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Board of Ventura County Waterworks District No. 1 (Moorpark)
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. 1, Moorpark; Supervisorial District No. 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 (WWD) No. 1.
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:	\$ 1,732	\$ 1,732
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	\$ (1,732)	\$ (1,732)
Recovered Indirect Cost	\$ 0	\$ 0

Water standby charges in the amount of \$1,732 will be collected for FY 2021-22. FY 2020-21 is shown for comparison purposes only.



Current FY 2020-212 Budget Projection for Ventura County Waterworks District No. 1 – Unit 4300				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Saving/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$30,692,700	\$31,881,783	\$25,318,100	\$6,563,683
Revenues	\$25,878,300	\$25,878,300	\$23,988,700	\$(1,889,600)
Net Cost	\$4,814,400	\$ 6,003,483	\$ 1,329,400	\$ 4,674,083

Net Cost totals include capital outlays and transfers out.

Revenues and appropriations will be included in the FY 2021-22 Preliminary Budget.

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 No. 1 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 eight (8) parcels of varying acreage in WWD No. 1 subject to the water standby charge; this will generate approximately \$1,732 in revenue, as shown on Exhibit 1.

Because WWD No. 1 staff has provided your Board a description of each parcel for which a charge is to be billed, together with the amount of the charge applicable to each parcel, as shown in Exhibit 1, these charges may 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 - Report, Schedule of Water Standby Charges for Fiscal Year 2021-22

