RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2018-212

MEETING: May 8, 2018

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mike Healy, Public Works Director

RE: Rescind 2015-27 - Hotel Jeffery Water and Sewer Rates

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Rescind Resolution 2015-27, which granted the Hotel Jeffery Reduced Water and Sewer Rates.

This Resolution was passed during the period when there was no commercial activity at this location. Commercial activity has now resumed at this location. Should this item pass, staff recommends that adjusted rates take effect on June 1, 2018.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
On January 13, 2015, the Board passed Resolution 2015-27 which is attached.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
The property owner will continue to receive reduced sewer and water rates.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
If passed additional utility revenue will be generated.

ATTACHMENTS:
Res 2015 27(PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey
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 Hudson
Mary Hudson, 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
TO: MIKE HEALY/Public Works Director; MERLIN JONES/District II Supervisor
FROM: RENÉ LaROCHE, Clerk of the Board
SUBJECT: Rescind Resolution 2015-27, Which Granted the Hotel Jeffery Reduced Water and Sewer Rates
RESOLUTION: 18-212

The following action was taken by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors on May 8, 2018:

1. **Public Works RES-2018-212**
   **Rescind Resolution 2015-27, Which Granted the Hotel Jeffery Reduced Water and Sewer Rates**

   Mike Healy/Public Works Director discussed the history behind the 2015 resolution, and noted that this action comes out of feedback arising from community meetings that were held relative to utility rate increases. During public comment, Sara Zahn and Karin Fielding urged that the reduced rates remain in place. Board discussion ensued.

   **AMENDMENT:** Resolution 2015-27, which granted the Hotel Jeffery reduced water and sewer rates, will sunset on August 31, 2018.

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