

**CLARK COUNTY WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT**  
**Business Impact Statement**  
**District Resolution 23-001**  
**(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](http://www.cleanwaterteam.com)

This Business Impact Statement was prepared pursuant to NRS 237.090 to address the impact of a proposed resolution, Resolution 23-001, which (in addition to other administrative clarifications) adopts the Engineering News Record index ("ENR") for Construction Costs for yearly adjustments to the connection fee and updates the design review and inspection fee schedule for package plants.

**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 letter was sent to the District's Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) (comprised of various business stakeholders to study the District's finances and to make recommendations on rates and charges, including representatives from fixed income seniors, rural residents, Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce, Southern Nevada Home Builders Association, Nevada Resort Association, Nevada Restaurants Association, Associated Builders and Contractors, and Commercial Real Estate Development Association (NAIOP) soliciting comments).

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:** Moving to the ENR (Construction Cost) index for annual connection fee adjustments will provide a more accurate reference for increased construction costs and therefore connection fees will more accurately relate to associated rising costs. An annual increase to the District's connection fee was already provided for within the existing Service Rules, so the move from the Consumer Price Index ("CPI") to the ENR is an improvement in methodology and does not necessarily carry either an adverse or beneficial economic effect on businesses. The increases to the fee schedule for package plants bring these fees into better alignment with associated administrative expenses.

**Direct effects:** Connection fees to new customers and for new additional connections for existing customers will be adjusted each year based on an index that is more accurate to construction cost changes. The District's formula for determining the connection fee each year does not otherwise change. The increases to the fee schedule for package plants will result in additional costs for designing and constructing a package wastewater treatment plant.

**Indirect effects:** The added accuracy in annual connection fee adjustments, and package plant design and inspection fees, will allow for better budgeting and forecasting by the District, thereby strengthening the District's financial position.

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.**

The changes were based on industry standards and historical trends to ensure the changes were properly aimed at improving the accuracy of rates and charges and keeping the District aligned with proven best practices.

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 ENR moves independent of the CPI, but it is assumed the ENR and CPI index will be somewhat consistent in terms of when there are increases or decreases to costs. Because the ENR is reflective of measured actual increases to construction costs, the District is not assured of any increase to revenue. The changes to the package plant fees will result in increased revenue to the District, but package plants are only very rarely utilized and for that reason any revenue generated by package plant fees remains unlikely.

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

All revenue generated by the increase to the connection fee will go towards funding the District's capital improvement projects. All revenue generated from the package plant fees will go towards District operations and maintenance.

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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