RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2015-27

MEETING: January 13, 2015

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

RE: Water and Sewer Rates for the Jeffery Hotel

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve Temporarily Reducing the Water and Sewer Rates Charged to the Jeffery Hotel from Commercial to Residential Effective January 1, 2015, and Until Such Time that the Jeffery Hotel Bar/Restaurant is in Operation. The Jeffery Hotel was partially destroyed by a fire in November 2014, leaving the hotel and restaurant portion of the building inoperable. The Jeffery Hotel receives water and sewer service through the Coulterville Community Service District. Staff is recommending that the rates charged to The Jeffery Hotel be temporarily reduced from commercial to residential, to allow the owner of the building to realize some financial savings while working to reconstruct the building. The owner is anticipating that the bar/restaurant portion of the building will be operation before hotel will, and staff is recommending that the water and sewer rates revert back to commercial when the bar/restaurant is once again in operation.

Currently The Jeffery Hotel is being charged $143.82 a month plus $1.7/1,000 gallons for water; and $452.48 a month for sewer. Changing the rates to residential will reduce the water service to $25 a month plus $1.7/1,000 gallons and the sewer service to $56 a month. It is anticipated that this change will result in approximately $500 a month in savings to the owner of The Jeffery Hotel.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board adopted Resolution #13-341 on April 13, 2013, requiring customers in the Community Services Districts who pay a fee for water usage to continue to pay the base-rate minimums when their water has been turned off.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not approve temporarily reducing the water and sewer rates charged to The Jeffery Hotel from commercial to residential. The Jeffery Hotel will continue to pay the higher commercial water/sewer rates even though they are not using or producing a commercial amount.
CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Mary Hodson
Mary Hodson, Interim CAO 1/7/2015

RESULT: ADOPTED [4 TO 1]
MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
AYES: Rosemarie Smallcombe, Merlin Jones, Marshall Long, Kevin Cann
NAYS: John Carrier