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July 22, 2025

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 12 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE UNIFIED
PROGRAM ANNUAL FEES FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE GENERATOR/TIERED PERMITTING,
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS HANDLER, CALIFORNIA ACCIDENTAL RELEASE PREVENTION
PROGRAM, AND ABOVEGROUND PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK PERMITS FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2025-26
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) is requesting the Board of Supervisors' approval to adjust the annual fees for Hazardous Waste Generator/Tiered Permitting, Hazardous Materials Handler, CalARP, APST Programs, and the cost recovery of hourly rates for Emergency Operations and Site Mitigation for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING,

1. Approve and adopt an ordinance that:
 - a) Adjusts the annual fees for Reinspection, Late Submittal, Hazardous Waste Generator/Tiered Permitting, Hazardous Materials Handler, CalARP, APST Programs, as shown on fee schedule enclosed (Enclosure A) developed in accordance with the annual adjustment provisions of the Los Angeles County Code (County Code), as delineated in Sections 12.50.131, 12.52.070, 12.64.040, 12.64.045, 12.64.050, 12.64.060, and 12.70.050, and approved by the Auditor-Controller; and
 - b) Adjusts cost recovery hourly rates for Emergency Operations and Site Mitigation costs for FY 2025-26, as shown on the fee schedule enclosed (Enclosure A) developed in accordance with the

annual adjustment provisions of the County Code, as delineated in Sections 12.56.070, 12.60.080, and approved by the Auditor-Controller; and

2. Find that the adjustment of the annual fees adopted for the purpose of meeting operational expenses and the levying of administrative penalties are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 21080(b)(8) of the Public Resources Code and Section 15273 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (State CEQA Guidelines).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The District implements the Hazardous Waste Generator/Tiered Permitting, Hazardous Materials Handler, CalARP, and APST Programs under the auspices of the Los Angeles County Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA).

State law and County Code allow for the recovery of the necessary and reasonable costs to administer these programs. The County Code requires these fees to be adjusted annually. Your Honorable Board established annual fees and adjustment provisions for each of these programs to recover the costs of implementation. Cost recovery hourly rates were also established for emergency responses and site mitigation oversight.

Fee Adjustment

The annual fee adjustments established in accordance with the provisions in the County Code will allow the District to incorporate all anticipated changes in salaries and benefits for FY 2025-26. The fee adjustments will align the fees with the estimated costs of operation, as well as facilitate the single fee billing process mandated by the CUPA and by establishing fair and equitable fees to be billed in FY 2025-26.

The annual adjustment provisions established in the County Code utilize a fee methodology that was initially established by your Board in 1996. The proposed adjustments incorporate changes in program costs that result from changes in salaries, employee benefits and overhead rates, and the number of regulated facilities falling within each fee category. Similarly, annual adjustments to cost recovery rates reflect changes in District costs to administer those services.

Ordinance Changes

The Ordinance amendments (Enclosure B) will involve changes in the fee amounts for all programs implemented by the District.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan North Star 3, E. Data-Driven Decision Making to continually assess and strengthen our efficiency and effectiveness, maximize and leverage resources, ensure fiscal responsibility, and hold ourselves accountable.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Fees are apportioned in accordance with program costs to ensure recovery of District operating costs. A combination of fees and direct cost recovery billing for specific services offsets current program costs. The proposed revisions in the annual fees (Enclosure A) for the Hazardous Waste Generator/Tiered Permitting, Hazardous Materials Handler, CalARP, and APST Programs will allow

recovery of the necessary and reasonable costs to implement the programs.

There is no impact on net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The fee revisions will be effective in all areas under the jurisdiction of the CUPA for FY 2025-26. The cities of Los Angeles and Santa Monica will generate fee invoices in July 2025 for FY 2025-26 for the Hazardous Waste Generator/Tiered Permitting Program, and Orange County will generate annual fee invoices in July 2025 for FY 2025-26 for the Hazardous Materials Handler and CalARP program facilities in the City of La Habra. These agencies are awaiting any changes in our fee schedule prior to generating invoices.

