



County of Santa Cruz

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HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY ADMINISTRATION

May 7, 2002

AGENDA: May 21, 2002

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

SUBJECT: 2002-03 BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS/SERVICE CHARGES FOR COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 12, WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

Dear 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 2002-03 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 22,830 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.

San Lorenzo Wastewater Management (CSA 12A)

An additional charge of \$18.54 is collected from approximately 13,110 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 have been 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 2002-03 fiscal year, the fees be increased by 5% per year, consistent with increases proposed for other Environmental Health permit fees. In addition, we are adding a lower level of charge, Level 6, for those systems with a contract for monitoring and maintenance by an Onsite System Service Provider (OSSP) certified by Environmental Health. The OSSP provides the inspection records to Environmental Health, for verification by staff. (An additional level, Level 5, is also shown for those parcels with nonstandard systems that do not require annual inspection and are not subject to annual charges.) The proposed CSA 12N service charges for 2002-03 are:

- \$1,266 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; 20 parcels currently in this category)
- \$98 for a Level 4 Low Flow System (a system repair for a single-family dwelling that does not meet the standard requirements for system size; 100 parcels currently in this category)
- \$0 for a Level 5, Restricted Use System (a system repair with limitations on allowable remodels)
- \$52 for a Level 6 Managed System (alternative system with service contract for private sector monitoring and maintenance by a certified Onsite System Service Provider; 90 parcels projected to be in this category)

Procedure for Adoption of Service Charges

It is recommended that your Board set a public hearing for June 4, 2002, 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 21 two weeks prior to the June 4 public hearing.


It is, therefore, RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Adopt the attached resolution setting a public hearing for June 4, 2002, on the proposed benefit assessments/service charges and the proposed 2002-03 Assessment/Service Charge Reports for County Service Area No. 12 Wastewater Management; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to publish the notice of the public hearing in the manner prescribed by law.

Sincerely,



Rama Khalsa, Ph.D.
Health Services Administrator


for Robert L. Kennedy, 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

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

**RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING ON
PROPOSED BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS/SERVICE CHARGES
AND PROPOSED ASSESSMENT/SERVICE CHARGE REPORTS
FOR THE 2002-03 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, on June 4, 2002, during the morning session (which begins at the hour of 9:00 a.m.), in the Board Chambers, Room 525, County Governmental Center, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, California, the Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed benefit assessments/service charges and assessment/service charge reports for County Service Area No. 12 for: Septic System Maintenance (CSA 12), San Lorenzo Wastewater Management (CSA 12A), Inspection and Monitoring of Nonstandard Sewage Disposal Systems (CSA 12N) for the 2002-03 fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors will determine the nature, extent and cost of the extended services to be provided during the 2002-03 fiscal year within County Service Area No. 12 for: Septic System Maintenance (CSA 12), San Lorenzo Wastewater Management (CSA 12A), Inspection and Monitoring of Nonstandard Sewage Disposal Systems (CSA 12N); and,

WHEREAS, the County Administrative Officer will prepare assessment/service charge reports apportioning the total cost of such extended services to parcels within the above County Service Areas in proportion to the estimated benefits to be received by each parcel; and,

WHEREAS, by May 21, 2002, said assessment/service charge reports will be placed on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors that Tuesday, June 4, 2002, during the morning session (which begins at the hour of 9:00 a.m.), in the Board Chambers, Room 525, County Governmental Center, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, California, the Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on proposed benefit assessments/service charges and on the reports of proposed assessments/service charges for the 2002-03 fiscal year within County Service Area No. 12 for: Septic System Maintenance (CSA 12), San Lorenzo Wastewater Management (CSA 12A), Inspection and Monitoring of Nonstandard Sewage Disposal Systems (CSA 12N).

