

CLARK COUNTY WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT
Business Impact Statement
District Resolution 22-002
(AMENDS THE DISTRICT'S SERVICE RULES)

Upon request, a copy of this Business Impact Statement can be obtained from the Clark County Water Reclamation District, at the following website:

www.cleanwaterteam.com

This Business Impact Statement was prepared pursuant to NRS 237.090 to address the impact of a proposed resolution, Resolution 22-002, which codifies changes to the District Service Rules.

- 1. The manner in which comment was solicited from affected businesses, a summary of their response, and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.**

A Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) comprised of various business stakeholders was formed to study the District's finances and to make recommendations on rates and charges. Entities represented on the CAC are low and/or fixed income citizens, rural communities, Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce, Latin Chamber of Commerce, Urban Chamber of Commerce, Nevada Resorts Association, Commercial Real Estate Development Association (NAIOP), Nevada Restaurant Association, Southern Nevada Home Builders Association, and Real Estate and Environmental professionals. Each Committee member was to reach out to their membership regarding the recommendations.

A letter soliciting comments on business impact was sent to all CAC members, UNLV, NV Energy, and Clark County Real Property Management.

A notice was posted in the Las Vegas Review Journal and the proposed amendments to the Service Rules were placed on the District's website for other interested persons to view and provide comment.

- 2. The estimated economic effect of the proposed rule on businesses, including, without limitation, both adverse and beneficial effects, and both direct and indirect effects.**

Adverse effects: No comments regarding adverse effects were received.

Beneficial effects: The beneficial effects vary dependent on the nature of the Service Rule change. The Service Rule change related to affordable housing agreements allows for the District to participate in the County's affordable housing program, giving additional support to the provision of affordable housing under the County-administered program. The Service Rule change providing for an increase to the reclaimed water rate promotes the policy encouraging return flow credits earned by returning treated effluent to Lake Mead, and further promoting non-consumptive uses of water. The Service Rule change imposing administrative fees for alternative sewer service applications, such as shell only

building agreements and temporary connections, allow the District to recapture costs incurred in the administration of these applications.

Direct effects: Projects deemed qualified affordable housing projects under the County's affordable housing program will receive a reduction in connection fees. The District's two reclaimed water customers will pay an increased reclaimed water rate. Projects seeking to construct temporary facilities or shell-only buildings will be required to pay an administrative fee of \$1000 to process corresponding agreements as an alternative sewer service application.

Indirect effects: Affordable housing developments will be further incentivized, and reclaimed water credits will be maximized, consumptive uses of water will be further discouraged. There is no indirect effect anticipated for the administrative fee charged for alternative sewer service applications.

3. The methods the local government considered to reduce the impact of the proposed rule on businesses and a statement regarding whether any, and if so which, of these methods were used.

Based upon the CAC review and recommendations, the District kept the reclaimed water rate increase and administrative fee for alternative sewer service applications to the minimum necessary to achieve stated policy goals.

4. The governing body's estimate of the annual cost to the local government for enforcement of the proposed rule.

There will be no additional cost on the District for enforcing the proposed rules.

5. The total annual amount expected to be collected if the proposed rule provides for a new fee or increases an existing fee.

The District expects to collect approximately \$360,000 in additional revenue resulting from the increased reclaimed water rate, and \$40,000 in administrative fees for alternative sewer service applications.

6. The local governments use of money generated by the new fee or increase in existing fee.

The money generated by the increased reclaimed water rate and the administrative fee for alternative sewer service applications will be used to fund the District's Operations and Maintenance, capital repair and replacement projects, and debt service.

7. **When it is necessary for the proposed rule to include provisions that duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity.**

None

8. **The reasons for the conclusions regarding the impact of the proposed rule on businesses.**

Stakeholders did not submit statements that there would be a significant impact on their business from the proposed amendments to the Service Rules. No comments were received through the Business Impact Process.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief, the information contained in this business impact statement was prepared properly and is accurate.



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Date: June 7, 2022