



COUNTY OF YOLO

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Dear El Macero Property Owners,

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You are receiving this letter because you are a property owner within the El Macero County Service Area. Some communities in the unincorporated area of Yolo County have been utilizing County Service Areas (CSAs) for over 50 years to provide services to residents. The basic premise of a CSA is for communities to fund services above and beyond what are provided by the County by charging direct assessments or property-related fees. In El Macero, those services are related to public streets within the boundaries of El Macero, sewer service and water operations.

Periodically, the charges for CSA services should be re-examined to determine whether the revenue being collected covers all the costs related to providing the service and builds adequate reserves if necessary. The current street charge was last considered in 1994, the sewer fee in 2005 and the water operations fee in 1997. When a change in a charge is warranted, Proposition 218 proceedings are conducted. Prop. 218 imposes certain requirements before local entities can impose property-related fees and assessments, such as the requirement of public notice of the proposed rate change and how a property owner can support or oppose the charge.

At this time, it has been determined a change in the sewer and water operations fees is warranted, and as such, Prop. 218 proceedings are being conducted to revise those property-related fees. As there are a number of avenues for the CSA to consider related to its street service, community input will be sought over the coming year and Prop. 218 proceedings to revise the street charge conducted next year.

On May 21, the Board of Supervisors will have an item on its agenda simply to initiate the Prop. 218 process to revise the sewer and water operations fees and to set a future hearing for final approval. By May 24, a mailing will go to all property owners outlining the proposed new rates and the process and timeline for property owners to oppose the amended charges. The mailing 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.

In addition to the above, there will be the regular meeting of the El Macero CSA Advisory Committee on May 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the El Macero Country Club in which more information will be available about the proposed rate changes with opportunity afforded to residents to ask questions. At this time, the revenue necessary to maintain the community's desired level of service in El Macero is still being calculated, but preliminary information indicates a reduction in the annual sewer fee (currently \$596) could be made, while the annual water operations fee (currently \$50) is expected to remain more or less the same.

El Macero property owners are welcome to attend any of the above mentioned public meetings and are encouraged to look to the CSA's website (www.YoloCounty.org/El-Macero-CSA) where more information will be available later in May.

Best regards,

Yolo County Service Areas Administration Team