



# County of Santa Cruz 0769

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### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

May 4, 2001

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
County of Santa Cruz  
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APPROVED AND FILED  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
DATE: 5/22/01  
COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ  
SUSAN A. MAURIELLO  
CLERK OF THE BOARD  
BY: *[Signature]* DEPUTY

AGENDA: May 22, 2001

**SUBJECT: 2001-02 BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS/SERVICE CHARGES FOR COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 12, WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT**

Members of the Board:

Each year your Board sets the benefit assessment/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 2001-02 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 22,790 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 by supporting 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 since 1996-97. Your Board previously approved continuing this charge as an assessment under Proposition 218, in accordance with the February 3, 1997 letter of County Counsel to your Board.

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**San Lorenzo Wastewater Management (CSA 12A)**

An additional charge of \$18.54 is collected from approximately 13,130 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 since 1996-97. Your Board previously approved continuing this charge as an assessment under Proposition 218, 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 220 parcels served by nonstandard sewage disposal systems: alternative systems, haulaway systems, and nonconforming systems which do not meet conventional standards. These 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 special 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 the 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 continuing with the 2001-02 fiscal year, the fees be increased by 5.5% per year, consistent with increases proposed for other Environmental Health permit fees. The proposed CSA 12N service charges for 2001-02 are:

- \$1266 for a Level 1 Alternative System (new alternative technologies serving new development; there are no parcels in this category now),
- \$633 for a Level 2 Alternative System (mound system, sand filter, or enhanced treatment system serving new development; currently there are 10 parcels in this category),
- \$196 for a Level 3 System (alternative system serving existing development, haulaway system, or nonconforming system serving large uses; 115 parcels currently in this category), and
- \$98 for a Level 4 Nonconforming System (a system repair for a single family dwelling that does not meet the requirements for a standard system; 100 parcels currently in this category).

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

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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**

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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 2001-02 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 2001-02 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. Continuing with the 2001-02 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 5.5 % per year. For the 2001-02 fiscal year the charges shall be as follows:

- Level 1 Alternative System:	\$1266.00
- Level 2 Alternative System:	\$633.00
- Level 3 Alternative System or Haulaway System:	\$ 196.00
- Level 4 Nonconforming System	\$ 98.00

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS

NOES: SUPERVISORS

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS

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Chairperson of said Board

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:

Henry A. Oberholman III  
County Counsel 5/9/01

Distribution: County Counsel  
CAO  
Health Services Agency  
Environmental Health Service

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

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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING ASSESSMENT/SERVICE CHARGE REPORTS  
FOR THE 2001-02 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)**

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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 2001-02 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 2001-02 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, 2001.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS

NOES: SUPERVISORS

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS

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Chairperson of said Board

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:

Hanya A. Oba Rahman  
County Counsel 5/9/01

Distribution: County Counsel  
CAO  
Auditor-Controller  
Health Services Agency  
Environmental Health Service