budget. Net Cost totals include capital outlay and transfers-out.

Discussion:

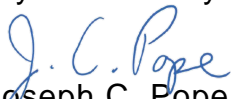
Section 55501.5 of the Water Code and section 54984 et seq. of the Government Code authorize a county waterworks district to establish a water standby charge in areas where water service is available, whether such service is used or not. In FY 1996-97, Ventura County Waterworks District (WWD) No. 17 imposed a water standby charge of \$46.82 per acre (or per parcel less than one acre), up to a maximum charge based on five (5) acres. This charge has remained the same since that time.

Because an increase in this charge would require voter approval under Proposition 218, we recommend that your Board keep the standby charge unchanged for FY 2021-22. There are 66 parcels in WWD No. 17 subject to the water standby charge for FY 2021-22; this will generate approximately \$6,935 in revenue, as shown on Exhibit 1.

A description of each parcel for which a charge is to be billed, together with the amount of the charge applicable to each parcel, is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. These charges will be collected as part of the annual general county tax bill.

This letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel.

If you have any-questions regarding this item, please call me at (805) 378-3005.


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Director, Water and Sanitation

Attachments:

Resolution (Continuing Existing Water Standby Charge)
Exhibit 1 - Schedule of Water Standby Charges for Fiscal Year 2021-22