California Health and Safety Code Sections 25404.5(a)(2) and (3), grant authorization to the governing body of the local Certified Unified Program Agencies to establish fees to recover the necessary and reasonable program costs. The Auditor-Controller has reviewed and approved the cost basis and fee adjustments.

California Health and Safety Code, Chapter 6.11, Section 25404.1.1 allows a unified program agency to enforce violations within its jurisdiction and impose administrative penalties, including fees.

This request for approval of the revised fees is made after compliance with all public notification and hearing requirements as specified in Sections 6062 and 66018 of the California Government Code. Proposed ordinance language changes have been approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The annual adjustments are exempt from the CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) and Section 15273 of the CEQA Guidelines because they involve fees to recover operating costs.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The approval of the annual fee adjustments for the Hazardous Waste Generator/Tiered Permitting, Hazardous Materials Handler, CalARP, APST Programs, and for the cost recovery rates will serve to establish the reasonable and necessary fees for FY 2025-26, facilitate the fiscal year billing process mandated by the CUPA, and assure full recovery of program implementation costs. The annual adjustments fairly allocate changes in program costs to regulated facilities while maintaining the integrity of the original fee methodologies.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, please instruct the Executive Officer to return the adopted stamped copy of the letter and enclosures to the following office:

Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
Executive Office – Business Operations
Attention: Jennifer Camarena, Administrative Services Manager II
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The Honorable Board of Supervisors

7/22/2025

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The District's contact may be reached at (323) 267-7205.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anthony C. Marrone". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

ANTHONY C. MARRONE

FIRE CHIEF

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

**Los Angeles County Unified Program Fee Schedule
(With Professional Development and Staff Meeting Hours)**

Category	Description	Fee Schedule			
		FY2024/25 Adopted	Proposed FY2025/26	Proposed Change	Percent Change
Hazardous Waste Generator Annual Fees					
1006	Silver Waste	\$473	\$505	\$32	6.8%
1000/1100	0 - 2 Employees	\$649	\$693	\$44	6.8%
1001/1101	3 - 5 Employees	\$946	\$1,010	\$64	6.8%
1002/1102	6 - 19 Employees	\$1,351	\$1,443	\$92	6.8%
1003/1103	20 - 100 Employees	\$1,824	\$1,948	\$124	6.8%
1004/1104	101 - 500 Employees	\$2,702	\$2,886	\$184	6.8%
1005/1105	> 500 Employees	\$4,594	\$4,906	\$312	6.8%
Tiered Permit Annual Fees					
CE	Conditionally Exempt	\$328	\$327	-\$1	-0.3%
CA	Conditionally Authorized	\$2,189	\$2,177	-\$12	-0.5%
PBR	Permit by Rule	\$3,174	\$3,157	-\$17	-0.5%
Hazardous Material Handler Annual Fees					
3000	Small Quantity Handler	\$386	\$413	\$27	7.0%
3001	Minor Handler	\$559	\$598	\$39	7.0%
3002	Moderate Handler	\$715	\$766	\$51	7.1%
3003	Major Handler	\$989	\$1,059	\$70	7.1%
3004	Major Handler - Large Volume	\$1,408	\$1,508	\$100	7.1%
3005	Major Handler - Complex	\$2,173	\$2,328	\$155	7.1%
CA Accidental Release Prevention (Cal-ARP) Annual Fees					
3501	> 0 and < 5 risk units	\$756	\$785	\$29	3.8%
3502	=> 5 and < 15 risk units	\$1,360	\$1,412	\$52	3.8%
3503	=> 15 and < 50 risk units	\$2,343	\$2,433	\$90	3.8%
3504	=> 50 and < 100 risk units	\$4,610	\$4,787	\$177	3.8%
3505	=> 100 and < 250 risk units	\$7,859	\$8,161	\$302	3.8%
3506	=> 250 and < 500 risk units	\$12,469	\$12,948	\$479	3.8%
3507	=> 500 and < 1,000 risk units	\$21,916	\$22,757	\$841	3.8%
3508	=> 1,000 < 3,000 risk units	\$36,274	\$37,666	\$1,392	3.8%
3509	=> 3,000 and < 10,000 risk units	\$46,854	\$48,652	\$1,798	3.8%
3510	=> 10,000 risk units	\$58,190	\$60,423	\$2,233	3.8%
3511	Refineries - Tier III (1-10 processes)	\$83,128	\$86,318	\$3,190	3.8%
3512	Refineries - Tier II (11-20 processes)	\$120,913	\$125,554	\$4,641	3.8%
3513	Refineries - Tier I (>20 processes)	\$317,398	\$329,579	\$12,181	3.8%
Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act Annual Fees					
3701	1,320 < 10,000 gallons	\$321	\$332	\$11	3.4%
3702	10,001 - 100,000 gallons	\$1,027	\$1,062	\$35	3.4%
3703	100,001 - 1 million gallons	\$1,540	\$1,592	\$52	3.4%
3704	1,000,001 - 10 million gallons	\$2,053	\$2,123	\$70	3.4%
3705	10,000,001 - 100 million gallons	\$9,303	\$9,621	\$318	3.4%
3706	> 100 million gallons	\$19,408	\$20,071	\$663	3.4%
Hourly Cost Recovery Charges and Miscellaneous Fees					
ER	Emergency Response Initial Fee	\$880	\$925	\$45	5.1%
ER	Emergency Response Hourly Fee	\$240	\$253	\$13	5.4%
SM	Site Mitigation Initial Fee	\$3,873	\$4,020	\$147	3.8%
SM	Site Mitigation Hourly Fee	\$240	\$249	\$9	3.8%
RE	Reinspection Fee	\$539	\$562	\$23	4.3%
LS	Late Submittal Penalty	\$524	\$546	\$22	4.2%
CERS	CERS Service Fee	\$100	\$100	\$0	0.0%

