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Department Statement in Lieu of Testimony

October 29, 2024, Agenda Item 2

Public Hearing for the Annexation and Levying of Sewer Service Charges to the Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District of Seven Parcels within Unincorporated Territories of Altadena and Chatsworth and the Cities of San Dimas, Santa Clarita and Westlake Village

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

1. The purpose of the action before you today is to annex 748 individual properties, which have been organized as 7 parcels, into the Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District in order to begin collecting the annual sewer service charge.
2. The sanitary sewer system within the Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District 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 Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District has imposed sewer service charges since July 1978. Sewer service charges are the sole source of revenue for the operation and maintenance of the sanitary sewer infrastructure within the Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District.
4. The current annual sewer service charge is \$50.50 per sewage unit. A sewage unit is equivalent to a single-family dwelling. Multi-family dwellings, commercial, or industrial parcels are charged a multiplier of the sewage unit. Vacant parcels are charged one-half of a sewage unit. These charges for the 748 individual properties will become effective beginning in Fiscal Year 2025-26.
5. In accordance with the requirements of Proposition 218, a written notice of the proposed sewer service charge was mailed at least 45 days prior to the date of this public hearing to the owner of each property. We have not received a majority protest. Additionally, in accordance with the Health and Safety Code, notice of this hearing was posted in each of the parcels to be annexed and published in newspapers of general circulation once a week for two successive weeks.

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6. I am familiar with the proceeding for the annexation of territory to the Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District, and I have concluded that the charges have been fairly imposed in proportion to the services provided to each property.

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

Executed on October 16, 2024.



MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works