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### Department Statement in Lieu of Testimony

**June 11, 2024, Agenda, Item 3**

### **Public Hearing for the Sewer Service Charge Annual Report for the Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District and the Marina Sewer Maintenance District**

My name is Mark Pestrella, and I am the Director of Los Angeles County Public Works.

1. This item is requesting approval of the Sewer Service Charge Annual Report to continue to collect the sewer service charge for next fiscal year as part of the annual property taxes.
2. A sewer service charge for the Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District, the Marina Sewer Maintenance District, the Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund, and the nine zones has existed since July 1978. The sanitary sewer system under Public Works' maintenance includes 4,600 miles of pipeline, 88 pump stations, and 4 water pollution control plants within a service territory that spans 37 cities and unincorporated areas in all Supervisorial Districts.
3. The Health and Safety Code governs the administration of the sewer maintenance districts. It authorizes the collection of sewer service charges on the property tax roll if the Board follows certain procedures, including adopting a report after conducting a properly noticed public hearing. Pursuant to section 5473.1 of the Health and Safety Code, notice of this hearing has been published once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation. If there is no majority protest, the sewer service charge can be collected directly from affected property owners as part of the County's issuance of the property tax bills.
4. The Annual Sewer Service Charges for the Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District, Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund, the Marina Sewer Maintenance District, and the remaining zones are unchanged from last year, with the exception of increases approved by the Board on June 23, 2020, in the following areas: the Aneta Zone, located in the unincorporated Del Rey community in the Second Supervisorial District; the Lake Hughes Zone, located in the unincorporated community of Lake Hughes in the Fifth Supervisorial District; and the Trancas Zone, located in the City of Malibu in the Third Supervisorial District. The increases to the sewer service

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charge in the Aneta, Lake Hughes, and Trancas Zones were approved in 2020 in accordance with the requirements set forth by Proposition 218 and the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act.

5. I am familiar with the proceedings for the report and have concluded that these charges have been fairly imposed and it is in the public interest to continue to collect the entire sewer service charge on the property tax roll because it provides for the most orderly and cost-effective means of collection from the affected property owners.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on May 23, 2024.



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MARK PESTRELLA, PE  
Director of Public Works