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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
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Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: April 28, 1998

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

JUAN A. MAURELLO

OFFICE CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY Juan A. Maurello DEPUTY

AGENDA: April 28, 1998

**SUBJECT: 1998-99 SERVICE CHARGES FOR COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 12;
WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT**

Members of the Board:

Each year your Board sets the service charge amounts for the following fiscal year for the county service areas under your jurisdiction. The purpose of this letter is to submit proposed resolutions to establish benefit assessments/service charges for County Service Area No. 12 (CSA 12): Septic System Maintenance, San Lorenzo Wastewater Management (CSA 12A), and Inspections of Nonstandard Systems (CSA 12N) for the 1998-99 fiscal year and subsequent fiscal years. It is recommended that your Board set a public hearing to consider adoption of the proposed benefit assessments/service charges and the assessment/service charge reports. The nature of these charges and the services supported by these charges are described below.

Countywide Septic System Maintenance (CSA 12)

The basic CSA 12 charge of \$6.90 per parcel is collected from approximately 22,000 developed parcels located in unsewered areas of the County. This charge provides for various **services** to facilitate septic tank pumping and related maintenance activities for properties with septic systems throughout the county: funding the capital costs of septage disposal facilities; promotion of regular tank pumping; and, management of a computer database containing records of septic tank pumping, inspections, and upgrades. It is recommended that this charge remain at \$6.90 per parcel, the level approved by your Board for 1996-97 and 1997-98. Your Board previously approved continuing this charge as an assessment under Proposition 2 18, in accordance with the February 3, 1997 letter of County Counsel to your Board.

San Lorenzo Wastewater Management (CSA 12A)

An additional charge of \$18.54 is collected from approximately 13,000 developed, unsewered parcels located within the San Lorenzo River Watershed (defined as Zone A of CSA 12). This provides for regular inspections, abatement of problem septic systems, water quality monitoring, investigation of community disposal alternatives for areas with problem septic systems, and administration of management programs in order to correct past wastewater disposal problems in the area. Implementation of this program is mandated by the State Regional Water Quality Control Board as a condition of continued use of septic systems by all properties within the San Lorenzo Watershed. It is recommended that this charge remain at \$18.54 per parcel, the level approved by your Board for 1996-97 and 1997-98. Your Board previously approved continuing **this** charge as an assessment under Proposition 2 18, in accordance with the February 3, 1997 letter of County Counsel to your Board.

Inspection and Management of Nonstandard Systems (CSA 12N)

An additional CSA 12 service charge is collected for approximately 150 parcels served by nonstandard sewage disposal systems: alternative systems, haulaway systems, and nonconforming systems which do not meet conventional standards. These nonstandard systems require close supervision by the property owner and the County to ensure that they function properly and do not fail. Since 1990, pursuant to Chapter 7.38 of the County Code, such systems have required regular inspection by County staff and payment of an annual fee to cover the costs of inspection and monitoring of water quality. Since 1993, this has been collected as an additional CSA 12 service charge. Property owner acknowledgment and acceptance of the ongoing annual collection of this fee is a condition of initial approval of the permit for use of a nonstandard system. As such, County Counsel has determined that these are fees imposed as a condition of development permit approvals, and are therefore not subject to the provisions of Proposition 218.

The basic service charges for Nonstandard Systems are set at one of four levels, depending on the type of system and the amount of monitoring required. It is recommended that commencing with the 1998-99 fiscal year, the fees be increased by 4% per year, consistent with increases proposed for other Environmental Health permit fees.

The proposed Nonstandard System service charges for 1998-99 are:

- \$1132 for a Level 1 Alternative System (new alternative technologies serving new development; there are no parcels in this category now),
- \$565 for a Level 2 Alternative System (mound system, pressure distribution system, or sand filter serving new development; currently there are 7 parcels in this category),
- \$184 for a Level 3 System (alternative system serving existing development, haulaway system, or nonconforming system serving large uses; 50 parcels currently in this category), and
- \$87 for a Level 4 Nonconforming System (a system repair for a single family dwelling that does not meet the requirements for a standard system; 90 parcels currently in this category).

Procedure for Adoption of Service Charges

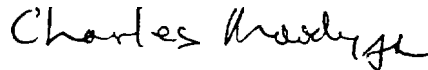
It is recommended that your Board set a public hearing for May 19, 1998, to consider the proposed resolution establishing the benefit assessments/service charges for CSA 12, CSA 12A, and Nonstandard System Inspections (CSA 12N); and, to consider the proposed assessment/service charge reports which show the specific charge for each parcel. These reports will be prepared and submitted to the Clerk of the Board for public review by May 5, two weeks prior to the May 19 public hearing.

Recommendation

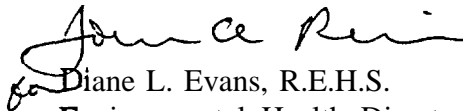
It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Adopt the attached resolution setting a public hearing for May 19, 1998, on the proposed benefit assessments/service charges and the proposed 1998-99 Assessment/Service Charge Reports for County Service Area No. 12, Wastewater Management.
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to publish the notice of the public hearing in the manner prescribed by law.

