RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes  No x )

F.Y. 95/96 FEE HEARING

Approve fee adjustments for Coulterville Service Area.

Public Works recommends that the Board of Supervisors increase user fees charged to the Coulterville Service Area by 10% across the board. The proposed increase is to cover some of the operational costs to not deplete the fund balance.

It is recommended that the new fees take effect November 1, 1995.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
Per Resolution No. 92-524, on October 6, 1992, fees were increased from $8.52/month for water and $16.87/month for sewer to $20.00 each for water and sewer. Incremental fees were set for usage for over 15,000 gallons of water per year @ .80 per 1,000 gallons.

The Board directed that future fee increases be in smaller increments.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
1. Consider no increase and continue to deplete reserves or reduce services.
2. Consider a greater increase to help pay for some of the system upgrades needed to keep the system in operation.
3. Subsidize the district with General Fund or Water Agency Funds to help cover operating deficiencies.

COSTS: (x) Not Applicable
A. Budgeted current FY $__________
B. Total anticipated costs $__________
C. Required additional funding $__________
D. Internal transfers $__________

SOURCE: ( ) 4/5th Vote Required
A. Unanticipated revenues $__________
B. Reserve for contingencies $__________
C. Source description:
Balance in Reserve Contingencies, if approved: $__________

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:

Fee Proposal

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:
This item on agenda as:  

✓ Recommended
Not Recommended
For Policy Determination
Submitted with Comment
Returned for Further Action

Comment: _______________________________________________________

A.O. Initials: [signature]

Action Form Revised 5/92
TO: MIKE EDWARDS, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, CLERK OF THE BOARD
SUBJECT: FEE HEARING - COULTERVILLE SERVICE AREA AND LAKE DON PEDRO SEWER ZONE

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, C
ADOPTED THIS Order on October 10, 1995

ACTION AND VOTE:

10:12 a.m. Mike Edwards, Public Works Dir-

A) PUBLIC HEARING to Consider Fees for
Regarding Coulterville Service Area Zone Fees and
Sewer Zone Fees (Continued from 09/19/95)
BOARD ACTION: Mike Edwards presented staff report for Don Pedro
Sewer Zone fees. Mike and Marty Allan/PWD-Fleet - Fiscal
Manager, responded to questions from the Board relative to
schedule for bringing hotels (converted townhouses) on line and
estimates revenues; water usages; and status of delinquent
accounts. Public portion of the hearing was opened and input was
provided by the following: Art Hardin asked if the delinquent
accounts were collected, if there would still be a need to raise
the rates by ten percent; and if they are not collected, if ten
percent is enough of a raise to cover costs. Marvin Meader asked
if there is any way to turn off sewer service if accounts become
delinquent; and stated the sewer problems have had a lot to do
with them not being able to sell their home. Bernice Meader
asked if interest is being charged on the delinquent accounts.
Walt McClary asked for the total amount involved with the
delinquent accounts and whether service could be turned off.
Public portion of the hearing was closed and Board commenced with
deliberations. (M)Balmain, (S)Stewart, Res. 95-441 adopted
approving recommended fees for Don Pedro Sewer Zone/Ayes:
Unanimous. Mike Edwards presented staff report for Coulterville
Service Area Zone fees; and advised of the Advisory Committee's
recommendation to increase the over-usage fee and not increase
the other fees. Staff responded to questions from the Board
relative to status of repairs and upgrades to the system; use of
Water Agency funding; and status of delinquent accounts. Public
portion of the hearing was opened and input was provided by the
following: Joan Tune/Chairman of the Advisory Committee, asked
about fund balances and read a statement from the Committee
regarding issues relative to the District and its management;
expressed concern with the charges to businesses on a table and chair basis, and advised that the Committee is reviewing a plan to change the ordinance with regards to the way fees are being charged. Karl Harla stated he does not see a need to increase the fees as the installation of a new gravity water flow system was supposed to save operational costs; and he questioned how the hourly billing rate was reached. Charles Day/Don Pedro, cited his previous experience where sewer rates were determined on water usages. Ann Stewart stated she feels it has been difficult to get detailed budget information for the District and requested that a quarterly report be provided; and further requested that staff submit information to the Advisory Committee in advance of their meetings. Fred Shannon/Coulterville Cafe, expressed concern with the rate structure being based on the number of tables and chairs for businesses versus water usage; and suggested using estimated billings, with the billings to be adjusted based on a periodic meter reading. Karen Fielding/Hotel Jeffery, stated she agreed that the rate structure needs to changed so that fees are based on actual water usage and she has tried to get this changed since 1992 - the existing structure forces them to remove chairs and close the restaurant much of the time; expressed concern with the sewer rates being based on a per unit basis; requested the State guidelines be used for entities that fall under the "fair and equitable" law; expressed concern with the proposed increase for the over-usage fee as she feels it would only affect the three businesses; and suggested that a separate committee be formed to re-draft the ordinance for the fee structure. Walt McClary, advised that the Advisory Committee was waiting on the rate changes due to the study being done for the LAFCo report. Elvie Bullis expressed concern with the current rate structure and stated that she does not feel the County is paying on the same "per chair" basis for the park facilities. Karen Fielding clarified that she is requesting that the ordinance itself be restructured relative to the formula so that it is based on usage. Fred Shannon stated he felt it should be easy to make the changes in the rate structure. Joan Tune stated the current rate structure was established with the original ordinance that created the District and the Advisory Board has tried to reach a solution to the current system and urged the business owners to attend the Advisory Committee meetings; and further commented that the County pays the same rate for the park facilities as a resident. Public portion of the hearing was closed and Board commenced with deliberations. Staff responded to the concerns and questions raised by the public. (M)Balmain, (S)Taber, direction was given for staff to work with the Advisory Committee to pursue an independent contractor for maintenance of this District, and to restructure the fee ordinance so that it is based on usage, with fresh water usage to dictate sewer rates. Following further discussion, motion was amended, agreeable with maker and second, to include direction that the fee not be increased at this time/Ayes: Balmain, Taber; Noes: Reilly, Parker, Stewart. Motion failed.
(M)Balmain, (S)Taber, to increase fees by ten percent as recommended, with direction to staff to work with the Advisory Committee to pursue an independent contractor for maintenance of this District, and to restructure the fee ordinance so that it is based on usage, with fresh water usage to dictate sewer rates, was withdrawn by maker, agreeable with second, following discussion. (M)Balmain, (S)Reilly, Res. 95-442 adopted approving fee increase of ten percent as recommended for Coulterville Service Area Zone/Ayes: Unanimous. (M)Balmain, (S)Taber, direction was given to staff to look into privatizing maintenance of the Coulterville Service Area District and work with the Advisory Board and restructure the ordinance for rates to be based on how much water is used and how much of that water goes into the sewer system/Ayes: Balmain, Stewart, Parker, Taber; Noes: Reilly. Hearing was closed.

