RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-33

MEETING: January 15, 2019

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mike Healy, Public Works Director

RE: Conduct a Public Hearing Coulterville Water Rate Increases

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
PUBLIC HEARING to Receive Public Testimony and Consider All Protests concerning the Adoption of a Resolution increasing Coulterville Water Rates.

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 wastewater service to the Coulterville community. Recent Proposition 218 attempts to adjust rates failed twice 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. At the October 15, 2018 meeting of the Board, Public Works proposed a revised rate structure as an alternative to placing the utility into receivership. This Public Hearing is the third attempt to raise rates through the Proposition 218 Process.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Coulterville Water Utility faces operational and maintenance defects and aging infrastructure, and current rate structure does not generate sufficient revenue to fund the cost of service.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Should a rate increase be rejected by the rate payers again the Board may reduce the level of service to meet the revenue generated through rates or direct the Public Works Department to bring to the Board a Resolution placing the utility into Receivership with the State of California.

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 providing service.

ATTACHMENTS:
Res of Intent Coulterville Water Rates Oct 2018   (PDF)
Exhibit A Proposed Coulterville Water Rates 1 15 2019   (DOCX)
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Coulterville Water Rate Notice (PDF)
Presentation given to Coulterville residents (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey
MARIPOSA COUNTY

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RESOLUTION INCREASING COULTERVILLE WATER RATES

WHEREAS, the County of Mariposa provides water service to the unincorporated area of Coulterville; and

WHEREAS, the Board’s last action to increase water rates for Coulterville occurred in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Coulterville faces operations and maintenance deficits and aging infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, current Coulterville water rates do not generate sufficient revenue to fund the cost of service; and

WHEREAS, the County retained Bartle Wells Associates to examine the cost of providing water service to Coulterville and to prepare a Coulterville Cost of Service Analysis, which was approved and adopted by the Board pursuant to Resolution No. 2017-816 on December 5, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, the Coulterville Cost of Service Analysis recommends increasing Coulterville water rates; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2018-549 declared the Board’s intention to increase Coulterville water rates, set a public hearing for January 15, 2019 on those proposed rate increases, and directed staff to mail notice to affected property owners in conformity with Proposition 218; and

WHEREAS, on January 15th, 2019, the Board held a full and fair public hearing on the proposed rate increases. At the hearing, all interested persons had an opportunity to provide oral and written testimony; and

WHEREAS, the Board accepted and caused the tabulation of all written protests against the proposed water rate increases. Based upon the results of this tabulation, a majority protest against the water rate increases does not exist; and

WHEREAS, the Board now finds it necessary to adopt the proposed water rate increases for Coulterville.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MARIPOSA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1 The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

SECTION 2 The Board hereby adopts the water rates for Coulterville set forth in Exhibit A.

SECTION 3 All rates and charges set forth in this Resolution shall become effective on June 1, 2018 and shall remain in effect until changed by the Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of January, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES: SMALLCOMBE, JONES, LONG, CANN, MENETREY

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Miles Menetrey, Board Chair

ATTEST:

René LaRoche, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Steven W. Dahlem, County Counsel
Exhibit A

Coulterville Proposed Water Rates 1-15-2019

Current and proposed water service charges:

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