

PUBLIC HEARING ON PLACEMENT OF ANNUAL STORM WATER ENTERPRISE CHARGES ON THE SONOMA COUNTY PROPERTY TAX ROLL

City Council Meeting August 11th, 2015

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- The Storm Water Enterprise was created by Council in accordance with Title 16 of the City Code in 1996.
- Provides funding for implementation of the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Storm Water Permit, as well as activities such as: Creek Restoration and Stewardship, Flood Protection, Public Education, Storm Drain Maintenance, and Storm Water Quality Testing.

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- The calculated assessment is based on Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) and considers the size of the parcel, amount of impervious surface, and land use of each parcel.
- The current ERU rate is \$30.80 which was approved by Council during the 2015/2016 budget process.

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- In order to simplify the payment process for property owners and minimize collection expenses, it is requested that these charges be collected on the Sonoma County Property Tax Roll on the City's behalf.
- The charges have been collected annually on the tax roll since they were established in September 1996.
- Today's public hearing, in accordance with Title 16 of the City Code, allows the public the opportunity to contest the collection of this Storm Water Assessment on the County Tax Roll.

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- *It is recommended by the Water and Finance departments that the Council, by resolution, adopt the Storm Water Enterprise Charge Report and approve placement of the Storm Water Enterprise charges on the Sonoma County Property Tax Roll to be collected by the Sonoma County Assessor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector at the same time and in the same manner as Sonoma County property taxes are collected.*

