



# County of Yolo

## PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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March 4, 2009

Dear Property Owner,

Included with this letter is a legal notice informing you of the proposal to adopt a storm drainage maintenance fee to maintain the storm drainage system including detention ponds and common landscaping in your subdivision as a part of the Madison-Esparto Regional County Service Area. This letter and the accompanying notices are being provided to inform you of the need for storm drainage fee and of the right to file a protest of this fee.

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 09-24, on February 24, 2009, for which all public improvements for Subdivision No. 4612 (Lopez Subdivision) were accepted by the County of Yolo. At the same time the Board of Supervisors moved forward with initiating proceedings to include the Lopez Subdivision in the Current Madison-Esparto Regional County Service Area (MERCESA) Zone of Benefit in order to maintain the current storm drainage system. The maintenance of this system was previously provided and paid for by the developer of the subdivision. As of February 24, 2009 the system including detention ponds and common area landscaping will no longer be provided for by the developer of the subdivision, but by residents of the Lopez Subdivision, by way of this storm drainage fee collected on your annual property tax bill. The fee collected will be used to fund the maintenance of your storm drain system. Only the cost of maintaining storm drainage will be collected. MCERCESA can not collect more than the cost of providing the storm drain maintenance service.

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on April 21, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. to hear and receive any protests from property owners in the Lopez Subdivision, Madison-Esparto Regional County Service Area ("CSA") regarding the proposed service fee rate. If approved, the homeowner will be billed directly by the County for the remainder of the 2008-09 fiscal year and the 2009-10 fiscal year on the 2009-10 property tax bill in the fall of 2009. If the majority of property owners protest the proposed fees, the ability of the CSA to provide current levels of storm drainage maintenance to the Lopez Subdivision, could be affected. Please see the attached legal notice for specifics and guidelines of the Proposition 218 fee election for storm drainage maintenance of the Lopez Subdivision

Thank you for your time in reading through these materials. If you have any questions regarding this process, please feel free to contact me at (530) 666-8725 or by email at [regina.espinoza@yolocounty.org](mailto:regina.espinoza@yolocounty.org). Your consideration of this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Regina Espinoza  
Manager of County Service Areas  
Planning and Public Works Department

Madison-Esparto Regional County Service Area  
Notice of Fee Increase Proceedings and Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN as follows:

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors, as Board of Directors for the Madison-Esparto Regional County Service Area, is considering a proposed fee for storm drainage services and maintenance of the detention ponds provided within the Madison Esparto Regional County Service Area, Lopez Subdivision, to be levied each year upon all benefited parcels of land within the County Service Area as follows:

**FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009 REMAINING CURRENT ANNUAL FEES**

Storm Drainage Maintenance Services for Lopez Subdivision:

Parcel Fee includes maintenance of the storm water detention areas,  
and common landscape areas for storm drainage purposes. \$120.00

**FISCAL YEAR 2009/20010 PROPOSED ANNUAL FEES**

Storm Drainage Maintenance Services for Lopez Subdivision:

Parcel Fee includes maintenance of the storm water detention areas,  
and common landscape areas for storm drainage purposes. \$225.00

**Thereafter, storm drainage fees may be increased by no more than the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W and CPI-U) for the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA area for the most recent February to February as compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics as necessary to pay for the costs of providing storm drainage maintenance services.**

At 1:30 p.m. (or as soon thereafter as circumstances permit) on April 21, 2009, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, at 625 Court Street, Room 206, Woodland, California, the Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing to consider the proposed fee, and to receive and consider all public comments, including but not limited to any protests against the proposed fee.

The storm drainage maintenance service, that is the subject of this proposed fee, is described in a fee rate analysis on file with the Clerk of the Board, at 625 Court Street, Room 204, Woodland. The proposed storm drainage maintenance services fee for the 2008-09 Fiscal Year remaining is \$120 per parcel within the County Service Area. For the 2009-10 Fiscal Year, this fee will be \$225 for the entire year. This represents the estimated annual cost of providing storm drainage maintenance service to each parcel within the Madison Esparto County Service Area.

A detailed fee analysis is available to the public, concerning the proposed fee increases, including the cost, or estimated cost, of providing the service for which each fee is proposed to be charged, the revenue sources anticipated to provide the service (including general fund revenues), and the bases of the allocation of the cost of the services. This information is available for review at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, at 625 Court Street, Room 204, Woodland, California.

All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard at the time of the hearing. As provided in the County Service Area Law, Government Code 25210.77a and following, any interested person may file a written protest with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. All written protests must

include a description of the property (i.e., by address or assessor's parcel number), the name of the customer-of-record, a statement of protest, and the original signature of the protesting customer(s). Photocopies and emails will not be accepted. Your protest should be sent or hand-delivered to: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 625 Court Street, Room 204, Woodland, California 95695 and should be received prior to the public hearing.

Additional information regarding the proposed fee may be obtained from Regina Espinoza, County Service Area Manager, at (530) 666-8725.

Dated: March 2, 2009

Ana Morales  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy  
(SEAL)