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that at the time, date and place above, the Board of Supervisors shall hear all objections or protests, if any, to the assessments/service charges and to the reports.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall cause notice of the filing of the reports and the time, date, and place of hearing, to be published once a week for two successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing, in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in Santa Cruz County, pursuant to Government Code Section 6066 and County Code Section 4.26.150.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this _____ day of _____, 2002, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS

NOES: SUPERVISORS

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS

Chair of said Board

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:

Henry A. Oberkumman III
County Counsel

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

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS/SERVICE CHARGES
 AND ON ASSESSMENT/SERVICE CHARGE REPORTS FOR
 COUNTY SERVICE AREA 12: SEPTIC SYSTEM MAINTENANCE,
 SAN LORENZO WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT, AND
 NONSTANDARD SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM INSPECTIONS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, June 4, 2002, during the morning session (which begins at 9:00 a.m.), in the Board Chambers, Room 525, County Government Center, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, California, the Board of Supervisors will consider adoption of resolutions establishing benefit assessments/service charge values and confirming assessment/service charge reports listing the charges to be levied on each parcel for the 2002-03 fiscal year for County Service Area 12: Septic System Maintenance, San Lorenzo Wastewater Management, and Nonstandard Sewage Disposal System Inspections. The following charges are proposed:

County Service Area No. 12, Septic System Maintenance

Charge per parcel served by septic system (assessment):
 Proposed 2002-03: \$6.90 (Current 2001-02: \$6.90)

County Service Area No. 12, Zone A, San Lorenzo Wastewater Management

Charge per parcel served by septic system, in the San Lorenzo River Watershed (a property-related fee or charge, in addition to the CSA 12 assessment listed above):
 Proposed 2002-03: \$18.54 (Current 2001-02: \$18.54)

County Service Area No. 12, Zone N, Inspection of Nonstandard Sewage Disposal Systems

Charge per parcel served by an alternative, haulaway or nonconforming system, as designated by the Health Officer pursuant to Chapter 7.38 of the County Code and where payment of such charge is required on a sewage disposal permit (in addition to charges listed above):

	Proposed 2002-03 charges:	Current 2001-02:
- Level 1 Alternative Systems:	\$1329.00	(\$1266.00)
- Level 2 Alternative Systems:	\$ 665.00	(\$633.00)
- Level 3 Alternative Systems:	\$ 206.00	(\$196.00)
- Level 4 Nonconforming Systems	\$ 103.00	(\$ 98.00)
- Level 5 Limited Expansion Systems	\$ 0.00	(\$ 0.00)
- Level 6 Managed Systems	\$ 52.00	N/A

The assessment/service charge reports shall be available for inspection by May 21, 2002, at 701 Ocean Street, Room 500, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Santa Cruz, California.

At the time, date and place stated above, the Board of Supervisors shall hear and consider all objections or protests, if any, to the proposed benefit assessment/service charge rates and to the proposed assessment/service charge reports. For questions related to these assessment/service charge reports, please contact Environmental Health at (831)454-2022.

The County of Santa Cruz does not discriminate and no person shall, by reason of a disability, be denied the benefits of its services, programs or activities. The Board of Supervisors Chambers is located in an accessible facility. If you wish to attend this meeting and you require special assistance in order to participate, please contact the ADA Coordinator, at (831) 454-2348 (TDD number (831)454-2123 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting to make arrangements.

As a courtesy to those persons affected, please attend the meeting smoke and scent free.

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 2002-03 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 2002-03 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.

- 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 2002-03 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 % per year. For the 2002-03 fiscal year the charges shall be as follows:

- Level 1 Alternative System:	\$1329.00
- Level 2 Alternative System:	\$ 665.00
- Level 3 Alternative System or Haulaway System:	\$ 206.00
- Level 4 Nonconforming System	\$ 103.00
- Level 5 Limited Expansion System:	\$ 0.00
- Level 6 Managed System:	\$ 52.00

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this _____ day of _____, 2002, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS

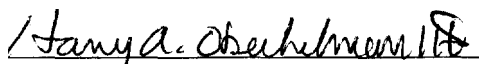
NOES: SUPERVISORS

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS

Chairperson of said Board

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:


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 2002-03 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 2002-03 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 2002-03 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, 2002.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this _____ day of _____, 2002, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS

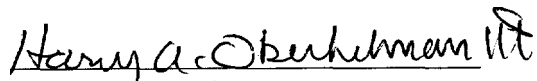
NOES: SUPERVISORS

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS

Chairperson of said Board

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of said Board

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