Penalties for non-payment of LACoCUPA permit fees are 40% of the fee amounts.

ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Title 12 – Environmental Protection of the Los Angeles County Code to increase fees for hazardous waste generators, emergency response fees for business properties or due to the spread of hazardous materials or fire, site mitigation and oversight fees, annual fees for hazardous material handlers, late fees, annual fees for regulated substances, and annual fees for operators of above ground tank facilities.

Very truly yours,

DAWYN R. HARRISON
County Counsel

By 

JENNY P. TAM
Senior Deputy County Counsel
Justice and Safety Division

JPT:mz

Requested: 01/03/25

Revised: 05/07/25

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Title 12 – Environmental Protection of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to increase fees for hazardous waste generators, emergency response fees for business properties or due to the spread of hazardous materials or fire, site mitigation and oversight fees, annual fees for hazardous material handlers, late fees, annual fees for regulated substances, and annual fees for operators of above ground tank facilities.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 12.50.131 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.50.131 Reinspection Fee.

Every permittee that has been issued a notice of violation as specified in Sections 12.52.015P, 12.64.010M, and 12.70.010J of this Chapter and has failed to correct the violation(s) or deviation(s) by the correction date as set forth in the notice of violation, shall be charged a reinspection fee for each subsequent reinspection required to verify compliance with the notice of violation. The reinspection fee shall be ~~\$539~~562.

SECTION 2. Section 12.52.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.52.070 Fees to Be Paid by Hazardous Waste Generators.

