

Multi-Family Water Demand Fee with Dedicated Irrigation Capacity

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Background

- City Council - August 26, 2014
 - Approved Water and Wastewater Demand Fee Study
 - Adopted Demand Fee Schedule, Resolution No. 28547

Water Use Factors for Water Demand Fees (1)

Type of Development	Avg. Day Demand During Peak Month	
	(tgd)	(TGM)
Single Family Residential		
Small Lot (6,000 sq. ft. and under)	0.322	9.8
Large/Medium Lot (over 6,000 sq. ft. to 1 acre)	0.631	19.2
Very Large Lot (over 1 acre)	0.907	27.6
Condos, Apartments, Mobile Homes	0.296	9.0
Second Unit or Senior Housing Units	0.148	4.5
Comm., Indus, and Irrigation (per TGM)	0.033	1.0

Notes:

(1) Based on analysis of peak month water usage from 2010 through 2013.

Background

- Calculated demand fee factors for current high-density multi-family development
 - Staff discovered an additional water demand fee paid by some multi-family residential developments
- Multi-family Residential (MFR) Irrigation Capacity
 - Included in per unit volume – 9,000 gallons
 - Some MFR required to install separate dedicated irrigation meter
 - Demand factor for MFR with separate irrigation meter should be 4,800 gallons per unit
- Santa Rosa Water Identified properties that paid additional demand fee and calculated refunds

Proposed Refund

- 14 Developers - 42 Multi-family Permits
 - Paid additional irrigation capacity volumes
 - Beginning in 2014
- Refund Process
 - Amount of incorporated irrigation capacity per unit
 - Total refund \$545,674
 - Individual amounts per property included in Exhibit A
 - SRW staff will be communicating with each property to inform them of the refund and determine how it should be sent

Recommendation

It is recommended by Santa Rosa Water (SRW) and the Board of Public Utilities that the City Council, by resolution, approve a refund in the total amount of \$545,674.80 for water demand fees collected from multi-family units who paid an additional demand fee for separate irrigation demand and authorize the Chief Financial Officer to pay these refunds to individual properties from

Fund 1615-4643

QUESTIONS?



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