Sincerely,




Charles M. Moody
Health Services Agency Administrator



Diane L. Evans, R.E.H.S.
Environmental Health Director

RECOMMENDED



Susan A. Mauriello
County Administrative Officer

Attachments

cc: CAO
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Public Works
Environmental Health
HSA Administration

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION NO. _____

On the motion of Supervisor
duly seconded by Supervisor
the following resolution is adopted:

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS/SERVICE CHARGES
FOR COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 12:
SEPTIC SYSTEM MAINTENANCE,
SAN LORENZO WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT (ZONE A), AND
INSPECTION AND MONITORING OF NONSTANDARD SYSTEMS**

Be It Resolved and Ordered by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz as follows:

Section 1. Benefit assessments for parcels within County Service Area No. 12 (CSA 12) for the 1998-1999 fiscal year, and for each fiscal year thereafter unless changed by Resolution of the Board adopted after any public hearing and proceedings required by law, shall be \$6.90 per parcel, except that assessments will not be levied on parcels in the following categories:

- a. Common Area Parcels.
- b. Unimproved parcels.
- c. Parcels with an assessed valuation of \$5,000.00 or less.
- d. Parcels which do not have septic systems and do not have uses which require the use of a septic system.
- e. Parcels owned by a federal, state, or local governmental agency.

Section 2. An additional service charge (property-related fee or charge) for parcels within Zone A of County Service Area No. 12 (CSA 12A) for the 1998-1999 fiscal year, and for each fiscal year thereafter unless changed by Resolution of the Board adopted after any public hearing and proceedings required by law, shall be \$18.54 per parcel, except that service charges will not be levied on parcels in the following categories:

- a. Common Area Parcels.
- b. Unimproved parcels.
- c. Parcels with an assessed valuation of \$5,000.00 or less.
- d. Parcels which do not have septic systems and do not have uses which require the use of a septic system.

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- e. Parcels with septic systems that discharge sewage outside of the San Lorenzo River Watershed.
- f. Parcels owned by a federal, state, or local governmental agency

Section 3. An additional service charge shall be levied for parcels within County Service Area No. 12 that are served by nonstandard sewage disposal systems (alternative systems, **haulaway** systems, or nonconforming systems) as designated by the County Health Officer pursuant to Chapter 7.38 of the County Code and where payment of a charge is required as a condition of a sewage disposal system permit. Commencing with the 1998-1999 fiscal year, and for each fiscal year thereafter unless changed by Resolution of the Board adopted after any public hearing and proceedings required by law, the fees shall increase by 3% per year. For the 1998-1999 fiscal year the charges shall be as follows:

- Level 1 Alternative System:	\$1132.00
- Level 2 Alternative System:	\$565.00
- Level 3 Alternative System or Haulaway System:	\$ 184.00
- Level 4 Nonconforming System	\$ 87.00

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this _____ day of _____, 1998, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS

NOES: SUPERVISORS

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS

Chairperson of said Board

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:

Harry A. Obachman Jr.
County Counsel

Distribution: County Counsel
CAO
Health Services Agency
Environmental Health Service

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

On the motion of Supervisor
duly seconded by Supervisor
the following resolution is adopted:

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING ASSESSMENT/SERVICE CHARGE REPORTS
FOR THE 1998-99 FISCAL YEAR FOR COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 12:
SEPTIC SYSTEM MAINTENANCE (CSA 12),
SAN LORENZO WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT (CSA 12A), AND
INSPECTION AND MONITORING OF
NONSTANDARD SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS (CSA 12N)**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has held a duly noticed public hearing on the assessment/service charge reports for assessments and service charges proposed for the 1998-99 fiscal year within County Service Area No. 12: Septic System Maintenance (CSA 12), San Lorenzo Wastewater Management (CSA 12A), Inspection and Monitoring of Nonstandard Sewage Disposal Systems (CSA 12N); and,

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that no protests have been submitted or that all protests should be overruled; and,

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the assessment/service charge reports should be confirmed as submitted/amended;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors that the attached assessment/service charge reports for the 1998-99 fiscal year within County Service Area No. 12 for Septic System Maintenance (CSA 12), San Lorenzo Wastewater Management (CSA 12A), and Inspection and Monitoring of Nonstandard Sewage Disposal Systems (CSA 12N) are hereby confirmed, and such assessments and service charges are authorized to be collected as provided in County Code Chapter 4.26.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Clerk of this Board shall file a copy of this Resolution and attached Assessment/Service Charge Reports with the County Auditor on or before August 10, 1998.

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AYES: SUPERVISORS

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Chairperson of said Board

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:

Larry A. Chakelmann
County Counsel

Distribution: County Counsel
CAO
Auditor-Controller
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