A. Beginning with the fiscal year ~~2024-2025~~2025-2026, the annual fee for the issuance of a unified program facility permit for the hazardous waste program element required to be paid to the Forester and Fire Warden by every person, business, or business concern generating or handling a hazardous or extremely hazardous waste shall be as follows:

Fee Group	Number of Employees	Annual Fee
1	0 to 2	\$649 <u>693</u>
2	3 to 5	\$946 <u>1,010</u>
3	6 to 19	\$1,351 <u>1,443</u>
4	20 to 100	\$1,824 <u>1,948</u>
5	101 to 500	\$2,702 <u>2,886</u>
6	501 or more	\$4,594 <u>4,906</u>

Exception:

Every person, business, or business concern generating or handling a hazardous waste which is hazardous solely due to the presence of silver and which generates no other hazardous wastes shall be charged a fee equal to one-half the amount of the Fee Group 2 fee. Beginning with the fiscal year ~~2024-2025~~2025-2026, this fee shall be ~~\$473~~505.

B. Beginning with the fiscal year ~~2024-2025~~2025-2026, the annual fee required to be paid to the Forester and Fire Warden by every person, business, or business concern that is a hazardous waste generator conducting treatment of hazardous waste under the Act shall be based on the highest tier of permit required in descending order, as follows:

Permit Tier	Annual Fee
(1) Permit by Rule (PBR)	\$3,174 <u>3,157</u>
(2) Conditional Authorization (CA)	\$2,189 <u>2,177</u>
(3) Conditional Exemption (CE)	\$328 <u>327</u>

C. Beginning with the fiscal year ~~2024-2025~~2025-2026, the schedule of fees contained in this Section may be adjusted annually by the following procedures:

1. Hazardous Waste Generator Fees. Hazardous waste generator fees shall be determined based on the annualized cost to the Forester and Fire Warden to administer the hazardous waste generator program, where annualized cost is defined as the annual salaries, employee benefits, and overhead for the personnel assigned to administer and implement the hazardous waste generator program calculated from rates contained in the Forester and Fire Warden's rate package, as approved by the County Auditor-Controller. The annualized cost shall be reallocated among hazardous waste generators based upon the number of hazardous waste generators in each fee group.

2. Tiered Permit Program Fees. Fees for the tiered permit program shall be determined based on the annualized cost to the Forester and Fire Warden to administer the tiered permit program, where annualized cost is defined as the annual salaries, employee benefits, and overhead for the personnel assigned to administer and implement the tiered permit program calculated from rates contained in the Forester and Fire Warden's rate package, as approved by the County Auditor-Controller. The annualized cost shall be reallocated among hazardous waste generators conducting

treatment of hazardous waste under the tiered permit program based upon the number of facilities falling within each fee group.

SECTION 3. Section 12.56.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.56.020 Emergency Response Cost Recovery.

A. Those costs of an emergency response incurred by the Forester and Fire Warden, including costs of any deputy health officer, public officer and related personnel, necessary to protect the public from a threat to health and safety by actions to confine, prevent, or mitigate the release, escape, burning, or threatened release of a hazardous material, are a charge against any person whose release or threatened release caused the incident, if one or more of the following occurs:

1. A response is necessary to mitigate an emergency on any business property or transportation incident site to prevent loss of life or injury.
2. The incident results in the spread of hazardous materials or fire posing a real and imminent threat to health and safety of any person on or near the business property or any transportation incident site.
3. Evacuation beyond the business property or transportation incident site where the incident originates is necessary to prevent loss of life or injury due to a release or threatened release.
4. The incident results in the spread of hazardous materials or fire posing a real and imminent threat to public health and safety beyond the property lines of a business or the immediate surroundings of a transportation incident site.
5. The incident results in any threat to the environment.

B. Any person whose release or threatened release caused the incident, as specified in Section 12.56.020A, shall be assessed an administrative charge for the response and additional emergency response charges, based upon hourly personnel costs, as approved by the County Auditor-Controller, to recover the costs incurred by the Forester and Fire Warden to protect the public from threats to public health and safety and any actions to confine, prevent, or mitigate the release, escape, burning, or threatened release of a hazardous material. Beginning in fiscal year ~~2024-2025~~2025-2026, the administrative charge shall be ~~\$880~~925 and the personnel hourly rates shall be ~~\$240~~253.

