RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2018-135

MEETING: March 27, 2018

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mike Healy, Public Works Director

RE: Adopt a Resolution of Intention-Coulterville Water Rate Increases

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Adopt a Resolution of Intention to Increase Coulterville Water 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 water rates in Coulterville do not generate sufficient revenue to fund the cost of service. Updated rates are required in order to continue providing water service to the Coulterville 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:
Coulterville faces operations and maintenance deficits and aging infrastructure, and current water rates do not generate sufficient revenue to fund the cost of service. The Board’s last action to increase water occurred in 2008. Thus, even though it is standard practice for public utilities to update water rates every five years, it has been over nine 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 water rate increases. In that event, these utilities will continue to operate at a deficit and may eventually be unable to generate sufficient revenue to comply with California water 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:
Unless adopted, water rates cannot be examined, the rates will remain unchanged and the funds collected for these services will not meet the cost of service.
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ATTACHMENTS:
Coulterville Resolution of Intent to Adopt Water Rate Increase March 28 2018  (DOC)
Coulterville Water 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
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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTE ORDER

TO: MIKE HEALY/Public Works Director
FROM: RENÉ LaROCHE, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution of Intention to Increase Coulterville Water 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: 18-135

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


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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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