cc: Jeff Green, County Counsel
Ken Hawkins, Auditor
Coulterville Service Area Advisory Committee
Don Pedro Sewer Zone Advisory Committee
File
MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: MIKE COFFIELD, County Administrative Officer

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Consideration of Fees for Fiscal Year 1995/96; Res. 95-418

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on September 19, 1995

ACTION AND VOTE:

PUBLIC HEARING to Consider Fees for Fiscal Year 1995/96

BOARD ACTION: Board reviewed fees proposed by the following departments:

- Treasurer/Tax Collector/County Clerk - Lynne Robinson/Chief Deputy Clerk, provided staff report and responded to questions from the Board relative to proposed fee increases for marriage licenses and ceremonies. Board concurred with continuing request from this department for additional information on the portion of the proposed fees that would be retained by the County and relative to the selection process for the proposed fees - matter to be rescheduled for hearing.

- Assessor/Recorder - Gary Estep/Assessor-Recorder, presented staff report. Board concurred with fee changes proposed for copies and documents.

- Planning and Building Department - Ed Johnson/Planning and Building Director, presented staff report. Board concurred with fee increase proposed for State Fire Marshal services.

- PWD/Coulterville Service Area and Don Pedro Sewer Zone - Supervisor Balmain advised of request from the communities for this matter to be continued for a meeting to be held in Coulterville. Mike Edwards/Public Works Director, presented staff report and advised of his recommendation that the fee changes be implemented effective November 1, 1995. Matter was continued to October 10, 1995, at 10:00 a.m., for meeting in Coulterville.

- PWD/Mariposa Pines - Mike Edwards/Public Works Director, presented staff report. Marty Allan/PWD-Fleet - Fiscal Manager, provided input. Board concurred with the fee adjustments as proposed.
- **PWD/Solid Waste** - Mike Edwards/Public Works Director, and Tom Starling/PWD-Waste Management Specialist, provided staff report. Supervisor Parker requested that staff come back with a recommendation for paying for unwanted soil that is hauled to the landfill. Board concurred with $64.00/ton fee proposal.  
- There was no public input on the proposed fees. Public portion of the hearing was closed. (M)Reilly, (S)Stewart, Res. 95-418 adopted approving fee changes for Assessor/Recorder, Planning and Building, Mariposa Pines and Solid Waste as discussed/Ayes: Reilly, Balmain, Stewart, Parker; Excused: Taber. Hearing was continued to October 10, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. in Coulterville for Coulterville Service Area and Don Pedro Sewer Zone fees.

cc:  Ken Hawkins, Auditor  
Don Phillips, Treasurer  
Gary Estep, Assessor  
Ed Johnson, Planning and Building Director  
Mike Edwards, Public Works Director  
Jeffrey G. Green, County Counsel  
Dan Tinnel, Fire Chief/Emergency Services Director
ATTACHMENT #1

Increased Fees

COULTERVILLE SERVICE AREA

1995/1996

PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENSES $78,305
Includes depreciation & contingency

REVENUE without FUND BALANCE $57,164
Partial Fund Balance used to offset expenses 16,244
Total revenue available for operations 73,408

Difference (shortfall) 4,897

Lots within the district 88
Hookups in district 93
Disconnected 4

Revenue Generated with New Fees

Residential

Water 64 hookups @ $22.00/mo. ($264.00/yr) 16,896
Sewer 65 hookups @ $22.00/mo. ($264.00/yr) 17,160

Commercial

Water 29 hookups @ $22.00/mo/ ($264.00/yr) 7,656
Sewer 29 hookups @ various rates 20,349

DIFERENCE (New Revenue) 4,897
## Public Works Department
### Special Districts Division
#### Water, Sewer Hook-up and User Fees

**Coulterville Service Area**

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