

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF BOARD GOVERNED COUNTY SERVICE AREAS
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

June 25, 2024

FROM

NOEL CASTILLO, Director, Department of Public Works – Special Districts

SUBJECT

Public Hearing Regarding Placement of Delinquent Water and Sewer Charges on the 2024-25 Tax Roll for Collection

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Acting as the governing body for all County Service Areas and Improvement Zones providing water and sewer services:

1. Conduct a public hearing regarding the placement of delinquent water and sewer charges on the 2024-25 Tax Roll for collection.
2. Adopt **Resolution No. 2024-105** confirming the Report of Delinquent Water and Sewer Charges as on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.
3. Authorize the Department of Public Works – Special Districts to submit the Report of Delinquent Water and Sewer Charges to the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector for placement of the delinquent charges on the 2024-25 Tax Roll and to remove and/or adjust the amounts listed on the report for any payments or required corrections to the delinquent accounts that occur prior to placement on the 2024-25 Tax Roll.

(Presenter: Noel Castillo, Director, 387-7906)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Operate in a Fiscally-Responsible and Business-Like Manner.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this item will not result in the use of Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). Based on the Accounts Receivable Report as of May 10, 2024, the total amount of delinquent charges for placement on the 2024-25 Tax Roll is \$652,857.98 for 1,205 accounts. However, it is likely that this amount will ultimately be less as more water and sewer customers pay the delinquent charges rather than having these added to the tax roll for collection. Revenue from delinquent charges is included in the 2024-25 budget for the respective County Service Areas and Zones (Districts).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Department of Public Works – Special Districts, Water and Sanitation Division (Division) provides water and sewer services in various unincorporated areas throughout the County. These services are provided through Board Governed County Services Areas (CSA) and are funded primarily by revenue from service charges. The recommended actions will authorize the collection of delinquent charges through the tax roll by allowing the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector (ATC) to place the delinquent charges on the 2024-25 Tax Roll in accordance with Government Code Section 25215.5 and existing Rules and Regulations

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for water and sewer services. The deadline for ATC to process the 2024-25 Tax Roll is August 10, 2024.

Placement of delinquent charges on the tax roll allows the Division to collect past due charges necessary to ensure the fiscal solvency of the impacted Districts. The following table reflects the number of delinquent accounts and amounts of delinquent charges as of May 10, 2024, by district, for placement on the 2024-25 Tax Roll:

District	Number of Delinquent Accounts	Service	Delinquent Amount
CSA 42 (Oro Grande)	21	Water and Sewer	\$15,163.94
CSA 53 B (Fawnskin)	75	Sewer	\$43,659.74
CSA 64 (Spring Valley Lake)	300	Water and Sewer	\$72,363.53
CSA 70 BL (Bloomington)	0	Sewer	\$0.00
CSA 70 CG (Cedar Glen)	28	Water	\$9,495.89
CSA 70 GH (Glen Helen)	271	Sewer	\$126,810.62
CSA 70 F (Morongo Valley)	6	Water	\$3,792.89
CSA 70 J (Oak Hills)	168	Water	\$78,239.13
CSA 70 SP-2 (High Country)	0	Sewer	\$0.00
CSA 70 S-3 (Lytle Creek)	51	Sewer	\$40,655.21
CSA 70 W-3 (Hacienda)	12	Water	\$2,903.00
CSA 70 W-4 (Pioneertown)	5	Water	\$2,487.52
CSA 82 (Searles Valley)	268	Sewer	\$257,286.51
Totals	1,205		\$652,857.98

Pursuant to Government Code Section 25215.5, a public hearing is required by law to permit individual property owners an opportunity to respond to the delinquent charges and the placement of these charges on the tax roll. In addition to bimonthly bills, customer service staff actively made contact by phone and mail to notify water customers of past due amounts to avoid disconnection. Customers receiving only sewer services are notified at least four times by mail. Customers receiving either water services or water and sewer services are notified four times by mail and a door hanger at the address receiving service. The required notices have been published in The Sun on June 11, 2024, and June 18, 2024, and the most recent notice was mailed to the affected property owners on June 10, 2024, and the Report of Delinquent Water and Sewer Charges for collection on the 2024-25 Tax Roll has been filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Division staff will be available on the day of the hearing (in the Yucca Room adjacent to the Board of Supervisors Chambers) to meet with those customers that received notices and to answer any questions they may have.

PROCUREMENT

Not applicable.

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REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector (Emerita Meily, Auditor Controller Manager, 382-3105) on June 5, 2024; County Counsel (Aaron D. Gest, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on May 15, 2024; Finance (Jessica Trillo, Administrative Analyst, 387-4222) on June 4, 2024; and County Finance and Administration (Paloma Hernandez-Barker, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on June 10, 2024.

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Record of Action of the Board of Supervisors
Board Governed County Service Areas

Hearing Opened
Public Comment: None
Hearing Closed

APPROVED

Moved: Curt Hagman Seconded: Joe Baca, Jr.
Ayes: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Jesse Armendarez, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY  _____
DATED: June 25, 2024



cc: File - Board Governed County Service Areas w/ attachments
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