RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2018-134

MEETING: March 27, 2018

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mike Healy, Public Works Director

RE: Resolution of Intention-Lake Don Pedro Wastewater Rate Increases

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Adopt a Resolution of Intention to Increase Lake Don Pedro Wastewater Rates, and Setting the Time, Date, and Location of Public Hearing for May 22, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. at the Mariposa County Government Center.

Current wastewater rates in Lake Don Pedro do not generate sufficient revenue to fund the cost of service. Updated rates are required in order to continue providing wastewater service to the Lake Don Pedro community. A recent Proposition 218 process to adjust rates failed to garner sufficient support to enact the proposed new rate structure, since that time numerous public meetings have been held with the utility customers to explain the need for additional revenue.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
Lake Don Pedro faces operations and maintenance deficits and aging infrastructure, and current wastewater rates do not generate sufficient revenue to fund the cost of service. The Board’s last action to increase wastewater rates occurred in 2006. Thus, even though it is standard practice for public utilities to update water and wastewater rates every five years, it has been over eleven years since these rates have been adjusted.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
The Board may decline to initiate the Proposition 218 notice and hearing process that is required to establish wastewater rate increases. In that event, the utility will continue to operate at a deficit and may eventually be unable to generate sufficient revenue to comply with California wastewater regulations. It is unclear what the consequences of such a failure might be, but presumably an outside agency may be assigned this service territory.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
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Unless adopted, wastewater rates cannot be examined, the rates will remain unchanged and the funds collected for these services will not meet the cost of service.

ATTACHMENTS:
Lake Don Pedro Resolution of Intent to Adopt Wastewater Rate Increase March 27 2018 (DOC)
Lake Don Pedro Prop 218 Public Notice March 27 2018 (DOCX)
Mariposa County Engineers Report No Roads (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
SECONDER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey
MINUTE ORDER

TO: MIKE HEALY/Public Works Director
FROM: RENÉ LaROCHE, Clerk of the Board
SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution of Intention to Increase Lake Don Pedro Wastewater Rates, and Setting the Time, Date, and Location of Public Hearing for May 22, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. at the Mariposa County Government Center.

Resolution: 18-134

The following action was taken by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors on March 27, 2018:

2. Public Works RES-2018-134

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Mike Healy gave the staff report for the next three items and noted that the correct time for each is 2:00 PM. No public input.

CORRECTION: Change the hearing time reflected in the Resolution of Intention from 9am to 2:00 PM; and correct the adoption date to reflect today's date.

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