SWEETWATER SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT

TO: Board of Directors **AGENDA NO. V-A**

FROM: Ed Fortner, General Manager

Meeting Date: August 1, 2019
SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING RE ANNUAL FLAT CHARGE

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- Open Public Hearing, hear comments, close public hearing
- Adopt Resolution 19-09, Overruling Protests and Confirming Report on the annual Flat Charge at the same level ($198 per connection) as recent years

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY 2018-19 assessment generated approximately $751,380 in annual revenues.

DISCUSSION:

On an annual basis since July 1992, the District has imposed a flat charge for each separate water connection or meter to a property. The flat charge is $198 per meter, an amount unchanged since FY 2002-03.

The funds collected are one source of revenue used to pay for annual debt service incurred for the original purchase of the water system and subsequent capital projects, with any surplus used for ongoing and future capital projects. In FY 2018-19 the District paid $1,013,065 in principal and interest on longterm debt. Sources of revenue to meet the District's annual debt service totalled 1,085,561, generating a surplus of $72,496 as shown below:

FY 2018-19:	
Flat charge revenue:	$751,380
Capital debt reduction (CDR):	$288,172
Non-operating interest:	$32,902
New connections:	$13,107
Total:	**$1,085,561**

Resolution 19-09 keeps the Flat Charge at $198 per connection. The flat charge is added to the tax bill and collected by the County, along with all other county property taxes and assessments.

Resolution No. 19-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SWEETWATER SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT OVERRULING PROTESTS AND CONFIRMING REPORT ON ANNUAL FLAT CHARGE FOR SWEETWATER SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, this Board did on July 14, 1992, adopt Ordinance No. 8 which established an annual flat charge, and authorized collection of such charge on the tax roll of the County of Sonoma, and

WHEREAS, the District has prepared a written report containing a description of each parcel of real property receiving services and facilities from the District and the amount of the flat charge for each parcel for the 2019-20 fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, said written report has been on file with the Clerk of said District, and,

WHEREAS, notice appointing the time and place of hearing protests on said report was duly given in the manner provided by law; and

WHEREAS, all written protests and other written communications were publicly read at said meeting and all persons desiring to be heard were fully heard,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. That all objections to and protests against said report, if any, have been heard by this Board and that said objections and protests be, and each of them is hereby overruled.

2. That said report be, and it is hereby adopted in full with the revisions to each charge as specified therein, and that said charges shall be collected on the tax roll of the County of Sonoma, in the manner provided by law.

3. That the Clerk of this District be hereby directed to file with the County Auditor of Sonoma County, on or before the 12th day of August, 2019, a copy of said report, upon which shall be endorsed over her signature a statement that the report has been adopted by the Board of Directors of the SWEETWATER SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT.

4. That the County Auditor of Sonoma County, shall upon receipt of said report, enter the amount of the charges against the respective lots or parcels as they appear on the assessment roll.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution duly and regularly adopted and passed by the Board of Directors of the SWEETWATER SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT, Sonoma County, California, at a meeting held on August 1, 2019, by the following vote.

Director	Aye	No
Sukey Robb-Wilder	_____	_____
Tim Lipinski	_____	_____
Richard Holmer	_____	_____
Gaylord Schaap	_____	_____
Pip Marquez de la Plata	_____	_____

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Tim Lipinski
President of the Board of Directors

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Attest: Julie A. Kenny
Clerk of the Board of Directors