



## ATTACHMENT C

# Notice of a Public Meeting and Public Protest Hearing on a Proposed Fee for Sewer Services in County Service Area No. 34 Zone D

APN  
«NAME1»  
«ADDRESS1»  
«ADDRESS2»

Dear Property Owner:

This is an important notice regarding your rights under Proposition 218 relating to proposed sewer fees. The proposed fees would pay for the costs of sewer services necessary to deliver services within County Service Area No. 34, Zone D.

**Read this notice carefully.** If you have any questions, please contact Julie Zimmer-Belle, Staff Analyst, County of Fresno Department of Public Works and Planning, Resources Division, 2220 Tulare Street, 6th Floor, Fresno, California 93721, by telephone at (559) 600-4259 or by email at [jjzimmer@co.fresno.ca.us](mailto:jjzimmer@co.fresno.ca.us).

This notice is given under the California Constitution, Article XIII D, section 4, and California Government Code sections 53753 and 53954.6.

The proposed fee is supported by an Engineer's Report that is available online at: <http://www2.co.fresno.ca.us/VisionLive/PWP/Documents/74169.pdf>

### Notice of Public Protest Hearing

You are notified that on **December 5, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.** (or as soon after as practicable), the Board of Supervisors (Board) will conduct a public protest hearing on the proposed fee. The public protest hearing will happen in the Board's regular meeting chambers in the **Hall of Records, 2281 Tulare Street, Third Floor, Fresno, California 93721**. The public protest hearing will be open to all members of the public. During the hearing, any person may present relevant oral or written testimony to the Board, and the Board will consider all objections or protests to the proposed fee. During the hearing, the Board may decide to continue the hearing to a later date without further notice.

### How to Protest the Proposed Sewer Fee

If you disagree with the proposed sewer fee, you may submit a written protest. The Board will not impose the fees if a majority of the County Service Area No. 34, Zone D (CSA 34D) property owners or tenants submit **written protests** against the proposal. **Only one written protest per parcel will be counted in calculating a majority protest.**

Written protests may be on any type of paper and may be typed or handwritten, but **must include all** of the following information:

- Information sufficient to identify the affected property that you own or rent, such as the address of your property in CSA 34D, the Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) for your property (the APN for your property is listed on the first page of this notice), or both;
- A brief written statement that you protest or disagree with the proposed sewer fee; and
- Your printed full name and signature.

**Written protests must be addressed exactly as shown and mailed or hand delivered to:**

**Clerk to the Board of Supervisors  
 CSA 34D Sewer Fee Protest Hearing (December 5, 2017)  
 HOLD UNTIL PROTEST HEARING  
 2281 Tulare Street, Room 301  
 Fresno, CA 93721**

**To be valid and counted, written protests must be received by the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors before the close of the public protest hearing on December 5, 2017.**

If there is not a majority protest, the Board may impose the proposed sewer fee.

**Explanation of the Proposed Sewer Fee**

The proposed sewer fee is comprised of a flat sewer service fee that includes all of the cost to deliver sewer services, operation and maintenance of the sewer system and for sewage collection services. The fee will be charged with respect to residential parcels created under Tract Map No. 4968 for which a building permit is issued.

The proposed sewer fee is described below:

**Table 1 - Monthly Flat Sewer Fee For Sewer Services**

The engineer also analyzed the average cost of the sewer system operations and maintenance, and administration over three years to develop and establish a flat fee for sewer services. The sewer service fee includes the cost to deliver sewer services, operation and maintenance of the sewer system and for sewage collection services.

<b>Table 1 - MONTHLY <u>SEWER FLAT FEE</u> - FY 2017-18 Through FY 2021-22</b>					
<b>Service Connection Type</b>	<b>Effective 1/1/2018</b>	<b>Effective 7/1/2018</b>	<b>Effective 7/1/2019</b>	<b>Effective 7/1/2020</b>	<b>Effective 7/1/2021</b>
<b>Residential</b>	\$92.49	\$94.49	\$96.56	\$98.64	\$98.64

The proposed fees also include inflation increases of 1.0216% annually over a three-year period (effective July 1st of each year beginning on July 1, 2018, with the last increase to occur on July 1, 2020).

**Additional Information**

The proposed sewer fees, if not opposed by a majority of the property owners, and if approved by the Board at the public protest hearing on December 5, 2017 will be implemented on January 1, 2018 and on July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year to follow, through July 1, 2022. Property owners would first see the proposed fee on the January/February bill, which they can expect to receive in March 2018.

If the proposed fee is not imposed due to a “majority protest,” as defined above, County staff will schedule a public community meeting. The purpose of that meeting will be to discuss strategies to reduce sewer services to avoid exceeding available revenues.