

**SANTA YNEZ COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**  
**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Loch Dreizler, General Manager

**DATE:** June 21, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Adopt Resolution for sewer service charges/fees to be collected on FY 2023-2024 tax rolls.

**Recommendation / Proposed Motion:**

Open public hearing to adopt Resolution 23-621B, overruling objections and adopting reports on sewer fees and charges to be collected on the fiscal year 2023-2024 tax roll and close public hearing.

**Policy Implications:**

Resolution 23-517 was approved on May 17, 2023, electing to have sewer service fees and charges collected on the tax roll for the fiscal year 2023-2024, directing the preparation and filing of the report, fixing the time and place for the hearing, and providing the notice thereof.

On May 19, 2021, your Board approved Ordinance 0-21-01, approving a sewer service fee increase based on Tuckfield and Associates rate study. This Ordinance approved a 0% increase for the 2021/2022 fiscal year, then a 4.25% increase for fiscal years 2022/2023 through 2025/2026.

The California Health and Safety Code Section 5473 et seq., provides the general taxes of sewer service charges, sewer availability charges, certain sewer capacity fees, and other expenses for the collection on the tax roll.

**Fiscal Implications:**

Placing the sewer fees and other related charges on the tax roll gives the district lump sum revenue in December and April and guarantees that the District will receive the revenue when the property taxes are paid.

Placing the sewer fees on the tax roll eliminates extra staff time to handle the monthly billing and receiving payments.

**Alternatives Considered:**

None

**Discussion**

The public hearing notice was published as required on May 25, June 1, and June 8.

If verbal and/or written protests are not presented by the majority of the property owners, your Board will proceed to have the sewer fees and charges collected on the tax roll.

Approving this Resolution is the final step in the process of placing the sewer fees and other related fees on the tax roll. The tax roll report is due to the County of Santa Barbara no later than the first week of August.

Attachment(s):

1. Resolution 23-621B
2. Sewer Service Fee Schedule

RESOLUTION NO. 22-621B  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA YNEZ COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
OVERRULING OBJECTIONS AND ADOPTING  
SEWER FEES AND CHARGES TO BE COLLECTED  
ON THE TAX ROLL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

WHEREAS, On May 17, 2023, the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez Community Services District adopted Resolution No. 23-517, "Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez Community Services District Electing to Have Sewer Fees and Charges Collected on the Tax Roll for Fiscal year 2023-2024, Directing the Preparation and Filing of Report, Fixing Time and Place for Hearing, and Providing for Notice Thereof," which Resolution provides for the collection on the tax roll of (a) sewer service charges for the fiscal year 2023-2024, (b) sewer availability charges for the fiscal year 2023-2024, and (c) certain sewer connection fees for which the District agreed to defer payment pursuant to installment payment plans with the property owners (collectively, the "Sewer Fees and Charges");

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 23-517, district staff will prepare and file with the Secretary of the Board a written report containing a description of each parcel of real property receiving service and/or facilities and the amount of the Sewer Fees and Charges for each such parcel (the "Report");

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 23-517, your Board appointed the time and place of a hearing and directed the Board Secretary to provide notice of the hearing;

WHEREAS, such notice was given in the manner provided by law;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on June 21, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., at which the Board heard and considered all objections and protests.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY FOUND AND ORDERED as follows:

1. That protest was not made by the owners of a majority of separate parcels of the property and that it was not necessary for objections and protests to be overruled.
2. Charges/Fees therein are adopted and determined to be final, and the charges shall be collected on the County of Santa Barbara tax roll in the manner provided by law.
3. The Secretary of the District is directed to file with the County Auditor-Controller of Santa Barbara County, on or before the 10th day of August 2023, a copy of the filing, upon which shall be endorsed over her signature a statement that the report has been adopted by this Board.

4. Upon receipt of the filing, The Auditor-Controller of Santa Barbara County shall enter the amount of the charges set forth against the respective lots or parcels as they appear on the assessment roll for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 2023 by the following vote of the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez Community Services District:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Frank Redfern, Board President

ATTEST:

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Alicia Marin, Board Secretary