

Supervisors call for special meeting on sewer use fees

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More than 3,300 properties and their respective owners received a letter from the county, a public hearing will be held considering raising the assessment on anticipated sewer repairs in service area 1 (CSA 1). The hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, June 28, at 9 a.m. in the board chambers in the Flynn Center.

There are no anticipated increases in sewer and water usage monthly fees.

If supervisors approve the repairs and maintenance of the sewer infrastructure, revenues derived by the increase will generate approximately \$400, 000 plus an additional \$125,000 for capital improvements.

The CSA provides wastewater collection services to unincorporated areas within the Crescent City urban area.

Sewer user fees are paid by property owners through county property tax rolls which fund the operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation and replacement costs associated with the CSA collection system.

The current fixed charge to the property owner is \$78 in district 1 and \$72 in district 2. In subsequent years, 2024 through 2028, the assessment will increase 50 percent next year, 25 percent in 2025, 15 percent in 2026, seven percent in 2027 and six percent in 2028.

The cumulative adjustment over the next five years is 245 percent.

Written protests must be submitted prior to the public input portion of the public hearing and mailed or dropped off at the Del Norte County Clerk/Recorder, 981 H St, Suite 160.

The protest must be in writing (no emails) include the position in opposition to the user fees increase, the parcel number, and signature of the property owner. Only one protest may be associated with the property in question.

Oral protests at the hearing will not qualify as formal protests, unless accompanied by a written protest.