

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY & COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Water Utilities BranchRESOLUTION W-3528
November 9, 1990R E S O L U T I O N

(RES. W-3528), ORDER AUTHORIZING WATER UTILITIES WITH AT LEAST 200 SERVICE CONNECTIONS TO CHARGE THEIR CUSTOMERS A ONE-TIME FEE OF \$0.50 PER SERVICE CONNECTION IN ORDER TO PAY FOR THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES' (DHS) ANNUAL FEE.

By Senate Bill (SB) 1806 and Assembly Bill (AB) 2158, the Legislature amended Section 4019.5 of the Health and Safety Code relating to public water systems. Subdivisions (a), (c), and (d) of amended Section 4019.5 state that:

- (a) "Notwithstanding any other provision of law, effective July 1, 1990, each public water system with at least 200 service connections shall pay to the [State Department of Health Services] an annual fee of fifty cents (\$0.50) for each service connection it serves. The department shall adopt emergency regulations specifying the method of payment of the fee. It is the intent of the Legislature that this fee will generate three million six hundred thousand dollars (\$3,600,000) annually."
- (c) "A public water system may collect a fee from its customers to recover the fee paid pursuant to subdivision (a).
- (d) "This section shall remain in effect only until July 1, 1991, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, which is enacted before July 1, 1991, deletes or extends that date."

SB 1806 and AB 2158 apply to the water systems regulated by this Commission. By this resolution, the Commission is authorizing the regulated water utilities with at least 200 service connections to charge their customers a one-time fee of \$0.50 per service connection to pay for DHS' annual fee.

The water utilities will pay the annual fee according to a method to be adopted by DHS.

The Commission finds that the charge hereby authorized is justified.

IT IS ORDERED that:

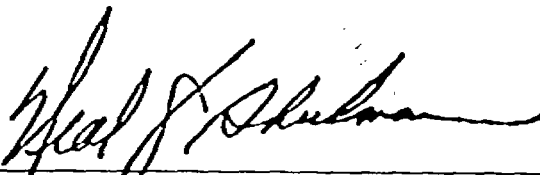
1. All water utilities with at least 200 service connections are authorized to charge their customers a one-time fee of \$0.50 per service connection to pay for the California Department of Health Services' annual fee.
2. The water utilities which charge their customers to recover the annual fee from their customers shall give them notice. The notice, as set forth in Attachment A, shall be enclosed with the customers' bill for such fee.
3. The Executive Director shall cause a copy of this resolution to be mailed to all regulated water utilities with at least 200 service connections.

This resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on November 9, 1990. The following Commissioners approved it:

G. MITCHELL WILK
President
FREDERICK R. DUDA
JOHN B. OHANIAN
PATRICIA M. ECKERT
Commissioners

Commissioner Stanley W. Hulett,
being necessarily absent, did
not participate.



NEAL J. SHULMAN
Executive Director

ATTACHMENT A

NOTICE

Senate Bill 1806 and Assembly Bill 2158 require each public water system having at least 200 service connections to pay the State Department of Health Services a one-time fee of \$0.50 per service connection for water quality testing, monitoring, etc. and authorizes each public water system to pass the cost to customers. The accompanying bill includes this \$0.50 charge.