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RE: Fee Increases and the Water Treatment Plant Project

Dear PESCD Customers

I am writing you to bring you up to date with the July Fee increase and the status of the Water Treatment Facility Project.

Fees increased on the July Invoice

As you may recall, the District went through a state mandated process to align the fees charged for water and sewer service with the costs of providing those services. The process included a rate study, a proposed schedule of fees, a time period to review the proposed fees and an opportunity to oppose the fees. The state law provides that if 51% of the property owners protest the fees, the fees will not be imposed. Of the 627 property owners, fourteen protested the fees.

In July 2018, fees were slightly increased. This July, the fee increases will be much more dramatic. A new debt service fee of \$27.15 per month for $\frac{3}{4}$ inch residential service related to the Water Treatment Plant project will be imposed. The fee increase will be higher for larger services. The fees to cover the costs for operating and maintaining the water systems and the sewer systems will increase 35% for sewer and 38% for water. The costs for repairing and replacing facilities and equipment will increase 7% for water and 34% for sewer.

In anticipation of these increases, you may want to consider paying monthly instead of every 6 months. If so, please contact Jillian Cole, the Administrative Manager to make arrangements. The monthly billing will cost an additional \$1 per month.

Water Treatment Facility Project

You may be wondering why no construction has started at the site at 204 Lundy Lane. The project has been stalled due to questions posed by the State Water Resources Control Board, and the fact that the District has determined that it has satisfied the requirements of the Compliance Order issued by the State Board. A letter has been written to the State Board requesting that it rescind the Compliance Order. If the compliance order is rescinded the

District may have more flexibility in determining how to meet the water quality standard for arsenic. The successful approach that has been taken over the last two years has been to blend water from a well that provides water with low arsenic levels with water from the well the yields water with higher levels. Ultimately the District may find a process that can reliably provide water that meets standards at a lower costs. However, the District did receive a loan of \$350,000 from the State Revolving Fund to design the Water Treatment Plant. The District is obligated to pay off that loan by July 2023.

If you have any questions or concerns on these topics or any other related to the District, please contact me either by phone (530) 836 1953 or by email john.rowden@digitalpath.net .

Sincerely,

John Rowden, Interim General Manager