



County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING
STEVEN E. WHITE, DIRECTOR

May 21, 2020

Notice of Public Meeting for CSA 1 Information on District's Rate Adjustment Proceeding

Dear Property Owner/Resident,

The County of Fresno on behalf of CSA 1 (Tamarack) will host a meeting to discuss the District's impending rate adjustment proceeding. The meeting information is listed below:

Location: Virtual Meeting through Webex
Date: Friday May 29, 2020
Time: 2:30PM

Webex Meeting Information Listed Below:

Join by phone

Tap to call in from a mobile device (attendees only)

[1-855-282-6330](tel:1-855-282-6330) United States Toll Free

Join from a video system or application

Dial [963579302](tel:963579302)@fresnocountyca.webex.com

You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your meeting number.

Join using Microsoft Lync or Microsoft Skype for Business

Dial [963579302](tel:963579302).fresnocountyca@lync.webex.com

Meeting number (access code): 963 579 302

Meeting password: 9kSaVVrqr34

This letter serves as an invitation to the public meeting for all property owners and residents within CSA 1. **To help manage the virtual meeting, please review the enclosed meeting information and email all questions/concerns to jcavalla@fresnocountyca.gov by Wednesday May 27th.** If you would like to contact our office prior to the meeting, please feel free to call Jennifer Cavalla at (559) 600-4259.

Sincerely,

Special Districts Administration



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AGENDA

CSA 1 - Tamarack Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting

Date & Time: May 29, 2020 2:30PM
Location: Virtual Meeting through Webex

1. Introductions of County Staff and CAC members present
2. Review previous meeting decisions about the Water and Sewer Rate Adjustment Proceeding

- a. In June 2019, proposed increased water and sewer rates options were presented. The community members present voted to move forward with a rate adjustment proceeding for the rates shown below (for residential parcels):

Fiscal Year **Originally Proposed Rates (no longer valid)				
2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
\$2,453.31	\$2,522.75	\$2,594.27	\$2,667.93	\$2,743.81

- b. In October 2019, staff informed the community that the Districts current water and sewer rates could no longer be categorized as “fees” due to a change in CSA law. In order to keep the rates on the tax roll the rates would need to be classified as “assessments” which by law requires an Engineer’s Report (ER) for a rate adjustment.
 - i. Staff informed the community the rates (displayed above) would need to be recalculated to account for the cost of an ER and the cost of the recent line break repairs.

3. Updated Water and Sewer Rates

- a. The water and sewer rates have been recalculated, as discussed above, increasing by approximately \$100 per year from the rates discussed in June 2019. The quantity of each residential parcel’s expected use of water and sewer services is defined as one Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU). **Each residential parcel** in CSA 1 will be assessed an annual standby charge at 1 EDU. The motel parcel will be charged at 3.8 EDUs. The proposed new rates are displayed on the top of page 2:

The total proposed annual standby charge assessment to each residential parcel (1 EDU) in CSA 1 is listed in Table 3 below:

Table 3

Fiscal Year				
2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
\$2,550.00	\$2,626.50	\$2,705.30	\$2,786.46	\$2,870.05

The total proposed annual standby charge assessment to the motel parcel (3.8 EDU's) in CSA 1 is listed in Table 4 below:

Table 4

Fiscal Year				
2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
\$9,690.00	\$9,980.70	\$10,280.14	\$10,588.55	\$10,906.19

b. How will the new rates be applied to my current tax bill?

Below is an example of a current CSA 1 residential parcel property tax bill. Regular property taxes are highlighted in orange, the current water and sewer rate is highlighted in red and the current snow removal assessment is highlighted in blue. The new water and sewer rates will not be in addition to your current water and sewer rate but will replace your current water and sewer rate. For example, the current water and sewer rate of \$1,201.94 will be replaced with \$2,550.00 in fiscal year 2020/21.

TAXING AGENCIES/VOTER APPROVED BONDS/SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	VALUE BASE	RATE/\$100	AMOUNT
FRESNO COUNTYWIDE TAX	1	1.000000	2,460.22
STATE CC 2012 REF	1	.002284	5.60
BIG CREEK 04A	1	.013064	32.14
BIG CREEK 04B	1	.008812	21.66
ST COLL 02 S 09A	1	.000452	1.10
ST COLL 02 S 09B	1	.000504	1.22
STATE CCC 15 REF	1	.004286	10.54
ST COLL 2016 GO A	1	.015440	37.98
TOTAL RATE		1.044842	
CO SERV 1 ASSMT	6		1,201.94
CSA #1 SNOW	6		964.00
TOTAL TAX			4,736.40

c. Why are the rates doubling?

- The District's last water and sewer rate increase was 2005.
- The costs of operating CSA 1 facilities have exceeded revenues since 2015, due to deteriorating infrastructure.
- Cash reserves have been depleted and the District is currently in the operating with a negative cash balance.

- To build a cash reserve, in accordance with Board policy. At the end of year five, the District will have approximately \$71,00.00 in reserves

4. Water Sewer Rate Adjustment (Prop 218) Timeline

- 6/9/2020 - Board of Supervisors: Resolution of Intention directing the preparation and filing of an Engineer's Report and setting a public hearing for Assessment Ballot proceedings
- 6/19/2020 – County Staff to mail out a 45-day notice, assessment ballot and ballot instructions to all property owners
- 7/24/2020 – CSA 1 Public Meeting to review any additional questions about the new rate and review the ballots and voting process.
- 8/4/2020 – Board of Supervisors: Ballot Hearing to tally votes opposing and supporting the assessment

5. After the Ballot Hearing

- a. If the new rates are approved, the new rates will go into effect on your December 2020 Property Tax
- b. If the rates are not approved, CSA 1 **will not** be able to continue normal operations. The district will not be able to pay critical bills, such as:
 - Contracted Water/Wastewater Operators
 - Required Lab Testing
 - SCE – Electric Bills
 - Annual State Operating Permit Fees
 - Contractors that may be needed for emergency repairs

- 6. Comments/Other Items: Any property owner/resident of CSA 1** wishing to address the CAC or County staff on an item not listed on this agenda may do so at this time. **Comments and questions should be limited to items specifically related to the County Service Area and the services provided. The CAC reserves the right to limit discussion to items under the CSA's purview.** Questions related to other topics of interest to those in the community should be addressed at another time.

7. Adjournment - Next Meeting Friday July 24th

Requests for disability-related modification or accommodation needed in order to participate in the meeting must be made to the County of Fresno Resources Division at (559) 600-4259 no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting.

CSA 1 has a website!

Visit www.co.fresno.ca.us/specialdistricts and click on "Budgets, CCR/Water and other Reports, Maps" to find information about CSA 1.

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