C. All payments made pursuant to this Chapter shall be collected and accounted for in accordance with the requirements of the County Treasurer-Tax Collector and the County Auditor-Controller.

SECTION 4. Section 12.60.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.60.050 Site Mitigation Oversight Fees.

A. Fees for site mitigation and oversight will be assessed to the responsible party (as defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), section 106) for a site which requires oversight by the Health Hazardous Materials Division's site mitigation unit, or the person requesting oversight by the Health Hazardous Materials Division's site mitigation unit. These fees shall be based upon the hourly personnel costs incurred by the Forester and Fire Warden to recover the costs of oversight, as approved by the County Auditor-Controller.

B. The responsible party or person requesting oversight shall be assessed an initial oversight fee to recover the costs of the Forester and Fire Warden to initially review and analyze the site, submitted site assessment reports, site history, and determine site regulatory requirements, site priority, and lead agency status. This fee shall be based upon average hourly personnel costs incurred by the Forester and Fire Warden to conduct this initial review, as approved by the County Auditor-Controller. Beginning in fiscal year ~~2024-2025~~2025-2026, this fee shall be ~~\$3,873~~\$4,020 for each site accepted by the Forester and Fire Warden.

C. The responsible party or the person requesting oversight by the Health Hazardous Materials Division's site mitigation unit shall be required to pay oversight fees, based upon hourly personnel costs incurred by the Forester and Fire Warden to review and oversee site assessment and remediation activities over and above the initial review fee in Section 12.60.050B, as approved by the County Auditor-Controller. Beginning in fiscal year ~~2024-2025~~2025-2026, the hourly rate shall be ~~\$240~~\$249.

SECTION 5. Section 12.64.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.64.040 Annual Fees to Be Paid by Handlers of Hazardous Materials.

Beginning with the fiscal year ~~2024-2025~~2025-2026, the annual fee required to be paid to the Forester and Fire Warden by every handler of hazardous materials for the administration and enforcement of the provisions of the Act shall be as follows:

Fee Group	Total Quantity of Hazardous Materials Handled at Any One Time During the Reporting Year	Annual Fee
I	Small Quantity Handler	\$386 <u>413</u>
	55—500 gallons or	
	500—5,000 pounds or	
	200—2,000 cubic feet or	
	TQ or greater quantity of a RS if less than 500 pounds	
	And no more than one hazardous material handled	
II	Minor Handler	\$559 <u>598</u>
	55—500 gallons or	
	500—5,000 pounds or	
	200—2,000 cubic feet or	
	TQ or greater quantity of a RS if less than 500 pounds	
	And more than one hazardous material handled	
III	Moderate Handler	\$745 <u>766</u>
	501—2,750 gallons or	
	5,001—25,000 pounds or	
	2,001—10,000 cubic feet	

IV	Major Handler	\$989 <u>1,059</u>
	2,751—50,000 gallons or	
	25,001—500,000 pounds or	
	10,001—200,000 cubic feet	
V	Major Handler—Large Volume	\$1,408 <u>1,508</u>
	50,001 gallons and over or	
	500,001 pounds and over or	
	200,001 cubic feet and over	
VI	Major Handler—Complex	\$2,173 <u>2,328</u>
	175,001 gallons and over or	
	700,001 pounds and over or	
	250,001 cubic feet and over or	
	A total quantity of two or more hazardous materials when expressed in or converted to pounds that equals 500,000 pounds or greater;	
	AND	
	Which is either a refinery, chemical plant, distillery, bulk plant, or terminal as defined herein.	
VII	Exempt Handler less than 55 gallons and less than 500 pounds and less than 200 cubic feet and, for RS, less than TQ quantity of RS.	No Fee

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SECTION 6. Section 12.64.045 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.64.045 Late Submittal and Noncompliance Penalty for the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) to be Paid by Handlers of Hazardous Materials.

