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Dear North Davis Meadows Property Owners,

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As discussed at the February 19 meeting of the North Davis Meadows County Service Area (CSA) Advisory Committee, and further outlined in a letter sent on February 21, the CSA no longer collects enough revenue to provide the current services related to water, landscaping, street lighting and stormwater. This shortfall was expected to be resolved this summer with the connection to the City of Davis water system as it would eliminate the bulk of the costs which are associated with operating the community's wells. Regrettably, that effort has been blocked with the *Wolstoncroft v. County of Yolo* litigation. As such, the County can no longer provide all of these services without additional funds.

At this time, the current fee provides the CSA funds only adequate to provide water service. The revenue collected is no longer sufficient to also fund landscaping, street lighting and stormwater services. For the community to continue to receive these services, on May 21, the Board of Supervisors will have an item on its agenda to initiate the Proposition 218 process for the CSA to support or oppose new landscape, street lighting and stormwater fees, as well as to set a future public hearing for final approval. Prop. 218 imposes certain requirements before local entities can impose fees, such as the requirement of public notice of proposed new charges and how a property owner can support or oppose the charges.

The revenue necessary to continue landscaping, street lighting and storm drainage services in the CSA is still being calculated, but preliminary information indicates the need for an annual, per parcel fee for landscaping service of \$436, for street lighting service of \$119 and for stormwater service of \$142.

By May 24, a mailing will go to all property owners outlining the new fees and providing the process and timeline for property owners to submit ballots to support or oppose the new charges. The mailings will also include notice of the public hearing on the matter which is currently scheduled to be held at the Board of Supervisors meeting on July 9 at 9:00 a.m. If the Prop. 218 proceedings for a given new fee are successful (a majority of those who participate in the election vote in support of the new charge), that service will continue. If the Prop 218 for any of these new property-related fees is not successful, those services will no longer be provided, starting in fiscal year 2019-20, as the County cannot provide services for which the CSA does not have the means to fund.

Discussion of the new fees will be on the agenda for the next meeting of the CSA Advisory Committee, scheduled for June 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of Christ, located at 39960 Barry Road in Davis. As more information about the new charges becomes available, it will also be shared on the CSA's website (www.YoloCounty.org/North-Davis-Meadows-CSA).

Best regards,

Yolo County Service Areas Administration Team