

Agenda Item 7A

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STAFF REPORT

TO: Board of Directors

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SUBJECT: Staff Update Regarding Status of Wastewater Utilization Audits and Meter Reading

RECOMMENDATION

Receive the update from Staff.

BACKGROUND

During the recent rate study and adoption process, the General Manager committed to reviewing the wastewater utilization calculations, otherwise known as equivalent dwelling units (EDUs), for commercial customers, and to reading water meters before winter.

Staff has dedicated a lot of time and energy toward these two goals, and this report presents the status for Board information.

DISCUSSION

Commercial Wastewater Utilization

Staff has visited most of the lodges, hotels, ski resorts, and other commercial customers and performed plumbing fixture counts or bed counts, as appropriate. A total of 31 buildings have been evaluated, and visits to six lodges/clubs are yet to be completed. Eight of the buildings are stand-alone lodges/clubs and commercial businesses. The remaining buildings are associated with the three ski resorts. Due to the complexity associated with the ski resort accounts caused by multiple buildings, multiple accounts, and skier counts, more work is needed to evaluate their wastewater utilization.

A summary of the results for the eight lodges/clubs and commercial buildings evaluated is listed below:

- Three appear to be eligible for a reduction in rates if the customer wishes to surrender their EDU.
- Three of them need to purchase additional capacity (EDUs).
- Two of them do not require any changes.

If implemented, the changes summarized in the above bullets will reduce the total EDUs for lodges/clubs and commercial businesses by 5.14 EDUs.

Water Meter Reading

Staff has attempted to locate and read all water meters and documented that eighty-three water customers either do not have meters, the meter could not be located, or the meter needs replacement. Staff will replace the broken meters. Installation of a new meter where one does

not exist is typically the responsibility of the property owner, and the District has not budgeted funds to install new meters.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact related to work performed on this item to date. There is indirect fiscal impact in that this work requires staff time.

CEQA ASSESSMENT

This action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CEQA review is not required.