A noncompliance penalty of ~~\$524~~546 will be charged to each handler of hazardous materials who fails, after reasonable notice, to electronically submit a business plan to CERS, or who fails to correct the violations or deviations by the correction date as set forth in the notice of violation pursuant to section 25508(a)(3) of the Act.

SECTION 7. Section 12.64.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.64.050 Additional Fees—Regulated Substances.

A. Every business with a covered process shall, in addition to the fee specified in Section 12.64.040, be required to pay an annual RS fee to the Forester and Fire Warden for the administration and enforcement of RS registration, risk assessment, and risk mitigation in accordance with compliance under the Act.

B. Beginning with the fiscal year ~~2024-2025~~2025-2026, the annual fee for the issuance of a unified program facility permit for a stationary source, required to be paid to the Forester and Fire Warden by every person, business, or business concern handling, storing, or using a regulated substance above threshold quantities (RS fee) shall be as follows:

Fee Group	Risk Unit	Annual Fee
I	>0 and <5	<u>\$756,785</u>
II	=>5 and <15	<u>\$1,360,412</u>
III	=>15 and <50	<u>\$2,343,433</u>
IV	=>50 and <100	<u>\$4,610,787</u>
V	=>100 and <250	<u>\$7,859,161</u>
VI	=>250 and <500	<u>\$12,469,948</u>
VII	=>500 and <1,000	<u>\$21,916,757</u>
VIII	=>1,000 and <3,000	<u>\$36,274,666</u>
IX	=>3,000 and <10,000	<u>\$46,854,652</u>
X	=>10,000	<u>\$58,190,423</u>
XI	Refineries - Tier III (1—10 processes)	<u>\$83,128,318</u>
XII	Refineries - Tier II (11—20 processes)	<u>\$120,913,554</u>
XIII	Refineries - Tier I (>20 processes)	<u>\$317,398,579</u>

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SECTION 8. Section 12.64.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.64.060 Late Submittal Fee.

A late submittal penalty shall apply to the filing of ~~Regulated Substance (RS)~~ registration requirements, as follows:

Each stationary source failing to submit the required RS reporting documents in accordance with the established due date and reporting requirements of the CUPA as specified in Section 12.64.030, shall be levied a late submittal penalty commensurate to the additional administrative costs as determined by the CUPA and approved by the County Auditor-Controller. The date of submittal is determined by the date payment is received. The late submittal penalty shall be ~~\$524~~546.

SECTION 9. Section 12.70.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.70.050 Annual Fees to Be Paid by Operators of Aboveground Tank Facility.

Beginning with the fiscal year ~~2024-2025~~2025-2026, the annual fee required to be paid to the Forester and Fire Warden by the operator of each tank facility for the administration and enforcement of the provisions of the Act shall be as follows:

Fee Group	Total Quantity of Petroleum in Aboveground Storage Tanks at Each Tank Facility During the Reporting Year	Annual Fee for Each Tank Facility
I	Less than 10,000 gallons	\$321 <u>332</u>
II	10,000 to 100,000 gallons	\$1,027 <u>1,062</u>
III	100,001 to 1,000,000 gallons	\$1,540 <u>1,592</u>
IV	1,000,001 to 10,000,000 gallons	\$2,053 <u>2,123</u>
V	10,000,001 to 100,000,000 gallons	\$9,303 <u>9,621</u>

VI	More than 100,000,000 gallons	\$19,408 <u>\$20,071</u>
VII	Exempt Handler Less than 1,320 gallons	No Fee

Exemption:

Any person, business, or business concern which conducts, exclusively for charitable purposes, an activity for which a fee is required under this chapter and from which no person benefits through the distribution of profits, payment of excessive charges or compensation, or the more advantageous pursuit of their business or profession shall not be charged any fee. Facts supporting entitlement to such exemption from a fee requirement shall be shown by affidavit filed with the Forester and Fire Warden. Any person, business, or business concern which conducts an activity for which a fee is otherwise required to be paid by this chapter shall be deemed to qualify for a fee exemption if it complies with section 214 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code as now and hereafter amended.

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