

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION / CONTRACT CONTROL FORM

Tracking Number: 18.

Date of Request: June 25, 2008

Date Request Received: June 25, 2008

Board Meeting Date Requested: July 7, 2008

Board Meeting Date Assigned: July 7, 2008

Short Title: Further Discussion Of Capacity Fees

Background: At the June 16, 2008 Board of Commissioners meeting it was announced that the Board may consider a temporary suspension to the collection of the Capacity Fee from individual, residential lot owners to better advertise the cost and method of collection. As previously submitted, the Board of Commissioners established County-wide water and wastewater Capacity Fees in August of 2005. These fees are imposed against new connections in order to generate revenue for funding or recouping the costs of capital improvements or facility expansions attributable to the new connections. The benefit of collecting Capacity Fees is to reduce the amount of money that has to be borrowed for improvement projects and thereby reduces the on-going rates necessary to recover the debt service for the repayment of loans. A uniform application of Capacity Fees should include every tap that "impacts" the water system beyond the planned customer base as defined by original sign up campaigns. Staff is requesting that if the Board desires to temporarily suspend the collection of the Capacity Fee it consider the following conditions:

- 1) Suspension of the Capacity Fee collection will only be applicable to individual, residential property owners along existing County-installed water mains and not to properties served by developer-installed water main extensions approved after August 2005 in new subdivisions.
- 2) All applicants will pay the current \$850 Tap Fee and \$25 Inspection Fee per service.
- 3) The suspension period will be effective from Tuesday July 8, 2008 through Friday, August 1, 2008. Any application after that date must pay the Capacity Fee at the time of application for water service or prior to receiving a building permit.
- 4) All applicants are required to connect their home and begin using water service within 60 days of the meter being installed and water made available to their property. NOTE: Regardless of actual water usage, they will be billed the \$25.00 per month Base Fee beginning at the time that water is made available to service their property in accordance with the existing Application Form, Policy and Water and Sewer Ordinance.

Specific Action Requested: Board initiated request.

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- Request Status:**
- Request is proceeding to Board of Commissioners
 - More information is needed – see attached
 - Request on hold – no further information needed
 - Other:

(Administrative Use Only)

CONTRACT TYPE

- Renewal
- For Service(s)
- Intergovernmental – County as Grantee
 - Federal Grantor
 - State Grantor
 - Grantor
- County as Grantor
 - County Funds
 - Other Funds:
- Revision
- For Equipment

PURCHASING Budgeted Item: Yes No
Date Rec'd: Reviewed and Approved
 Comments on Reverse

Date Sent: Signed:

ATTORNEY Reviewed and Approved
Date Rec'd: Legal Problem(s)
 Comments on Reverse

Date Sent: Signed:

FINANCE Sufficient Funds Available Not Available
Date Rec'd: Budget Amendment Necessary
 Budgeted Amendment is Attached
 Comments on Reverse

Date Sent: Signed:

CLERK Signature(s) Required:
 Board Chairman/County Manager
 Other:

Date Rec'd Approved by Board: Yes No
At meeting on